

June 18, 2021

Dear Marching Tiger:

It is most exciting to congratulate you on being a member of the 2021-22 Belleville Marching Band! After all this time away, we are most excited to welcome you and your band mates back to school next August and set our music making in motion! You are a member of an organization with a great tradition that is filled with pride and accomplishment. While I know that some of you are hesitant and uncertain of your skills from being away from a band room, trust us to know that we will get you to a position of confidence and pride in no time! Regardless, it is an exciting notion to think about playing with ALL of our friends again! Please take time to read this material with a parent/guardian as there are some important items that need to be addressed.

Requirements to be a member/Band Camp this year:

In order to continue the quality that the marching band has obtained, it is absolutely imperative (required) that you are at EVERY commitment. Enclosed is the Belleville Marching Tigers **Required** Commitment Calendar for the 2021-2022 school year. You are receiving this calendar now so that you can clear any potential conflicts that may arise. As a member of this year's marching band, you are expected to attend **ALL** rehearsals and performances – excuses for missing anything will not be tolerated (i.e. "I had drivers ed; work; I didn't feel good; babysit; appointment; couldn't get a ride"). Because of our efforts to avoid the many athletic conflicts for practice space, days of practice are not the same every week. We ask that you please still be prepared to make arrangements to fulfill these obligations.

You may notice on the calendar that Band Camp is spread over two weeks, at home, right at BHS. I understand a lot of you count on the "away camp" experience, but we felt with uncertain expectations and protocols related to Covid, and because of the time constrained in scheduling, we needed to plan our calendar around being at "home." With that said, one of the many problems with an at home marching band camp is making sure that everyone is there for every practice. This is something that I need you and your parents to take very seriously and understand that you could lose your position in the band should you miss a rehearsal. A LOT of time and energy is spent over our summer vacation writing drill and arranging music, and it takes EVERYONE to execute that vision correctly. There are no replacements or someone on the bench to take your place. YOU must be there every practice!

Marching Band Cost and How to Pay:

There is a maximum cost of **\$100.00** to be a member of Marching Band. If you need the required marching band shoes, those are included in that cost. If you do not need shoes, then your total amount owed would be **\$70.00**. All of you will receive a required band t-shirt, as it serves as a uniform for some events. The additional costs include a uniform care and dry cleaning fee, one pair of marching gloves, two pair of long black socks, as well as multiple meals through the course of our "band weeks" at school. I realize there are no fundraising opportunities this year, but conversely, we were able to keep the cost to a minimum, which should make it easier for families in our present time. Nonetheless, we will need to have funds in our account so that we can purchase shoes and t-shirts. **Please submit payment ASAP, but no later than by July 31st.** You can make payment through Payschools under "BHS Marching Band Camp 2021."

Here is the LINK: <https://parent.payschools.com/setprice.asp?pid=23254105CC714E3EB83FE56378709921&rtm=>

Squad Leaders

If you are selected as a squad leader, you will be notified sometime in the near future via email. Candidates for squad leader will be examined in great detail according to the individual's skill, commitment, effort, responsibility and witnessed leadership strengths. Additionally, we ask you to understand that just because you applied does not mean you may get the position.

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Drums and Guard

Color guard and drum line have already received information regarding requirements for your section as well as summer practice schedules. Should you need extra schedules for anything band related, check Google Classroom, the website at bellevillebands.org, or contact Mr. Campbell at mcampbell@vanburenschools.net.

Music Supplies and Instrument Care/Maintenance.

Also included in this packet is a detailed supplies list for each instrument. As a member of the BHS Marching Band and member of the Belleville High School Instrumental Program, it is most important that instruments and equipment meet the required standards. If your child started band in 5th grade in this district renting from Marshall Music, their instrument should be acceptable and should be sufficient through 12th grade year if in good care. Mouthpieces, reeds, and accessories however may need to be replaced to meet the standard on the attached sheet. There are also several items SPECIFIC for Marching Band NOT provided by the school. Please take the time to read through for your instrument and contact us if you have questions. This is not only a necessary requirement, but an important part of being a BHS Band musician. **THE MOST IMPORTANT → GET YOUR INSTRUMENT TO THE REPAIR SHOP!**

For your convenience, we have asked our Marshall Music representative to be present on Monday August 16th with the intention to make your life EASIER! He will be here before practice from 8-8:45AM and again from 12-1PM. They will have preordering/purchasing webpage customized for us at BHS, and is available on a link (here: <https://shop.marshallmusic.com/c-1136-belleville.aspx>) that we will also provide through Remind101 and Google Classroom, and you will be able to pick up your order that day. If you wish to purchase sooner (advised!), you are more than welcome to order from their online store and they will ship right to your home. While the items on their website are what we requested, we will also send to you a Google Form showing you by instrument what you should plan to get to be successful for the season and start of the school year. See attached pages for instructions how to sign up for **REMINDE 101 and GOOGLE CLASSROOM** if you have not done so already, and please do it as soon as you read through this information!

Music

Music will also be sent to you this year via **Google Classroom** and **Remind 101**. We felt giving you the opportunity to be able to look at the music before we meet in August was advantageous, and will give us a much-needed head start. You will get a number of these pieces throughout the summer, and we hope that you are diligent about taking a look at them and getting back into playing your instrument. Music recordings of all the music will be mostly available to listen to and play along.

Don't have an instrument?

We realize that some of you do not have school instruments yet for marching band. (Percussion, Horns, Tubas, Baritones, and Guard) We are in the process of collection/maintenance/repair/ordering. Drumline equipment and guard flags are given out at first summer practice. We will notify you by late July/early August when we have scheduled dates for pick up for other school instruments. At this point in your playing career, everyone else should own his or her own instrument at this point. If you need assistance with finding an instrument, please reach out ASAP.

It is our sincerest hope that the students of this outstanding ensemble and band program will devote themselves and commit to strive for the greatness that we are all capable. It will truly be a team effort! As always, come to practices with the big picture ideals based on "the MANY, and not the ONE," and this year's Marching Tigers will surely be a fantastic ensemble. We will be in touch, so make sure you are checking your school email, Google Classroom, and your Remind 101 messages regularly. We look forward to making some music again in August!

Sincerely,

Mr. Taylor
Director of Bands

Mr. Campbell
Associate Director of Bands

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(Mostly) Mandatory Supplies for Marching Band Instruments!

These are the items you should own in order to play and march with the band. The Google Form and a Marshall Music link (also above) will be sent to you via **REMIND 101** and **GOOGLE CLASSROOM**. Look for the marching band items for your instrument at the bottom of the Google Form as there are music flip folios, extra pages, and lyres to hold them! If you do not purchase these, you cannot march and play...Literally!

You may certainly purchase any of the following items on your own through Marshall Music, Amazon, etc. to get a head start!

WOODWIND INSTRUMENTS- *Start using #3 reeds! Also, please *Do not buy Rico, Rico Royal or Lavoz Reeds*

Flute Supplies

Flip Folder/Lyre
Flip Folder Extra Pages

Clarinet Supplies

Clarinet Lyre (Multiple's recommended)
Clarinet Flip Folder
Flip Folder Extra Pages
Vandoren #3 Clarinet 10-pack reeds (Box)
Vandoren #3 Clarinet 3-pack reeds
Cork Grease
Clarinet Swab
Runyon Clarinet Mouthpiece Patch
Vandoren B45 Clarinet Mouthpiece

Alto Sax Supplies

Alto Sax Lyre
Alto Sax Flip Folder
Flip Folder Extra Pages
Vandoren #3 Alto Sax 10-pack reeds (Box)
Vandoren #3 Clarinet 3-pack reeds
Cork Grease
Alto Sax Swab
Runyon Alto Sax Mouthpiece Patch
Selmer S80 C* Alto Sax Mouthpiece

Trumpet Supplies

Clamp on Lyre/Flip Folder
Flip Folder Extra Pages
Schilke Tuning Slide Grease
Valve Oil
Bach 3C Trumpet Mouthpiece

Mellophone/French Horn Supplies

Clamp on Lyre/Flip Folder
Flip Folder Extra Pages
Schilke Tuning Slide Grease
Valve Oil

Trombone Supplies

Clamp on Lyre/Flip Folder
Flip Folder Extra Pages
Schilke Tuning Slide Grease
Superslick Slide Cream
Bach 5G Trombone Mouthpiece

Baritone Supplies

Clamp on Lyre/Flip Folder
Flip Folder Extra Pages
Schilke Tuning Slide Grease
Valve Oil
Schilke 51D Baritone Mouthpiece (if you don't own your own)

Tuba Supplies

Tuba Flip Folder Flip Folder Extra Pages
Schilke Tuning Slide Grease
Valve Oil Conn
Helleberg Tuba Mouthpiece (if you don't own your own)

STORE CONTACTS:

The phone number for Marshall Music in Allen Park is 313-383-5560. Much of our business is done through Marshall Music and they are a very competent and reliable store. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Taylor or Mr. Campbell at the high school or via email (see high school website).

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REMIND 101

DO IT TODAY!

ALL MARCHING BAND MEMBERS AND PARENTS

IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY SIGNED UP, **YOU MUST SIGN UP NOW** FOR REMIND 101. We will use this to communicate with you about anything regarding marching band related. Please try to do this ASAP!

- If you are already receiving messages from Mr. Taylor, please **DO NOT SIGN UP AGAIN**.
- When signing up, please make sure you sign up in the correct LAST NAME group in the codes below. (i.e. if your name is John Smith, you would sign up under “Last Name R-S” as your LAST name is SMITH! 😊)
 - Marching Band Last Name A-D = Enter- To: 81010 ; Message: @dbcb26
 - Marching Band Last Name E-K = Enter- To: 81010 ; Message: @6cd6df
 - Marching Band Last Name L-P = Enter- To: 81010 ; Message: @dc4cce
 - Marching Band Last Name R-S = Enter- To: 81010 ; Message: @chghc2
 - Marching Band Last Name T-Z = Enter- To: 81010 ; Message: @398kad
- When signing up, please only use your **FIRST AND LAST NAME ONLY**. DO NOT use nicknames!
- Parents who sign up should try to link your name with your child. Or, put your child’s name followed by “parent.” i.e. “Nick Taylor – Parent”.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Every Marching Band student must sign up:

MARCHING BAND class code: a3xj7qu

Drum Line Only:

Drum Line class code: 5mi2zqo