

BELLINGHAM MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL



BAND HANDBOOK

2014 – 2015

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BMMS BANDS

PERFORMANCE CALENDAR 2014/2015

– PLEASE NOTE GRADE LEVELS, REPORTING TIMES, AND LOCATIONS –

Instrument Rental Night / Band Orientation (5th Grade)

Thursday, September 4, 2014
6:30 PM – BHS Auditorium

Step Up Concert (7th & 8th Grade Band, BHS Band)

Thursday, November 13, 2014
7:00 PM – BHS Auditorium

- 3:00 PM: rehearsal @ BHS
- 5:00 PM: dinner, social with all band students & families

“Window Into the Classroom” Concert (5th Grade Band)

Thursday, November 20, 2014
(same day as PT Conferences)
5:30 PM – BMMS Gym
(students report at 5:00)

Winter Concert (7th & 8th Grade Band; BHS Band)

Thursday, December 11, 2014
Snow date: Mon. Dec. 15
7:00 PM – BHS Auditorium
(students report at 6:00)

Winter Concert (5th & 6th Grade Bands)

Thursday, January 22, 2015
6:30 PM – BHS Auditorium
(students report at 5:30)
snow date: Thurs. Jan. 29

Central Junior District Auditions (7th & 8th Grade, Optional)

Saturday, January 31, 2015
time & location: TBD
snow date: Saturday, February 7, 2015

All-Town Band Concert (Grades 5-12)

Thursday, March 12, 2015
7:00 PM – BHS Gymnasium
(students report at 6:00 PM)

MICCA Dress Rehearsal (7th & 8th Grade Band)

Monday, March 23, 2015
6:30 PM – BHS Auditorium

MICCA Festival Performance (7th & 8th Grade Band)

Friday, March 27, 2015
time: TBD (after-school – early evening)
BHS Auditorium

Memorial Day Parade (7th & 8th Grade Bands)

Sunday, May 17, 2015
2:00 PM - BMMS to Town Common
(students report at 1:00)

Great East Festival (7th & 8th Grade Bands)

Friday, May 22, 2015 – TENTATIVE
All Day – location TBD

Spring Concert (Grades 5-8)

Thursday, May 28, 2015
6:30 PM – BHS Auditorium
(students report at 5:30)

Elementary School Tour (5th Grade Band)

Friday, May 29, 2015
Entire school day field trip
Macy, Stallbrook, & South Elementary Schools

ALTHOUGH UNLIKELY, THE CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
PLEASE CONSULT OUR WEBSITE FOR THE MOST RECENT INFORMATION.

BAND EXPECTATIONS

ATTENDANCE

1. Rehearsals – You are required to be in rehearsal if you are in school that day
2. Concerts – You are required to participate in our concerts. Please notify your parents of the dates and times now so that there will be no conflicts.
3. Please use the bathroom prior to or following class. Every minute of rehearsal time is precious.

BEHAVIOR

1. Respect each other. No name-calling, putting down, or whispering.
2. Do YOUR best. Everyone has their own beginning point.
3. Abide by school rules at all times.
4. Please do not talk when Mr. Glynn is giving instructions. Thank you!
5. Have fun!!! Music is all about exploration and learning. Make it work for you.

DISCIPLINE

1. Neither food nor gum is allowed in class as they may become choking hazards in this activity.
2. I love having you in band and want you to stay here. If, for whatever reason, something has disturbed you in class, please feel free to talk with me or contact the guidance counselor for further assistance. Our classroom should be a safe environment for you.

GRADING

Students will receive a pass/fail grade for Band. A "pass" will be determined on the following basis:

PREPAREDNESS FOR CLASS

- Having your music and a PENCIL (not a pen) and all required materials
- Returning any homework assignments by their due dates.
- Practicing on your instrument is crucial for physical and mental development. Spend at least 3 days, 20 min/day enjoying your instrument

CLASS PARTICIPATION

- Actively participates in warm-ups
- Is ready to play when instructed
- Is quiet during class instruction
- Reports to assigned seat in their section
- Answers and asks *appropriate* questions

DEMONSTRATES KNOWLEDGE

- Can perform rhythms that are displayed in class
- Can play short sections of their pieces accurately
- Marks their scores accordingly to improve performances
- Quizzes

ATTENDANCE AT CONCERTS

The Band is an ensemble and each member is significant to the success of the group. Our concerts are the demonstration of our knowledge and artistic ability. It is imperative that everyone participates in the concerts. If a student is unable to attend due to an emergency, please email me. There is no success or satisfaction in spending months of rehearsal and practice and then not performing to see and experience the final result. Please consider this requirement carefully as you agree to participate in this course.

Not meeting these criteria may result in receiving a "fail" for the marking period.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

Every student needs the following for every music lesson and band rehearsal:

1. Instrument
2. Pencil
3. **Grade 5 ONLY:** Essential Elements Interactive Book 1; The Basic Band Book
4. **Grade 6, 7, & 8 ONLY:** a one-inch binder only for band
5. Proper accessories for each instrument:

Flute:

- Tuning Rod
- Cleaning Cloth/Swab

Clarinet:

- Hite Mouthpiece
- Rovner Ligature
- Cleaning Swab
- Cork Grease
- Reeds:
Rico Grand Concert Select, size 2.5

Alto Saxophone:

- Yamaha 4C Mouthpiece
- Rovner Ligature
- Cleaning Swab
- Cork Grease
- Neckstrap
- Reeds:
Rico Grand Concert Select, size 2.5

Trumpet:

- Blessing 7C Mouthpiece
- Valve Oil
- Tuning Slide Grease

Trombone:

- Blessing 12C Mouthpiece
- Superslick Trombone Slide Cream
- Superslick Trombone Spray Bottle
- Superslick Slide Treatment

Euphonium:

- Blessing 12C Mouthpiece
- Valve Oil
- Tuning Slide Grease

Percussion:

- Drum sticks: Vic Firth SD1 wood tip
- Mallets: Vic Firth M6 Hard Phenolic 1" Ball

CONCERT ATTIRE

In order to produce a professional appearance, you are asked to wear the following to all performances:

- Girls: White blouse/shirt, black pants/skirt (below the knees when sitting), black shoes
- Boys: White collared dress shirt, black pants, black shoes and socks

PARENT GUIDE

Welcome to the Bellingham Memorial Middle School Band Program. The following parent guide will provide you with information regarding ways in which you can help support our student musicians.

HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

1. Help your child to learn the lesson and band rehearsal schedule. Post it in a convenient place.
2. Encourage your child to play for others when the opportunity arises – in the home, at school, and in the community.
3. Your interest and praise is what matters most.
4. Arrange a regular time for playing, ten minutes per day.
5. Find a quiet place for playing. Having a music stand and metronome helps.
6. Become familiar with your child's music and lesson book. **Take time to listen to your child's playing.** It only takes a minute.
7. Many students do better with keeping a daily playing record.
8. Provide a safe place to store musical instruments.
9. Be very careful with school-owned instruments. The costs of repairs are very high.
10. Help keep the instrument in good repair with reeds, valve oil, etc. in the case.
11. Share any information that will help me to understand and better educate your child.
12. Help chaperone band field trips.
13. Become an active member of Bellingham Friends of Music.
14. Expose your child to all kinds of music. Encourage your child to borrow musical recordings from the library, and go to symphony concerts, musicals, open-air concerts, parades, ethnic music performances, and high school or middle school concerts. Ask the band director for more listening examples.

TIPS FOR MOTIVATING YOUR STUDENT

1. Assist your student in his/her playing at home. **Don't worry if you do not have a musical background.** What your child needs from you is not musical expertise, but patience, encouragement, and support.
2. Listen to him/her play!
3. Be very generous with your interest and praise. Credit each achievement with some form of recognition.
4. Encourage them to play during commercial breaks of a television show.
5. Sign their homework every week. (Band has homework just like every other class)

CARE & MAINTENANCE OF INSTRUMENTS

Proper care and maintenance of the instrument will enhance your child's performance and education, and will limit the number of trips the instrument will take to the repair shop. Students should follow the guidelines below to help keep it in good shape.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

1. Assemble/Disassemble your instrument following proper guidelines.
2. When possible, clean your hands and brush your teeth before playing.
3. Keep your mouthpiece clean! Wipe it dry of saliva and condensation after each use.
4. Do not store books or music inside the instrument case unless you have a compartment for these items. Extra items in the case often damage delicate parts of the instrument.
5. Keep the instrument in the case when you are not using it.
6. Repairs should only be made by a qualified repair person.
7. Write you instrument's serial number in a safe place.
8. Clearly label your instrument case with your name, address, and telephone number.

STUDENT INSTRUMENT RESPONSIBILITY

Your child's musical instrument is an expensive item often costing hundreds of dollars to replace if lost or stolen. Although the school is a safe and secure environment, the instrument that your child is using to participate in band is **their responsibility**. The band room at the middle school is locked before and after school and an adult presence is maintained in the room throughout the school day. Even so, if your child decides to leave their instrument in a classroom, it is the **student's** responsibility to ensure that the instrument is where it was left; the school and its staff cannot be responsible for any lost or stolen instruments. An instrument should **never** be left in a classroom if a teacher is absent or the room is obviously unattended.

If an instrument **is** lost or stolen, we will do everything in our power to ensure the instrument is found and returned. However, some situations are out of our control, in which case a police report should be filed and it will be up to the police to investigate the situation.

SIGNATURES

Please share this handbook with your family and sign below to indicate that you *understand* and *will comply* with the requirements of being in Band. Please return the signed copy to Mr. Glynn. Please contact me via email at:

rglynn@bellinghamk12.org

Student's Name

Student's Signature

Parent's/Guardian's Name

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date

REMOVE THIS PAGE ONLY AND RETURN TO MR. GLYNN
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND NO LATER THAN
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2014

PLEASE SEE THE REVERSE SIDE FOR
BELLINGHAM FRIENDS OF MUSIC VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS IMMENSELY HELPS OUR MUSIC PROGRAM

Bellingham Friends of Music

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ATTEND REGULAR MEETINGS TO HELP US!

We are asking that all families try to volunteer for at least one day or event committee.

Please select **at least one area** that you may be able to assist our program:

Please Check	2014 - 2015	Event/Fundraiser/Concert
	Months of Sept – Oct	Solicit local businesses for ads for concert program
	August - September	Help with uniform distribution
	Saturday, Sept. 6	Football Concessions (Game time: 6 p.m.)
	Saturday, Sept. 20	Football Concessions (Game time: 6 p.m.)
	Friday, Sept. 16	Football Concessions (Game time: 7 p.m.)
	Thursday, Oct. 2	Football Concessions: Homecoming (Game time: 6 p.m.)
	Saturday, Oct. 18	UMass Band Day at Gillette Stadium – chaperones needed, full day event
	Friday, Oct. 31	Football Concessions - schedule based on playoff system, homes games TBD
	Friday, Nov. 7	Football Concessions - schedule based on playoff system, homes games TBD
	Thurs., Nov. 13	Step-Up Concert: chaperone, hospitality, programs, etc.
	Friday, Nov. 14	Football Concessions - schedule based on playoff system, homes games TBD
	Thurs., Nov. 27	Thanksgiving Football Concessions and Senior Day (Game time: 10 a.m.)
	Saturday, Dec. 6 (ten.)	Breakfast with Santa Fundraiser: General help
	Thursday, Dec. 11	Bellingham Winter Concert and Reception – raffle tickets and reception in cafe
	Thursday, Jan. 22	BMMS Winter Concert (grades 5/6 at BHS) – sell 50/50 raffle tickets
	Friday, Feb 6	Color Guard Show at BHS – sell tickets and raffles (show time: 7 p.m.)
	Month of February	Spring Bulb Fundraiser or some other catalog possible
	February – March	BFOM Mattress Sale: help organize & distribute signs in town, and misc.
	Thursday, March 5	BHS Spring Concert – sell 50/50 raffle tickets
	Thursday, March 12	All Town Band Concert - sell 50/50 raffle tickets
	Monday, March 23	BMMS & BHS Dress Rehearsal for MICCA at BHS Auditorium - chaperone
	Friday, March 27	MICCA Festival VOLUNTEERS NEEDED between 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.
	Saturday, March 28	MICCA Festival VOLUNTEERS NEEDED between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
	Friday, May 8	BHS Pops Concert CIRCLE: help with decorations, make a dessert for auction, donate gift basket for raffle
	Sunday, May 17	Bellingham Memorial Parade Chaperones/Walkers (times: noon to 4 p.m.)
	Thursday, May 28	BMMS Concert (grades 5 – 8 at BHS) – sell 50/50 raffle tickets
	Week of May 26 - 29	Help with Uniform Returns
	Friday, June 5	BHS Graduation – chaperones for Band and Chorus
	Week of June 8 - 12	Help with Uniform Returns
	Thursdays in July	Bellingham Outdoor Movie Nights – Concession Stand
	July 4th	Bellingham Fireworks Concessions with Outback Steakhouse
Other type of fundraiser? Other type of event?		
Is there another way you may be able to help the music program? Please tell us!		

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME: _____

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Email Address: _____

For chaperone volunteers: Have you completed a CORI form with the Bellingham Public Schools? Yes No
Please indicate your CORI expiration date, if known: _____

If you are unsure of your CORI status, you may call the Superintendent's Office 508-883-1706.