

Bloomsburg High School

Marching Band Handbook 2019

Summer Rehearsals and Camp Schedule Overview

Rookie Camp: May, 2019

Mandatory for anyone who is a first year student in Marching Band

Color Guard Camp: June 24-28, 2019

Mandatory for all color guard.

Summer Rehearsals: July 15 - August 1, 2019

Mandatory for all band members. See schedule for specific days. There are six total. Students are allowed two unexcused rehearsals. See page 2 for more information.

Band Camp: August 5 - August 15, 2019

Our official band camp. These days are mandatory for our success as a marching band. See the full schedule on page 2 for more information.

Covered Dish Dinner and Parent Show: August 15, 2019

Band Covered Dish Dinner (6:30 PM) and Parent Show (7:30 PM)

***Weekly Band Rehearsals: Wednesday, August 21, 2019**

*This begins our weekly Wednesday band rehearsals for the fall season (6:00 PM to 9:00 PM).

All rehearsals are graded and mandatory. Students are excused based on special circumstances or with a note from parent one week in advance. Students involved in sports will work out a schedule with Mr. Marmo and their coach ahead of the conflict.

First Game: August 23, 2019

Southern Columbia at Panther Stadium

Welcome!

Dear BHS Band Students and Parents:

Welcome returning and new students to another year of Band! I am excited for this year's show, *The Maiden and the Samurai*! A lot of time has been put into the planning of this upcoming year and design of this show. Commitment, as with anything worth doing, is critical to success. This will be a fun and rewarding season. You will find that the reward is the result of the hard work that the student puts forth.

Parents, I believe you will enjoy watching the growth of your student and the progression of the show. Students, while you put forth the effort, you will find fulfillment and pride for all of your hard work.

This handbook is the class syllabus. Its purpose is to make my expectations clear, and help the student and parent become more familiar with the program. I have included important dates, guidelines on attendance and grading, as well as other useful information. Please familiarize yourself with this handbook. At the end of this handbook, you will find an agreement to sign acknowledging your commitment.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the policies in this handbook or about any other phase of the instrumental music program. I look forward to seeing you at the games, parades, and competitions to support and help cheer on all aspects of our community.

Best wishes on a successful and enjoyable year. I look forward to sharing the joy of performance music with you and the community.

Sincerely,

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“Commitment usually means: giving up convenience, going the extra mile, initiating personal discomfort, embracing confrontation, sacrificing instant gratification for the mission at hand. There are no miracle solutions. Excellence is achieved through commitment!”

-Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser

2019 BHS Summer Rehearsals and Band Camp

Summer Rehearsals - 9:00 A.M. to Noon located at W.W. Evans Elementary School

Woodwinds <i>(Flutes, Clarinets, and Saxophones)</i>	Brass <i>(Trumpets, F-Horns, Trombones, Baritones, and Tubas)</i>	*Drum Line* ** 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM **	Pit Percussion	Color Guard TBD
Monday, July 15	Tuesday, July 16	Tuesday, July 16	Wednesday, July 17	*June 24 – June 28 *TBD*
Thursday, July 18	Thursday, July 18	Thursday, July 18	Thursday, July 18	
Monday, July 22	Tuesday, July 23	Tuesday, July 23	Wednesday, July 24	
Thursday, July 25	Thursday, July 25	Thursday, July 25	Thursday, July 25	Thursday, July 18
Monday, July 29	Tuesday, July 30	Tuesday, July 30	Wednesday, July 31	Thursday, July 25
Thursday, August 1	Thursday, August 1	Thursday, August 1	Thursday, August 1	Thursday, August 1

*** If you are on vacation or will miss any of the above rehearsals please let Mr. Marmo know of your planned absence prior to the scheduled rehearsal. Students are allowed 2 unexcused absences from the dates above.

See pages 3 and 4 for more information.

**** It is expected that students will be in attendance for all of the following rehearsals as well as scheduled performances during the school year. Please clear any absence with the director well in advance of the scheduled rehearsal/performance. *Students involved in sports will work out a schedule with Mr. Marmo and their coach ahead of the conflict. Always plan ahead and keep both parties in the know well in advanced.*

Band Camp - 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. located at W.W. Evans Elementary School

<u>Full Band reports on the following dates:</u>	
Monday, August 5	Monday, August 12
Tuesday, August 6	Tuesday, August 13
Wednesday, August 7	Wednesday, August 14
Thursday, August 8	Thursday, August 15

**Parent Preview Followed by Covered Dish Dinner - Thursday, August, 2019 at W.W. Evans Elementary school. Dinner is at 6:30 P.M. followed by the Preview at 7:30 P.M.

Regular Weekly after School Band Rehearsals - 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Begins on *Wednesday, August 21 until the end of the competitive season. Location is to be determined.

Attendance Guidelines

Commitment and regular attendance are necessary for the success of any performing organization. Any absence, regardless of reason, causes innumerable difficulties for fellow band members and invariably requires repeated instruction and drilling for everyone at later rehearsals. When a student is absent, they are responsible for all work missed. Please see a friend/peer and/or Mr. Marmo for help.

Attendance from Band Camp to the End of the School Year

1. Band is a co-curricular course. Attendance is mandatory for band camp and practices throughout the fall season. The only excused absences are illness, medical, and religious. Students involved with a sport should meet with Mr. Marmo to discuss conflicts.
2. Vacations and part time jobs are not valid excuses to be used during band camp, the fall season, or any **required** performances.
3. **Required performances** – Any performance listed on the band schedule is considered a required performance. This includes all parades, football games, concerts, and marching competitions.
4. Failure to attend a required performance without an approved excuse will result in a reduction of your quarter grade and loss of class award at the band banquet.
5. If for any reason you miss the last rehearsal prior to a performance you may not be able to march that performance. This is for safety issues. If we change something and you miss it a dangerous situation might occur.

Attendance for Summer Rehearsals (July Rehearsals)

Summer rehearsals are very important to the success of the band and therefore are mandatory. Students are required to be at all summer rehearsals. All rehearsals are graded. See below for exceptions.

1. **Two unexcused** absences may be used during the summer practices leading up to band camp.
2. **Excused absences** include vacation, school sponsored sports, religious and medical. Work is **not** considered to be an excuse. Anyone involved in a sport should meet with Mr. Marmo to review conflicts between the two activities. Any absence must be reported to Mr. Marmo at least 1 week prior to the practice for approval as an excused absence (with the exception of illness or emergencies.)
3. Additional excuses must be approved by Mr. Marmo.

Excused Absences

1. Illness or emergency absences - Please try to contact Mr. Marmo by phone and bring a note to Mr. Marmo the next school day or the next band activity. ***Any unnotified absence from a performance due to illness will require a doctor's note or the absence will not be excused and result as a zero.***
2. Absence due to schedule conflicts with other school activities such as athletics will be excused only if Mr. Marmo is notified and it is approved in advance. If it is possible to attend both activities, you should attend both activities.
3. An excuse signed by a parent must be submitted to Mr. Marmo as soon as possible prior to the rehearsal or performance and must be approved by the director. Other than in the case of illness or emergency, which is covered in number 1, the excused absence request form should be turned in a minimum of one week prior to a rehearsal and two weeks prior to a performance.

Band Camp - What to Bring

1. All equipment: instrument/sticks/reeds/music/folios/lyres/drill/flags/poles/rifles/etc.
2. Drill/Dot book and music - always. *Yes, this is listed twice.*
3. Pencils/highlighters for your drill coordinates
4. Water bottle/canteen for on-field practices
5. Eat breakfast before morning rehearsals!
6. Comfortable weather appropriate clothes. See school guidelines on dress code and check the weather to plan accordingly.
7. Appropriate footwear: athletic socks and gym shoes - no flip flops!
8. Hat(s) to block sun exposure (wind players especially should wear one to avoid sunburned lips which will affect your playing)
9. Sunglasses and sunscreen
10. Insect repellent (definitely needed for night rehearsals).
11. Snacks - Any food items should be sent in re-sealable plastic containers or Ziploc bags.

Discipline and Rehearsals Etiquette

Expectations: Everyone (staff and students) will follow the motto: “Be Your Best” at all times.

- Speak at the appropriate times. Talking keeps you and others from hearing and learning. Raise your hand if you have something to share.
- Cell phones and gum are **not** allowed during rehearsals or performances.
- Move with a purpose: Move quickly and efficiently to the position for the next segment.
- Be prepared - see “what do bring to band camp” below.
- Be on time

Discipline: Band members should be self-disciplined and self-motivated. They should feel a sense of *pride and ownership* of the band and show.

Discipline is one of the largest keys to a successful ensemble. The discipline for all performing ensembles is twofold – self-discipline and group-discipline.

Self-discipline is required of all performers. This type of discipline involves practicing, maintaining one’s equipment (instrument, uniform, and music), and one’s behavior as an individual during rehearsals. All three parts of self-discipline are needed in order to perform at one’s personal best, raising the level of the entire ensemble.

Group-discipline is necessary in order to achieve the best result as an ensemble. The key part of group-discipline occurs during rehearsal. Following the “rehearsal expectations” section above will result in the basics of the good group-discipline and a successful band season.

Grading

Breakdown:

- Lesson grade (*three* pull out lessons per quarter) or participation in after school ensemble such as jazz band, percussion ensemble, indoor color guard, or a chamber ensemble – 20%
- Test: Performances such as parades, competitions, and concerts – 30%
- Classwork and quizzes: In class assignments and rehearsal etiquette – 50%

Developing Musicianship as a Performer

Individual practice is essential for growth as a musician. *Practice happens at home. Rehearsals and performances are done as a group!* We rehearse to learn everyone else's part and grow together as an ensemble. A high level of performance takes consistent and constructive practice. Student preparation of music is essential for the success of the student and the ensemble.

Developing Musicianship through Rehearsal Etiquette

Rehearsal Grade and Expectations:

Students are expected to maintain a high level of professionalism during rehearsal time.

Before Rehearsal:

- Instruments must be in working condition
- Have all music and drill needed for rehearsal
- Have a standard graphite pencil for marking music – NOT pen

During Rehearsal:

- Talking stops when the director/conductor is on the podium or addressing the ensemble
 - Cell phones are put away
 - Order of on the field communication:
 - Director, staff, drum major(s), section leaders, and finally band members.
 - This order is critical to having a fun and effective rehearsal
- Raise your hand if you have question, comments, or need help
- Be prepared to be flexible in rehearsal

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Bloomsburg High School Band Full Calendar of Required Events 2019-2020			
*District and County band are not required but highly recommended. See Mr. Marmo for assistance with preparation.			
DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	EVENT TIME
Friday, August 23	Southern Columbia Football Game	Panther Stadium	7:00 PM
Friday, August 30	Mifflinburg Area Football Game	Mifflinburg Area HS	7:00 PM
Friday, September 6	North Penn-Liberty Football Game	Panther Stadium	7:00 PM
Friday, September 13	Loyalsock Township Football Game	Loyalsock Township HS	7:00 PM
Saturday, September 14	Shamokin Band Competition	Shamokin HS	6:00 PM
Friday, September 20	South Williamsport Area Football Game	Panther Stadium	7:00 PM
Saturday, September 28	Lewisburg Football Game @ Selinsgrove	Selinsgrove HS	7:00 PM
Friday, October 4	Warrior Run Football Game	Warrior Run High School	7:00 PM
Saturday, October 5	Homecoming Parade Loyalsock Band Competition	Loyalsock	11:00 AM 7:00 PM
Friday, October 11	Hughesville Football Game	Panther Stadium	7:00 PM
Sunday, October 13	Williamsport HS Competition	Williamsport HS	1:00 PM
Monday, October 14	PMEA District 8 In-Service Performance/Clinic with Dr. Gregory Martin	Bucknell University	10:00 AM
Friday, October 18	Mt. Carmel Football Game	Mt. Carmel HS	7:00 PM
Saturday, October 19	Region 4 Championships @ Berwick HS	Berwick HS	6:30 PM
Friday, October 25	Central Columbia Football Game	Panther Stadium	7:00 PM
Saturday, October 26 or Sunday, November 2 <i>One of the two ACC dates but not both.</i>	TOB Atlantic Coast Championships Please keep these dates open. We will know by October 19.	Hershey Park	9:00 AM
Saturday, November 9	Bloomsburg Veterans' Day Parade	Hospital Parking Lot	10:00 AM

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<i>*Monday, November 18</i>	<i>HS Columbia County Band Auditions*</i>	Central H.S.	6:00 PM
Friday, November 22	Parade of Lights	Hospital Parking Lot	5:00 PM
<i>*Sunday, November 24</i>	<i>HS P.M.E.A District 8 Band Auditions*</i>	Williamsport H.S.	1:00 PM
Monday, December 9	7 th -12 th Grade Band Holiday Concert	High School Auditorium	7:30 PM
Tuesday, December 10	7 th -12 th Grade Band Holiday Concert <i>Snow Date</i>	High School Auditorium	7:30 PM
<i>*Thursday, January 23-24</i>	County Band Festival*	Southern Columbia H.S.	TBD
<i>*February 13 - 15</i>	<i>P.M.E.A District 8 Band Festival*</i>	Danville Area Senior High School	TBD
<i>*March 26 - 28</i>	<i>P.M.E.A Region 4 Band Festival*</i>	Honesdale High School	TBD
Tuesday, May 5	7 th -12 th Grade Band Spring Concert	High School Auditorium	7:30 PM
Wednesday, May 6	Fireman's Carnival/Pet & Toy Parade	Central Columbia Courthouse	6:00 PM

Report Time for Competitions

Report time will vary, however, expect to arrive at least 2 hours before departure time for rehearsal before the competition.

BHS Band Agreement

This agreement ensures the handbook has been received, read, and understood.

Student Signature

Print Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



Mr. Dante Marmo, Director

****Return to the director by Thursday, August 5, 2019****