

# IMPORTANT!!!!!!

## 2016-17 Bergenfield High School Marching Band Registration Information

In order to participate in the 2016-17 BHS Marching Band, all new and returning members must complete the online registration form at:

[tinyurl.com/BHSMB2016](http://tinyurl.com/BHSMB2016)

Online registration must be completed no later than Friday, June 10, 2016.

After filling out and submitting the required information, members must click on the link provided, print out, and return the Band Permission and Medical Information form to:

Mr. Brian P. Timmons  
Director of Bands  
Bergenfield High School  
80 S. Prospect Avenue  
Bergenfield, NJ 07621

Permission/Medical Forms must be returned no later than Friday, June 17, 2016

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the program, please contact Mr. Timmons at 201-385-8600 x1789 or [btimmons@bergenfield.org](mailto:btimmons@bergenfield.org)

Dear Prospective BHS Marching Band Member,

June 1, 2016

WELCOME to the 2016-2017 BHS Marching Band. I hope this letter finds you full of anticipation for the exciting season ahead of us. You are eligible to be part of an organization that has maintained a tradition of excellence and outstanding achievement for well over sixty years. Participation in the marching band will not only offer you the joy found in performing as a group, but will instill in you values which will have a positive effect on the rest of your life. You will have many responsibilities and commitments outlined on the enclosed pages. Please read carefully the attached schedule and calendar. Our rehearsal schedule has been designed to allow students to participate fully and benefit from the expert instruction our staff can provide. Should you choose to participate, the online registration information is enclosed.

Remember, each member is an essential and integral part of the BHS Marching Band. All members will be assigned important roles and positions within the organization. The success of our performances is dependent on each individual rehearsing and performing to the very best of his/her ability. Be sure to provide yourself with a personal calendar to mark the dates included on the attached pages. The listed performance and rehearsal dates take on the nature of a PRIOR COMMITMENT, unless notification of an existing conflict has been submitted to the Director of Bands immediately upon receipt of this letter and no later than June 17, 2016. Mail a letter concerning any schedule conflicts to: Brian P. Timmons, Director of Bands, Bergenfield High School, 80 South Prospect Avenue, Bergenfield, NJ 07621.

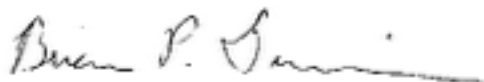
Enclosed in this letter, you will find the:

- ❑ Marching Band Registration Information
- ❑ List of Required Items for Marching Band Participation
- ❑ 2016-2017 BHS Marching Band Schedule and Calendar
- ❑ Guidelines for BHS Instrumental Music Students
- ❑ Marching Band Membership Responsibilities

Please read this thoroughly and share this information with your family, in order to insure your full participation and the honoring of your commitment to our organization. Now is the time to clear your schedule that no conflicts impede your ability to fulfill your commitment. In an effort to work as efficiently as possible, it is essential that everyone adhere to the printed deadlines for returning paperwork. Failure to do so will make the staff, officers, and parent volunteers work even harder than necessary. If you or your parents need any assistance or have any questions, do not hesitate to see me at school, email me at [btimmons@bergenfield.org](mailto:btimmons@bergenfield.org), or call me at 201-385-8600 x1789.

On behalf of the entire Bergenfield High School Marching Band Staff, I wish you an enjoyable and productive end of the school year and summer, while looking forward to the upcoming marching season.

For the entire band staff,



Brian P. Timmons  
Director of Bands, Bergenfield HS

# LIST OF REQUIRED ITEMS FOR MARCHING BAND PARTICIPATION

As a member of the Bergenfield High School Marching Band\*, you are REQUIRED to provide the following items for yourself:

- One pair of BLACK marching band uniform shoes.  
*A uniform marching shoe increases the visual effect of the ensemble due to their special design and appearance. The Style-Plus "Plus-One" shoe is designed for ease of marching, and at a cost of \$35 is a great value in comparison to a quality sneaker. Shoes should be ordered on Bergenfield HS Music Department's Charms Office website.  
[www.charmsoffice.com](http://www.charmsoffice.com)*
- ALL BLACK CALF-LENGTH socks.  
*An extra pair or two, kept in your locker, are highly recommended. No short socks allowed!*
- White cotton dress gloves.  
*These can be purchased from the Friends of Music at a cost of \$3/pair. Gloves must be washed and bright white prior to EVERY performance.*
- A fully functional instrument (all slides move/all pads good) with all necessary supplies for your instrument including: reeds, valve oil, mouthpiece, lyre, pencils, etc.  
*NOW is the time to see that your instrument is in perfect working order (BEFORE Band Camp). Grades will be lowered for students with non-functioning instruments.*
- One combination lock for your instrument locker (MANDATORY)  
*Since your instrument represents a considerable monetary investment, all students MUST secure their instrument in their assigned band locker with a quality padlock.*
- A **one-gallon** size or larger insulated water jug with your name clearly written in permanent marker.  
*Hydration is a critical issue for outdoor activities to ensure health, safety, and maximum productivity.*

## **The following items should be brought to all band rehearsals:**

- Your instrument and supplies (reeds, valve oil, sticks)
- Drill book and music binder (1" heavy-duty, 3-ring with vinyl sheet protectors)
- Pen and pencil
- Sneakers with socks (*Flip-flops, sandals, flats and boots are NEVER permitted for marching.*)
- Sunscreen
- Water jug, sports drinks and snacks
- Hat

NOTE: Mr. DeLucia has previously outlined specific items for the Color Guard and the above requirements may not necessarily apply to them.

## **2016 BAND CAMP**

### Brass and Woodwind Pre-Camp

Wednesday, June 22 through Friday, June 24 4pm-8pm

### New Member Orientation – All New Members and Officers

Friday, June 24 12pm-3pm

### Percussion Pre-Camp - Percussion ONLY

Monday, August 1 through Wednesday, August 3 8am-5pm

### Staff Meeting - Officers and Staff ONLY

Friday, August 12 8am-3pm

### Band Camp Sessions - Mandatory for All Band Members

Monday, August 15 through Saturday, August 20\*

Rehearsal	12pm-5pm
***Dinner Break***	5pm-6pm
Rehearsal	6pm-9pm

*\*Saturday's rehearsal will run from 8am to 12pm with a short snack break, followed by a performance for family and friends and the annual Friends of Music Boil-A-Que.*

## **2016 BAND UNIFORM FITTINGS**

Senior Class - Friday, August 12 at 3pm

Junior Class - Tuesday, August 16 at 9am

Sophomore Class - Wednesday, August 17 at 9am

Freshman Class - Thursday, August 18 at 9am

*Color Guard uniform fittings will be scheduled by Mr. DeLucia during Band Camp*

## **2016 POST-BAND CAMP REHEARSALS**

Wednesday, August 24 6pm-8pm

Wednesday, August 31 6pm-8pm

## 2016 BAND SCHEDULE

### Monday Priority Rehearsals

Mondays, September 12, 19, 26  
October 3\*, 10, 17, 24, 31  
November 7  
6:30pm-9:00pm  
at RWB field

### Wednesday Priority Rehearsals

Wednesdays, September 7, 14, 21, 28  
October 5, 12\*, 19, 26  
November 2, 9, 16  
3:15pm-6:00pm  
at BHS

### Saturday Rehearsals

Saturdays, September 10, 17, 24  
October 8, 15, 22, 29  
November 5\*\*, 12, 19  
8:00am-lunch break

\*Rehearsal time will be 9am-12pm at BHS

\*\*Rehearsal time will be 1-4pm at BHS, if needed

### Football Games

Saturday, September 10 at 1:00pm	Away	vs.	Cliffside Park
Saturday, September 17 at 1:00pm	Home	vs.	Northern Highlands
#Friday, September 23 at 6:30pm	Away	vs.	Indian Hills
Saturday, October 1 at 3:00pm	Away	vs.	NV-Demarest
Saturday, October 8 at 1:00pm	Home	vs.	River Dell
Saturday, October 15 at 1:00pm	Home	vs.	Fort Lee (Homecoming/RWB Band Day)
Saturday, October 29 at 1:00pm	Home	vs.	Ridgefield Park (Senior Recognition Day)
#Friday, November 4 at 6:00pm	Away	vs.	Pascack Valley
Weekend of November 11-12	TBA		Playoff or Consolation Game
Weekend of November 18-19	TBA		Possible State Game (if needed)
Weekend of December 2-3	TBA		Possible State Championships(if needed)

#Denotes Pep Band ONLY for these games

*Football game schedule subject to change by Athletic Director.*

### Festival Performances

Saturday, September 24	Old Tappan, NJ	USBands NVOT Showcase
Sunday, September 25	Wayne, NJ	USBands Wayne Valley Showcase
Sunday, October 9 at 12pm	Home	USBands Bergen County Invitational
Saturday, October 15	Wayne, NJ	NJMEA Marching Festival at Wayne Hills
Saturday, October 22	New Brunswick, NJ	USBands NJ State Championships-Rutgers
Sunday, October 30 at 4:30pm	Montclair, NJ	North Jersey Band Festival-Montclair
Saturday, November 12	East Rutherford, NJ	USBands National Championships-MetLife

*Actual festival performance times will be announced prior to events.*

### Other Events

Saturday, October 29 at 8am	BHS Front Cafeteria	Band Breakfast
Monday, November 28 at 6pm	Clinton Inn, Tenafly	Band Dinner
Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 2pm	Washington Ave.	Bergen County St. Patrick's Day Parade
Monday, May 29, 2017 at 2pm	Washington Ave.	Bergenfield Memorial Day Parade

# **---GUIDELINES---**

(Required reading for Bergenfield High School Marching Band members)

Your membership in the Bergenfield High School Marching Band means that you know, or will IMMEDIATELY teach yourself, the spirit of energy, loyalty, personal organization, diligence, dedication, pride and self-discipline, since these are required to successfully fulfill your role as participant and performer.

## **RULE #1 – KEEP YOUR PARENTS/GUARDIANS INFORMED**

This includes policies of the department including the rehearsal and performance schedule and commitment. Students must be sure that their parents (and employers) understand and support the commitment that all participants are required to make – (See Rule #3).

## **RULE #2 – YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWING THE DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Band members are expected to listen to the daily announcements. In addition, they are expected to read and know all announcements posted in Room 133 (the Band Room), to check HomeworkNow on a daily basis, and to sign up for Remind text announcements.

## **RULE #3 – COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AT PERFORMANCES AND REHEARSALS**

- a) Your attendance at ALL performances for the entire year is required. There are NO EXCUSED ABSENCES except for documented illness or extreme emergency.
- b) You attendance at ALL rehearsals for the entire year is required.

Rehearsals are scheduled far enough in advance to allow you to plan and schedule other involvements so as to avoid conflicts with the rehearsal schedule. The rehearsal schedule becomes (in almost all incidents) a “PRIOR COMMITMENT” and this concept must be established at home, at work, etc. Any exceptions must be dealt with per (c), (d), or (e) below.

- c) You are responsible to your Director for any problems that vary from the procedures regarding performances and rehearsals, and it is **YOUR** responsibility to see that you, your parents, your employer, etc., have a clear understanding of these procedures.
- d) Any “unusual” problems or emergencies must be resolved far in advance of the affected date in consultation with your Director.
- e) If being sent home by the school nurse or administration for any reason on the day of a rehearsal or performance, be sure that your Director is so informed. The responsibility for the delivery of the message remains YOURS. Under no circumstances is a student permitted to leave school ill at the end of a rehearsal day without consulting the school nurse and their Director.
- f) Students who are active members of a Bergenfield High School athletic organization will refer to the supplemental material entitled “Attendance Policy for Musician-Athletes” to understand their responsibilities to both organizations.

#### **RULE #4 – PROCEDURE WHEN ILL FOR A NON-SCHOOL DAY PERFORMANCE OR REHEARSAL**

- a) Have a parent or guardian send an email to Mr. Timmons at [btimmons@bergenfield.org](mailto:btimmons@bergenfield.org) or phone the Music Department Office at 201-385-8600 x1789 and leave a message informing your Director of your illness. This should be done as far in advance of the rehearsal/performance starting time as possible. Failure to report the absence in advance will result in a grading penalty.
- b) Bring a doctor's note certifying your illness when reporting to the next meeting (class, rehearsal, etc.) of your organization.

#### **RULE #5 – YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF YOUR EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORM**

- a) You understand that ANY equipment issued to you, or used by you, is to be maintained by you and returned at the appropriate time in a condition at least as fine as the condition at the time of issuance (allowing for minimal, NORMAL, wear and tear). Damage caused by misuse or neglect is the sole financial responsibility of you and your family.
- b) You understand that no equipment, uniform or music problems should be handled on the day of a performance. Plan well ahead to avoid unnecessary emergencies.

Before leaving school prior to a performance day, be sure YOU have checked everything YOU need and that YOUR equipment is checked for condition and ready to go (uniform, instrument, music, etc.).

- c) You understand that no one will wait on you. Repairs (under staff supervision or through a qualified repair technician), care and maintenance are your responsibility. (The staff MAY be able assist you in an emergency situation).
- d) You understand that maintenance of equipment as outlined above ALSO applies to your own personal instrument as well. It should be kept in good working condition at all times and any problems are taken care of by YOU. (See a, b, c above.)

#### **RULE #6 – YOU ARE EXPECTED TO KNOW, UNDERSTAND, AND ACT ACCORDING TO THESE RULES**

- a) You should study these pages (rules #1-6) so that you have a working knowledge of the material.
- b) You are expected to ask questions when in doubt of any item.
- c) You understand that failure to follow the above guidelines jeopardizes the success of the organization and violates your commitment, which may affect your grade, participation, or both.

**BERGENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND**  
**2016-2017**  
**MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES**  
**(ALL BAND MEMBERS)**

ALL Bergenfield High School Band Members should exhibit the following characteristics:

- a) Fulfill all commitments completely and to the best of his/her ability.
  - b) Serve as a positive peer role model.
  - c) Maintain an enthusiastic, positive attitude towards all functions.
  - d) Understand that positive modeling and enthusiasm carries through the entire year, in Marching Band, concert bands; in orchestra and choir; and in each individual's daily contact with the entire school and community.
  - e) Learn to deal with peers in an effective, positive, and consistent manner.
  - f) Assist all officers and peers in their efforts whenever possible.
  - g) Understand that ALL band members are exemplars of the organization
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