Dear Band Student:

We are eager to have you join us for the 2017-2018 edition of the Bridgeport High School Band! Being a member of the BHS Band is a fun and exciting experience. Our goal is to continue to be recognized on the local, state, and national levels as an outstanding musical organization. You must be willing to perform to the best of your abilities and to cooperate with the directors in order to uphold the reputation that has been set forth. With your talent and assistance, we are confident that we can continue this great tradition and produce a top-notch performing group.

Please take a few moments to review the enclosed information about the upcoming year and mark all important dates on your calendar. All of the required forms are available online at www.bridgeportmusic.org. These include the travel consent form, medical form, chaperone forms, calendar, etc. Some of the music for next season is available to print or download from the website. Click on the “Members Area” tab and use the password “indians” to access these files. If you signed up for band and have since changed your mind, please let us know as soon as possible. Let us know if you have any scheduling issues and we can assist you.

We wish you a very relaxing summer and look forward to seeing you soon!

Best wishes,

Chris Hayslette
Director of Bands
Bridgeport High School

Robin Bohn
Assistant Director of Bands
Bridgeport High School

Summer Band Schedule

Your attendance is crucial to the success of the band!

July 17 - July 20:

July 21:

July 24 - July 28:

July 31 - August 4:

August 4:

August 7:

Percussion Camp at the school, 9:00 am-3:00 pm daily.

Freshmen and New Student Orientation, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Band Camp at the school, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm daily.

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Public Performance, 7:00 p.m. @ Wayne Jamison Field (Rain Location: BHS Gymnasium)

Kennywood Fall Fantasy Parade (Band Camp attendance required for participation)

Note: Attendance at both weeks of Band Camp is required!

You can’t learn the show or music if you are not here!

Other Important Events

Tuesday, July 18:

Wednesday, July 19:

Thursday, July 20:

Friday, July 28:

Friday, August 4:

Monday, August 14:

Friday, August 25:

Uniform fitting (Seniors) 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Uniform fitting (Juniors/Sophomores) 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Uniform fitting (Freshmen) 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Band Pictures (During Band Camp)

Parent/Community Performance 7:00 pm

Band Patrons Meeting 7:00 p.m. (Band Room)

First Football Game

(Over)
Band Camp will be held at Bridgeport High School. The camp will run Monday through Friday, July 24 to August 4, from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. The camp and uniform fee is $140.00 per student. A portion of this money will be used to help fund Band Camp. This money pays for additional instructors, medical supplies, snacks, water, etc. The other portion covers the cost of cleaning and maintaining the uniforms and also allows us to provide each student with several additional items such as T-shirts, raincoats, hats, etc.

Checks should be made payable to: BRIDGEPORT BAND PATRONS.

All forms (medical, permission, etc.) and money should be turned in on or before the first day of camp. Students MAY NOT attend any camps until a completed medical form is on file!

**Students are not permitted to travel with the band until all forms have been properly completed and all fees are paid.**

Attendance at camp is required.

Students will need to bring:

- Instrument (with all accessories, i.e. reeds, valve oil, etc.)
- Music
- Flip Folder and Instrument Lyre (available at local music stores)
- Pencil (several)
- Band Camp Fee ($140.00)/Percussion Camp Fee ($60)
- All Forms (medical, permission, etc.)
- Cool, comfortable clothes
- Comfortable Tennis Shoes (no sandals, flip, flops, etc.)
- Socks
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Water Bottle
- Bag Lunch (or money to purchase lunch)

**NOTE: NO STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE CAMP FOR LUNCH OR FOR ANY BREAK**

**Parents: Please do not ask, unless it is an emergency!!!**

**THIS RULE IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE FOR YOUR CHILD**

**UNIFORMS**

Band uniforms are kept at the school at all times. Band members dress at the school before and after each performance. Each band member is issued a uniform including: coat, a pair of black and or white pants, hat, and gloves. If gloves are lost or need to be replaced for any reason, the cost is $3.00 per pair. In the interest of uniformity, all band members are required to wear their hair up and under their hat. No visible jewelry of any kind (including earrings) is to be worn when in uniform. Each band member is responsible for his or her own socks. Each new student is given a band shirt. This shirt is worn underneath the uniform and on most band outings. If this shirt is lost or needs to be replaced, the cost is $15.00. The black band shoes may be ordered over the summer and cost approximately $38.00 per pair. There is a shoe order form available on the band website. Shoe forms and money should be sent directly to Bandland.

All band members must be dressed in a complete and tidy uniform in order to perform.

A schedule of events is available on the band website at www.bridgeportmusic.org. Performances are required and attendance will be taken. Students are graded on participation during events. If you have a job, you will need to arrange your schedule so you will be at the performance at the designated time. Employers understand you are a student with school related commitments. **Please do this well in advance!!**

**AFTER SCHOOL REHEARSALS**

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-8:00pm and Thursdays from 3:40 pm throughout marching season. Sectionals (Woodwinds/Brass/Percussion/Frontline) may be scheduled periodically as needed.

**2018-2019 BAND CAMP DATES**

Band camp for next year is scheduled for July 23 through August 3 with a performance on the evening of August 3. Please consider this when scheduling vacations. Thank you!

**BAND PATRONS MEETINGS**

Band Patrons meetings will be held the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Band Room. Please help support your child by becoming actively involved.