

June 17, 2023

Dear Marching Tiger:

It is most exciting to congratulate you on being a member of the 2023-24 Belleville Marching Band! You are a member of an organization with a great tradition that is filled with pride and accomplishment. 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 2023-2024 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. The times for our first week at "Home" are limited to a few hours each day. These are **STILL** mandatory rehearsals and is expected everyone is present. Our second week of camp is obviously "AWAY" at Camp Tamarack. 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! If you are not able to attend the band camp weeks, you unfortunately cannot be a member of the BHS Marching Band.

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. Squad Leaders are **REQUIRED** to attend mandatory training on August 3rd and 4th.

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@vanbureschools.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!**

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For your convenience, we have asked our Marshall Music representative to be present on Monday August 7th with the intention to make your life EASIER! They will be here before practice from 8-8:45AM and again from 12-1PM. They will have a 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, you can also check our band website 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 **REMIND 101 and GOOGLE CLASSROOM** if you have not done so already, and please do it as soon as you read through this information!

Music

Our show music, and other tunes such as the BHS Fanfare and BHS Fight Song are available on bellevillebands.org, and will also be sent to you via our “Marching Band” **Google Classroom**. It is advantageous for those unfamiliar with this music to get a head start on learning them. We hope to get a number of pieces of music to you 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 may not have school instruments yet for marching band, (Percussion, Horns, Tubas, Baritones, and Guard) though most should be all set. 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. 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 Marshall Music link (also on previous page) will be sent to you via **REMIND 101** and **GOOGLE CLASSROOM**. Look for the marching band items for your instrument on our band webpage (www.bellevillebands.org) 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, as it holds the music to your instrument! 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 Lavoze 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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ALL MARCHING BAND MEMBERS AND PARENTS Please sign up for Remind!

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
 - **FIRST AND LAST NAME ONLY** when signing up. 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”**.
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Google Classroom

Every Marching Band student must sign up:

MARCHING BAND class code: a3xj7qu

2023-2024 Belleville Marching Band Required Commitments

REVISED As of June 17, 2023

PRE-CAMP Rehearsals and Meetings

THESE ARE ALL MANDATORY COMMITMENTS

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Who:</u>	<u>What:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Side Notes/Athletics:</u>
Thursday, August 3	Squad Leaders	Squad Leader Day 1 (2 total)	9AM-2PM	Located in Band Room
Friday, August 4	Squad Leaders	Day 2	9AM-2PM	Located in Band Room
Saturday, August 5	ALL MB	Uniform Sizing Seniors: 10AM-4PM Juniors: 11AM-4PM Sophomores: 12PM-4PM Freshmen: 1PM-4PM	10AM-4PM	Please try to arrive at allotted times! Cabin Assignments will also take place at this time!
Monday, August 7	ALL MB	MARSHALL MUSIC will be here for you to purchase supplies	8AM-8:45AM and 12PM-1:00PM	
	ALL MB	Check in at Band Room	8:30AM-12PM	Check in/music pick up. Move to Auditorium. Instruments in Band
		Marching Fundamentals		Room. Wear tennis shoes! Make sure you eat before you come!
	Seniors	Senior Meeting (Mandatory!)	12:00PM	After Rehearsal (30 minutes tops!)
	Chaperones	Mandatory State Training Meeting	6PM	No show, you can't go!
Tuesday, August 8	ALL MB	Music/ Field Rehearsal	9AM-12PM	Instruments/Music/Marching Shoes ALWAYS required!
Wednesday, August 9	ALL MB	Music/ Field Rehearsal	9AM-12PM	Instruments/Music/Marching Shoes ALWAYS required!
Thursday, August 10	ALL MB	Music/Field Rehearsal	9AM-12PM	Instruments/Music/Marching Shoes ALWAYS required!
Monday, August 14	MB	Depart for Camp Tamarack	Report at BHS: 7:30AM	We ride school buses to and from
Friday, August 18	MB	CAMP PERFORMANCE	5:00PM	@ Belleville High School Football Stadium

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.
THESE ARE ALL MANDATORY COMMITMENTS.

See Reverse for POST-CAMP REHEARSALS AND EVENTS

POST-CAMP Rehearsals and Events

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Who:</u>	<u>What:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Side Note:</u>
Monday, Aug 21	MB	Rehearsal	9-11:30AM	MORNING PRACTICE!
Tuesday, Aug 22	MB	Rehearsal	9-11:30AM	MORNING PRACTICE!
Monday, Aug 28	MB	Rehearsal	11AM-1:00PM (half day)	Boys Soccer Home 5:30pm (no conflict)
Tuesday, Aug 29	MB	Rehearsal	6PM-8:30PM	CrossC away; home F/JV Vball 5pm; VarVball 6:30pm
Thursday, Aug 31	MB	HOME GAME 1	Report: 5:45PM	Girls VBall Away, Girls Golf at 3 (come to band after)
Tuesday, Sept 5	MB	Rehearsal	6-8:30PM	Boys Soccer Away (excused); Girl Golf away (come to band after)
Wednesday, Sept 6	MB	Rehearsal	6-8:30PM	Boys Tennis (come to band after)
Monday, Sept 11	MB	Rehearsal	6-8:30PM	
Wednesday, Sept 13	MB	Rehearsal	6-7:30PM	
	Florida Bound Familes	MANDATORY Florida Trip Meeting	7:30PM-8:30PM	If going to Florida, please plan to attend!
Friday, Sept 15	MB	HOME GAME 2	Report: 5:45PM	Diving Invitation – (Come to MB Game)
Monday, Sept 18	MB	Rehearsal	2:30-3:30PM	After School - Final Rehearsal for Band Review
Wednesday, Sept 20	MB	BAND REVIEW	Review Report: 5:30PM	Backup/Rainout Date is 9/27
Wednesday, Sept 27	MB	Rehearsal	2:30-3:15PM	After School again!
Friday, Sept 29	MB	HOME GAME 3 Home Coming	Report: 5:45PM	
Monday, Oct 16	MB	Rehearsal	6-8PM	
Wednesday, Oct 18	MB	Rehearsal	6-8PM	
Friday, Oct 20	MB	HOME GAME 4 Senior Show	Report: 5:45PM	
Thursday, Oct 26	MB	Florida Trip Rehearsal	2:30PM-3:30PM	
Thursday, Nov 2	MB	Florida Trip Rehearsal	2:30PM-3:30PM	
Monday, Nov 6	MB	Florida Trip Rehearsal	2:30PM-3:30PM	

POSSIBLE POST SEASON GAMES and Events: *All members are expected to attend scheduled HOME Playoff Games if football team progresses!*

Friday or Saturday, October 27/28

Friday or Saturday, November 3/4

MARCHING BAND TRIP to FLORIDA 11/8-12

Friday or Saturday, November 17/18

Sunday, November 26 Finals at Ford Field – Yes, Sunday!

Saturday, December 2	MB	Belleville Holiday Parade	Report: 4:15pm/Parade Start 5:15pm
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ANY ISSUES OR QUESTIONS SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED
ASAP WITH THE BAND DIRECTORS, BUT NO LESS THAN TWO WEEKS BEFORE A
SCHEDULED COMMITMENT!

GO TIGERS!