

June 16, 2025

Dear Marching Tiger:

It is most exciting to congratulate you on being a member of the 2025-26 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 next 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 at 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 6th and 7th**.

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 11th (Our first day of at home camp!)** with the intention to make your life EASIER! They will be here before practice from 8-8:45AM. 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 Parent Square, 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 (<https://www.bellevillebands.org/supplies.html>) 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 (if not already!). 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

Mr. Taylor
Director of Bands

Mr. Campbell

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 (scroll down a ways) for your instrument on our band webpage (<https://www.bellevillebands.org/supplies.html>) 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 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 Alto Sax 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 Troy is 248-457-0300. While they are in Troy, they will send purchases to YOUR HOME if you order of the summer. 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
 - **FULL, 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

2025-2026 Belleville Marching Band Required Commitments
REVISED As of June 11, 2025

PRE-CAMP Rehearsals and Meetings

THESE ARE ALL MANDATORY COMMITMENTS

Date:	Who:	What:	Time:	Side Notes/Athletics:
Wednesday, August 6	Squad Leaders	Squad Leader Day 1 (2 total)	9AM-2PM	Located in Band Room
	Chaperones	Mandatory State Training Meeting	6PM	No show, you can't go!
Thursday, August 7	Squad Leaders	Day 2	9AM-2PM	Located in Band Room
Saturday, August 9	ALL MB	Uniform Sizing	10AM-4PM	Please try to arrive at allotted times! Cabin Assignments will also take place at this time!
		Seniors: 10AM-4PM		
		Juniors: 11AM-4PM		
		Sophomores: 12PM-4PM Freshmen: 1PM-4PM		
Monday, August 11	ALL MB	MARSHALL MUSIC will be here for you to purchase supplies	8AM-8:45AM	
	ALL MB	Check in at Band Room	8:30AM-12PM	Check in/music pick up. Move to Auditorium. Instruments in Band Room. Wear tennis shoes! Make sure you eat before you come!
	Seniors	Senior Meeting (Mandatory!)	12:00PM	After Rehearsal (30 minutes tops!)
Tuesday, August 12	ALL MB	Music/ Field Rehearsal	9AM-12PM	Instruments/Music/Marching Shoes ALWAYS required!
Wednesday, August 13	ALL MB	Music/ Field Rehearsal	9AM-12PM	Instruments/Music/Marching Shoes ALWAYS required!
Thursday, August 14	ALL MB	Music/Field Rehearsal	9AM-12PM	Instruments/Music/Marching Shoes ALWAYS required!
Monday, August 18	MB	Depart for Camp Tamarack	Report at BHS: 7:30AM	We ride school buses to and from
Friday, August 22	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

Freshman Academy these two days!
 ALSO, pictures and registration for 10-12 grade.
 Please plan accordingly, as some can get pictures
 before practice, and others after!
 9th graders will learn more of their schedule later,
 but please try to attend practice when the time
 allows!

POST-CAMP Rehearsals and Events

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Who:</u>	<u>Where:</u>	<u>What:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Side Note:</u>
Monday, Aug 25	MB	TURF	Rehearsal	9-11:30AM	MORNING PRACTICE!
Tuesday, Aug 26	MB	TURF	Rehearsal	9-11:30AM	MORNING PRACTICE!
Tuesday, Sept 2	MB	TURF	Rehearsal	11AM-12:30PM	After Half Day of School! Plan accordingly!
Monday, Sept 8	MB	BAND FIELD	Rehearsal	2:30PM-3:30PM	
Wednesday, Sept 10	MB	TURF	Rehearsal	6-8:00PM	
Friday, Sept 12	MB		HOME GAME 1	Report: 5:45PM	
Monday, Sept 15	MB	TURF	Rehearsal	2:30-3:30PM	After School - Final Rehearsal for Band Review
Wednesday, Sept 17	MB		BAND REVIEW	Review Report: 5:30PM	Backup/Rainout Date is 9/24
Monday, Sept 29	MB	BAND FIELD	Rehearsal	2:30-3:30PM	Soccer away later, come to MB at 2:30pm.
Wednesday, Oct. 1	MB	TURF	Rehearsal	6-8:00PM	Soccer Excused
Friday, Oct. 3	MB		HOME GAME 2	Report: 5:45PM	
Wednesday, Oct 8	MB	BAND FIELD	Rehearsal	2:30-3:30PM	After School – Powder Puff at 7pm.
Friday, Oct 10	MB		HOME GAME 3 Homecoming	Report: 5:45PM	
Monday, Oct 20	MB	BAND FIELD	Rehearsal	2:30-3:30PM	
Wednesday, Oct 22	MB	TURF	Rehearsal	6-8PM	
Friday, Oct 24	MB		HOME GAME 4 Senior Show	Report: 5:45PM	

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

Friday or Saturday, October 31/November 1

Friday or Saturday, November 7/8

Friday or Saturday, November 14/15

Friday or Saturday, November 21/22

Sunday, November 30 Finals at Ford Field

Saturday, December 6 MB Belleville Holiday Parade Report: 4:15pm/Parade Start 5:15pm

**ANY ISSUES OR QUESTIONS SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED
 ASAP WITH THE BAND DIRECTORS, BUT NO LESS THAN TWO WEEKS BEFORE A
 SCHEDULED COMMITMENT!**

GO TIGERS!