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Dear Music Families:

We are deep into the planning stages of our Fenway Performance on Thursday, April 25, 2019. We would like to share the following information with you.

**Performance date:** Thursday, April 25, 2019

**Performance time:** National Anthem and Star Wars music will be performed BEFORE the 7:10 p.m. game start.

**Students who are performing:** BHS Concert Band members, grades 9 - 12 and Color Guard members

**Itinerary:** Students will report to school as normal on Thursday, April 25, 2019, with their instruments, uniforms, equipment, and a bagged lunch. We will load buses and travel to Boston for a private bowling party and early pizza dinner at Jillian's Lucky Strike, Boston. Departure time TBD. Students will change into marching jackets and enter Fenway Park for their performance. After our performance, students will put away equipment on our buses and trucks and re-enter Fenway Park to watch the game in the bleacher section in our assigned seats with music staff and chaperones.

**Uniforms:** All students must wear a BHS Marching uniform or Color Guard uniform. Students will wear marching band pants, marching shoes and music tee shirt for bowling party and for after our performance. Anyone that does not currently have a uniform or needs to be refitted must attend our uniform fitting night during BHS Parent-Teacher Conference Night, **Wednesday, March 13 from 6 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.**

**Seating:** Music students will be assigned seats in the bleachers with chaperones and music staff. They cannot sit with their families for the game. We are adhering to the policies set forth by the Red Sox organization and have students' safety and security as a top priority.

**Departure and travel home:** Music students must travel back to BHS with the group. For everyone's security and the logistics of equipment and instruments, we **cannot** dismiss students at Fenway Park.

**Pick-up from BHS after the game:** We will update families on our anticipated arrival at BHS via Facebook and the website. Students will need to put away instruments, equipment and uniform accessories when they arrive at BHS (about 7 minutes of unloading time if everyone helps!).

**Costs of this performance:** Individual students will have a cost of \$45 at this point. The game ticket is \$17, bowling and pizza party is \$20, and T-shirts will be \$8 for participants. Bellingham Friends of Music are supporting the cost of transportation for this event. We are actively seeking donations from community members to lower these costs for all students. Once we have collected donations and finalized the ticket orders, we will announce the final cost of this trip for students and the due date. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN MONEY FOR PARTICIPANTS AT THIS TIME.** We will notify you of the due date after ticket sales are completed. If there are any family hardships, please contact your music teacher or color guard coaches. Students will be eating a bagged lunch from home and an early pizza dinner, but they may want to bring some spending money for a snack or souvenir from Fenway.

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**Family tickets for the Red Sox Game:** Tickets are now on sale at [www.bellinghammusic.org](http://www.bellinghammusic.org) The deadline to order tickets for family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. is **Tuesday, March 12, 2019**. This is the deadline. Remember: do NOT include your performing student in your family ticket order as they will not be sitting with you. Payments for family orders can be sent by cash or check after your online order is placed, but we must receive payment by Wednesday, March 13 at 8:00 a.m.

## FAQ's

**Why are we bowling and having a pizza party?** Upon recommendations from other music programs, we needed a close venue that can hold our large group, feed them, and get them changed into uniforms before we report to the stadium. We had a blast there last year, and know it will be lots of fun again this year!

**What if my student does not want to perform?** We recognize that not everyone is a baseball fan, but this is a unique opportunity and we'd like all students to participate. If you or your student have any concerns, please let us know. If your student cannot participate, please let us know by **Friday, March 29, 2019**.

**What if my student wants to perform but does not want to wear a uniform?** Every performer, band and color guard, must wear a uniform. We want to look sharp for this public performance. The students will only need to wear their uniform for the actual performance and then will be allowed to change into casual clothes.

**What if my student wants to sit with our family during the game?** We understand that family members may want to sit with their students, but due to safety and logistics, all students must sit with the music program for the game. This is not optional. This year, all group tickets will be in the bleachers, so everyone will be in close proximity.

**Can I be a chaperone on this trip?** At this point, we have music staff, high school faculty, and Friends of Music officers as chaperones. If we need additional chaperones, we will put out an email or notice on Facebook. We already have more than 12 chaperones for more than 100 students, so we will have at least 1 chaperone per 10 students.

**Final Information:** We will prepare a final trip information hand-out with final costs, detailed itinerary and packing lists. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact your student's music teacher or color guard coach.

## **COSTS BREAKDOWN:**

### **For Grades 9 – 12 Band members and Color Guard members:**

#### **Red Sox Event Costs: \$45.00**

This cost will include the T-shirt for the Red Sox Game, Red Sox Game ticket and Bowling and Pizza Party at Jillian's in Boston. PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN MONEY FOR PARTICIPANTS AT THIS TIME. We will notify you of the due date after ticket sales are completed.

REMEMBER: DO NOT ORDER TICKETS FOR YOUR PERFORMING STUDENTS WITH YOUR FAMILY ORDER.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Ms. Forte or Mrs. Blakely.

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