

May/June Band Newsletter



Calendar at a Glance

Thursday, May 12th - BMS & BHS Jazz Concert, 7 p.m. at BHS, free and open to the public

Thursday, May 12th - deadline to submit pictures for Senior Slideshow

Friday, May 13th - Student ticket money deadline for Red Sox game \$53, checks payable to BFOM

Wednesday, May 18th - BHS Pops Concert, gr. 8 - 12 chorus, gr. 9 - 12 band and color guard, 7 p.m. at BHS,
Free and open to the public

Thursday, May 19 - Early Release, Professional Development Day

Saturday, May 21st - BHS Band performs at Fenway, 4:10 p.m. Red Sox v. Seattle Mariners, tickets required

Sunday, May 22nd - Mandatory performance - Bellingham Memorial Parade, parade steps off at 1 p.m.

Monday, May 23rd - BMS Music Field Trip to BHS for Chamber Music Concert

Friday, May 27th - Senior Uniform Return deadline

Tuesday, May 31st - Marching Uniform Return deadline for grades 8 - 11

Wednesday, June 1st - BHS Awards Night (not a music performance)

Thursday, June 2nd - Gr. 7 & 8 Field Trip to MetroWest YMCA in Hopkinton (rain date 6/8/22)

Friday, June 3rd - BHS Graduation and band and chorus performance

Tuesday, June 7th - BMS Chorus Concert, grades 4 - 7, 7 p.m. at BHS, free and open to the public

Wednesday, June 8th - 8th Grade Band dress rehearsal at BHS 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. with 7th Grade Band

Thursday, June 9th - BMS & BHS Band Concert grades 5 - 8 bands, 7 p.m. at BHS, free and open to the public

Friday, June 10th - Concert Uniform Return deadline for grades 9 - 11

Tuesday, June 14th - BFOM June Meeting (rescheduled from June 7th) 7 p.m at BHS library

Wednesday - Friday, June 15 - 17th - BHS Benchmark Assessment Days, early release days

Monday, June 20th - No School, Juneteenth federal holiday observed

Tuesday, June 21st - Last day of school, early release

Monday - Friday, July 11 - 15th - Summer Music Camp, rising grades 5 - 8, Free to Bellingham students

Bellingham Jazz Concert!

Please join us for the Bellingham Jazz Concert on Thursday, June 12th at 7:00 p.m. at BHS in the Auditorium. This concert will feature the BMS and BHS Jazz Bands under the direction of Mr. MacDonald.. It is FREE and open to the public.

Pops Concert - Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Chorus gr. 8 - 12, Concert Band gr. 9 - 12 & Color Guard

BHS Pops Concert, Wednesday, May 18, 2022, Concert starts at 7:00 p.m. in BHS Auditorium

Free and open to the public, Student warm-up time: 6:00 p.m. Senior Slideshow & Awards immediately following the concert

At the upcoming BHS Pops concert on May 18th, we are going to be continuing the tradition of having raffle baskets to raise money for Bellingham Friends of Music. If you are able, please consider donating a raffle basket, gift certificate, baked goods, or another item to the raffle. Here is the signup. Thanks in advance for your help in making sure that our music programs have everything they need. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4da5a62eabf49-bellingham>

All items should be dropped off to Beth Sullivan in advance or at BHS by 5:30 p.m. by that afternoon so they can be set up well in advance of the beginning of the concert. If you are donating from a business, please feel free to give us business cards to be put out with your raffle item. Questions to Beth Sullivan - beth@bbsullivan.com

Senior Slideshow

This year's graduating class is a wonderful group of students who have excelled in music, academics, athletics and community service. We are so very proud of them and excited to see what they will do next! Although their senior year was not typical, we know that they have learned life lessons about flexibility, perseverance and compassion throughout this pandemic that will serve them well in their future.

It is tradition that we recognize our seniors at the Pops Concert and show a short slideshow of pictures featuring the seniors. I'm asking for your help to collect these pictures. The pandemic has impacted my normal library of photos because we have had less events over the past few years.

Please help me by adding photos to the folder here. We are looking for 5 - 7 photos of each senior. We also would love some group shots, candid, ensemble photos. You can put those in with your students or in the sub folders that I have labeled. Feel free to include pictures from other activities - sports, scouts, family photos, drama, prom and dances, etc. We need to have all the photos by Thursday, May 12th.

Link to the folder to add your photos:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/12vyyJKru6dZQxGwsjahc0PYMpyMUSyZd?usp=sharing>

If you cannot upload to this folder, you can email the pictures to mforte@bpsdk12.org

Fenway Performance - Saturday, May 21

Performance date: Saturday, May 21, 2022

Performance time: National Anthem will be performed BEFORE the 4:10 p.m. game start.

Students who are performing: BHS Concert Band members, grades 9 - 12 and 8th Grade Band members

Itinerary: Students will report to school on Saturday, May 21 at 1:00 p.m. with their instruments, uniforms, and equipment. We will have a short music rehearsal and then load buses and travel to Boston. We will perform the National Anthem. After our performance, students will put away equipment on our buses and re-enter Fenway Park to watch the game in the bleacher section in our assigned seats with music staff and chaperones.

Lunch: PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR STUDENT EATS LUNCH BEFORE REPORTING TO BHS at 1:00 p.m. It is also recommended that they pack a bagged lunch for after our performance or the ride home to avoid high concession prices at Fenway.

Seating: Music students will be assigned seats in the bleachers with chaperones and music staff.

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!).

Cost of this performance: The cost for individual students performing is \$53. Bellingham Friends of Music are supporting the cost of transportation for this event.

Student Payment: We are collecting student payment at this time. **Please send a check with your student for \$53. payable to Bellingham Friends of Music by Friday, May 13th.** If you need financial assistance, please contact Ms. Forte privately via email mforte@bpsdk12.org or via phone 508-966-3761.

What to pack for Fenway: wear your uniform, preferably with shorts or leggings underneath, tee shirt or long sleeve shirt underneath. Bring jeans or other pants to change into and warm clothes for after our performance, it will be chilly at night at Fenway. It is recommended that students bring a bagged early dinner to avoid paying high concession prices in Fenway Park.

Concessions & Spending money: Fenway has changed to a NO CASH venue. It is highly recommended that students bring spending money on a pre-paid VISA gift card, available at lots of stores like CVS, Walgreens, WalMart. There are kiosks at Fenway to change Cash into a one time card payment, but this will take additional time and waiting in lines.

Memorial Parade - Sunday, May 22

BHS Band students in grades 8 - 12 will be marching in the Bellingham Memorial Parade on Sunday, May 22, 2022. Students have received uniforms and should wear black shoes and black socks for this performance. Warm-up time is 11:00 a.m. AT BHS. The parade steps off from the Memorial School at 1:00 p.m. and processes to the Town Common. The band will be dismissed from the Town Common at the conclusion of the parade (estimate 1:45 p.m.) We will have a bus to bring students back to BHS to put away equipment. If your student has a personal instrument - flute, clarinet, alto sax, trumpet, they could put their instrument case in the car and go home straight from the town common. If they have a school owned instrument such as sousaphone, drum line, they should take the bus back to BHS to put away their instrument. Students will need to return all uniform accessories (shako/hat, sash and plume) either on Sunday or in school on Monday.

Ms. Forte will review all these procedures carefully with students in class. Please check with your student if you have questions about this.

This performance is mandatory for all students in band in grades 8 - 12. If your student has an excused absence, they will be given a make-up assignment to complete. We value the importance of this ceremony in our community and feel it is one of the most important performances of the entire year.

BHS Chorus students in grades 8 - 12 will be performing at the Memorial Ceremony at the Town Common. The ceremony will begin immediately following the conclusion of the parade, estimate 2:00 p.m. Ms. Braman will send out specific information for Chorus students on what time and where to meet for the ceremony.

Uniform Returns

Please read carefully:

- **Marching Uniforms** must be dry-cleaned. Please keep the receipt attached and return with the dry cleaning plastic so we can confirm it was dry-cleaned.
- **Tuxedos** must be dry-cleaned. Same instructions as marching uniforms above.
- **Blouses** - must be hand-washed in cold water and laid flat to dry. Do NOT put the blouse in the washing machine - even on gentle cycle - you will cause damage. Please return on a hanger, not crumpled up in a bag.
- **Skirts** - may be hand-washed or washed on gentle in cold water. Hang to dry or lay flat to dry, do not put in dryer. Please return on a hanger, not crumpled up in a bag.

All uniforms must be returned on hangers, in a plastic dry-cleaner bag or a plastic bag upside down over the hanger. We will provide labels for students to use when they bring to school.

Return Location: There is a clothing rack in the BHS Music wing, near the uniform closet. There are labels and pens on a music stand. Use the labels and pens - write your full name on the label and marching uniform numbers (top and bottom), on the concert uniform write your name again and the sizes (top and bottom).

If a family member brings the uniform to the main office it is still the student's responsibility to bring it to the music department and label it properly on the clothing rack.

Uniform Return Deadlines:

Seniors, Class of 2022: All uniforms must be returned by Friday, May 27

Grades 8 - 11 Marching Uniform Return deadline: Tuesday, May 31

Grades 9 - 11 Concert Uniform Return deadline: Friday, June 10

GRADUATION PERFORMANCES: Band & Chorus

BHS Chorus AND Concert Band will perform at the BHS Graduation on Friday, June 3, 2022 at the BHS Football Field. 8th Grade Band members are invited to play with the Concert Band at graduation as an optional performance, not mandatory. For seating, Ms. Forte will need an accurate head count of 8th graders selecting to perform with us.

Music Performance: BHS Graduation

Date: Friday, June 3, 2022

Report/Warm-up time for musicians: 4:45 p.m.

Ceremony starts at 6:00 p.m.

Parent pick-up time: 7:30 p.m.

Concert dress: Concert uniforms (if you are 8th grade performing please wear all black or black and white, please dress nicely and follow school dress code guidelines).

Please note: The Concert Band will not be performing at Awards Night on Wednesday, June 1st. I have notified the students in class many times of this change.

BFOM June Meeting

Bellingham Friends of Music have been a small but still active group through this school year. Over the course of this year, the BFOM have contributed \$5,000 to the private lesson scholarship fund, scholarships to the Class of 2021 & 2022, guest clinicians to all the ensembles, transportation for multiple ensembles and Fenway Park and the list goes on.

Our BFOM current board is made up of parents with students in the Class of 2022 graduating class so we will be saying goodbye to these wonderful volunteers. I would like to especially thank the following BFOM graduating parents: Kelly Labonte (who stayed on 2 years after her students graduated from BHS!), Sharon Krysta, Chris Perkins, and Jodi Saponaro. These parents worked through the pandemic to help us with fund raising and support and we appreciate all of the years of their service!

Please consider joining us for our June Meeting to learn more about the organization and our plans for next year. Please note, we moved the meeting Tuesday, June 14th (instead of June 7th). Our new board members are: Beth Sullivan, President, Bev Pierce, Vice President, Sarah Doyle, Treasurer, Kim Hughes, Secretary, Melissa Giosi, Concession Stand Chair, and Katie Hunt, Apparel Chair. The June BFOM Meeting will be Tuesday, June 14 at 7:00 p.m. in person and via Zoom:

Topic: BFOM June Meeting

Time: June 14, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://bpsdk12-org.zoom.us/j/84064186485?](https://bpsdk12-org.zoom.us/j/84064186485?pwd=U0hJdW84VGRENHMrbjBNaENrSmNZZz09)

[pwd=U0hJdW84VGRENHMrbjBNaENrSmNZZz09](https://bpsdk12-org.zoom.us/j/84064186485?pwd=U0hJdW84VGRENHMrbjBNaENrSmNZZz09)

Meeting ID: 840 6418 6485

Passcode: 573112

Grades 7 & 8 Music Field Trip

We will be running a special field trip for Grades 7 & 8 Band and Chorus students. In years past we participated in the Great East Festival or in-school music clinics. But this year, we are changing gears! The Grade 7 and 8 Band and Chorus students will be traveling to MetroWest YMCA in Hopkinton for a full day of team-building and leadership activities including a ropes course. We have applied for a grant to support this activity, so hopefully we can offer this experience at a low cost or free to students and their families. The dates we have planned for this trip are Thursday, June 2 with a rain date of Wednesday, June 8th. Students will report to school at the normal times and return to school by dismissal. We will send detailed information and permission slips shortly.

8th Grade Band Dress Rehearsal & Final Concert

The 8th Grade Band will be performing their final concert of the year on Thursday, June 9th. This will be a combined concert with grades 5, 6 and 7th bands. 7th and 8th grade bands will be performing some musical selections together so we will need to have a dress rehearsal on Wednesday, June 8th.

Dress Rehearsal with the 7th Grade Band:

Wednesday, June 8th, at BHS 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Concert: Thursday, June 9th at 7 p.m. in the BHS Auditorium. Warm-up time for students is 6 p.m. Students should wear concert dress.



SUMMER MUSIC CAMP

Bellingham's Summer Music Camp is a new program designed for rising students in grades 5 through 8 who would like to explore music in a fun, engaging and relaxed summer atmosphere. Students can select from different interest areas: singing or band instruments and all students will participate in music games, leadership and group activities. No music experience is necessary! Bellingham music staff will be teaching and high school students will help facilitate the activities. Our goal is to refresh and reenergize your music-loving student!

Dates: Monday – Friday, July 11 - 15, 2022

Time: 8:00 to 12:00 p.m. daily

Grades: 5 through 8

Location: Bellingham High School

Tuition: FREE, [Click here to register students](#)

For more information please visit our page:

<http://www.bellinghammusic.org/summer-music-camp/>

Contact person: Marie Forte mforte@bpsdk12.org

Registration deadline: Friday, June 10th

High School mentors/counselors: [Click here to complete an application](#), deadline Friday, June 10th.

Marching Band Enrollment for Fall 2022



We have an after-school, co-curricular Marching Band that is open to students in grades 8 - 12 but is completely separate from our curricular Concert Band course. Students in Concert Band will no longer be required to be part of Marching Band. Students who are involved in the Marching Band will participate in after school rehearsals and football game performances, as well as August band camp to prepare for the season. We will be sending out additional information, including schedules for August and fall rehearsals shortly. Student leadership opportunities such as Drum Major, Captains and Section Leaders are an integral part of this program. Students who participate in the new marching band program will receive credit towards their honors music requirements. The marching band will also open to incoming grade 8 students. Ms. Forte will be sending enrollment forms to all band students in grades 7 - 11 so we know what students plan to participate and we can move ahead in our planning process for the Fall of 2022.

Color Guard

Color Guard is now recruiting new members for next year. Any student in grades 8 - 12 is welcome to join color guard or attend a practice to check it out. If you are interested in learning more about Color Guard, please contact Mrs. Bajgot at bbajgot@bpsdk12.org

Student Leadership

Applications for student leadership positions for the 2022-2023 school year will be open shortly. We will start with student leadership applications for Marching Band, Concert Band, Chorus and Color Guard. Applications will be available in Google Classroom.