

Broadneck High School Music

Welcome!

It is with great pleasure that I welcome all new and returning members to the Broadneck High School Band Program. As many of you are aware, we are a highly competitive band with many accomplishments over the years. Last fall we reached a milestone in our history by winning the Chapter IX Championships for the ninth time. Competition is not the reason we do what we do, rather it is the extreme pleasure and excitement that the students and staff receive from designing, perfecting, and performing the show to a high standard of excellence. Marching band is a valuable activity not only musically but also for teaching life lessons such as commitment, dedication, and consistently striving for excellence. Our belief as an organization is that band is not about the trophies or coming in first place, but it is about the process we go through to succeed. **It is about teamwork!**

I believe your child will benefit from being a part of our prestigious organization and in addition, I encourage you to become a part of our music booster group and our fall activities. We are always in need of parent support and assistance at the football games, band competitions, parades, and **most importantly help with the two Tournament of Bands to be hosted by Broadneck HS this year.** I believe the energy from our families always make a positive impact on the organization.

Thank you for giving our staff and me the opportunity to work with your child. We are extremely appreciative to the Broadneck community for your continuing support of the music programs on the peninsula. I look forward to getting to know you and your child. Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at the Broadneck High School Music Office 410.626.8362 or through my email mheist@aacps.org.

Musically yours,

Matthew Heist
Band Director
Broadneck High School

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2009 Marching Band Summer Rehearsals

June, July, and August

Percussion

Drum line & Front Ensemble

Wednesdays 6:00-8:30PM

Brass & Woodwinds

Wednesday, June 17th 6:00-8:30PM

Wednesday, June 24th 6:00-8:30PM

Wednesday, July 8th 6:00-8:30PM

Wednesday, July 15th 6:00-8:30PM

Wednesday, July 22nd 6:00-8:30 PM

Color Guard

Tuesdays 3:00-6:00PM

We understand the importance of family vacations and other opportunities that the summer has to offer but **if you are in town, you are expected to be at the summer rehearsals!** Work is not an acceptable excuse for being absent. Please make all efforts to attend these rehearsals. The success of our season starts at these summer rehearsals.

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2009 Fall Performance Schedule

(Updated 6/4/09)

Home Football Games at BHS (Updated 5/31/09)	
<i>The Marching Band performs at all home games.</i>	
Friday, September 4 th	BHS vs. Severna Park
Friday, September 25 th	BHS vs. South River
Saturday, October 10 th	BHS vs. Annapolis (HOMECOMING)
Friday, October 30 th	BHS vs. Northeast
Friday, November 6 th	BHS vs. Old Mill

Home Football Fridays - Practice, Dinner break, Football Game.
Games now start at **6:30PM**.

We will also perform at any home playoff games if necessary.

Competitions, Parades, and Exhibition Schedule	
Saturday, September 26 th	- Arundel High School T.O.B.
Saturday, October 3 rd	- Severna Park High School T.O.B. & BANDS BY THE BAY @ BROADNECK
Saturday, October 10 th	- Homecoming-Parade & Game
Thursday, October 15 th	- AACPS Marching Exhibition @ ???
Saturday, October 17 th	- Tournament TBA, possibly two tournaments.
Saturday, October 24 th	- Chapter Championships @ BROADNECK HS
Saturday, October 31 st	- Tentative ACC's Performance @ Hershey, PA (Group III)
Saturday, November 7 th	- Tentative ACC's Performance @ Hershey, PA (Group IV)

(These dates are subject to change due to recent changes in the county football schedule)

Above is our *tentative* 2009 schedule for the competitive marching band tournaments that the Bruin Marching Band has entered. Please place these dates on your family calendar. It is everyone's personal responsibility to honor your commitment. There are very few exceptions for missing a performance.

T.O.B.-Tournament of Bands

2009 Band Contribution Fee & Payment Schedule

Why is there a fee for marching band?

The marching band contribution fee is to help off set the immense cost of putting together a competitive marching band program. In combination with general fundraisers, primarily our tournaments in the fall, we are able to pay for our entire operating budget. The Broadneck Marching Band operates on an annual expense budget over \$48,000! The fees allow us to pay for transportation, staff honorariums, replace instruments, wind arrangements, percussion arrangements, color guard equipment, uniform maintenance, pep band music, tournament fees, and other miscellaneous costs that might occur during the season.

The marching band contribution fee should not hinder anyone from participating in marching band. If this fee is a financial burden please contact Mr. Heist to work out a solution such as an alternate payment schedule.

2009 Marching Band Contribution Fee: Total = \$350 per student (2nd student in family = \$275)

- August 10th \$150
- September 14th \$100
- October 19th \$100

**All contributions can be paid with individual fundraiser profits.*

Please make all checks payable to BMB and include your *child's name* and *Band Contribution* on the memo line. Please be prompt with meeting the above deadlines. If you need an alternate payment schedule please see Mr. Heist individually.

The marching band contribution fee for 2009-2010 includes the uniform dry cleaning fee for this year.

2009-2010 Fundraising

While Anne Arundel County Public Schools provide some financial support for the music program, the marching band, as a co-curricular activity is responsible for funding all of its additional need and activities. These funds include money for instruments, repairs, music arranging, uniforms and maintenance, awards, competition fees, transportation, and much more.

In order to meet our budget, several large general fundraisers will be scheduled. These activities provide a small portion of the funds needed to field a quality marching band experience for our students. The majority of the funds needed are provided through the collection of a marching contribution fee from each student participating in the program. The amount is determined based on the total budget for the season and is equally divided among the marching members.

To make these fundraisers a success, especially the tournaments hosted at Broadneck, we need help and support from all families.

General Fundraisers

Here is a preliminary list of the large-scale general fundraisers scheduled for the 2009-2010 school year:

<i>October 3rd</i>	<i>Bands by the Bay T.O.B.</i>	<i>BHS Stadium</i>
<i>October 24th, 2009</i>	<i>Chapter IX Championships</i>	<i>BHS Stadium</i>
Nov/Dec 2009	Poinsettia Sale	BHS
February 2010	Cabaret Night	BHS Aud/Cafeteria
March 2010	Basket Bingo	Columbian Center
????	Golf Tournament???	<i>(If you're interested in chairing this event please see Mr. Heist)</i>

Individual Fundraisers & Student Accounts

Following is a preliminary list of individual fundraisers where students can earn funds for their student account. These funds in the student account may be used to pay for any band fees, spring trip, purchase spirit wear, and other optional activities.

Fall 2009	Yankee Candle Sale
Winter/Holiday 2009	Great American Sale (<i>food & gift items</i>)
Spring 2009	Basket Bingo (<i>students earn a percentage of ticket sales</i>)
Fall 2009	Gianni's Pizza Sale

Uniforms

Each member of the Broadneck Marching Band will be issued a uniform to wear for the season. For winds/percussion this includes a marching jacket, white bib pants, and a shako. (Color guard uniforms are custom designed and made for each year's show.) It is considered an honor to wear the Broadneck marching uniform and it must be treated with respect and care. When you wear the Broadneck Marching Band uniform you are representing yourself, our band organization, our music department, our school and band members of the past and future. When you are in uniform you are viewed as part of the entire ensemble and not as an individual. Disciplinary action will be taken for anyone not following all uniform regulations or not wearing the uniform properly.

Dry cleaning expenses for this year are included with the Marching Band Contribution Fee. This includes 5 cleanings of the full uniform throughout the season. If inclement weather or an unexpected additional performance causes the uniform to need an extra cleaning you may be asked to have the uniform dry cleaned one additional time at your own expense.

Full uniform consists of the following uniform pieces:

Winds/Percussion

- Uniform Jacket
- White Bib Pants
- Shako
- White Marching Shoes*
- White Socks
- White Gloves*
- Grey Band T-Shirt*
- White Boxer Shorts

Color Guard

- Costume (custom designed each year)
- Gloves*
- Shoes*
- Make-Up
- Undergarments (depends on uniform design)

*These uniform items are purchased through our booster organization. Each student will be fitted for these items and fill out a uniform order form.

All uniform regulations and procedures will be explained to band members in detail before our first performance.

Attendance Policies

Marching Band is a co-curricular activity. Rehearsals and performances held beyond the school day are considered part of the course requirements and subject to the same attendance guidelines. A mandatory condition to being a member of the Broadneck Marching Band is to be able to attend **all** rehearsals and performances.

Marching Band is an activity, much like a team sport, where each student's presence or absence affects the entire ensemble. It is impossible for us to achieve excellence in performance if students are absent from rehearsals and performances. The staff and members of the Broadneck Marching Band take the attendance commitment quite seriously.

Absences are considered excused for these cases only:

- Severe personal illness accompanied by a note from a parent or doctor.
- Death in the family.
- Wedding in the immediate family (Please see Mr. Heist ahead of time for this circumstance so we can plan for your absence).

While these are considered our excused absences we understand extraordinary situations may occur. Please see Mr. Heist immediately if such a situation occurs.

Our attendance policy is:

- An un-excused absence may result in the student forfeiting performance privileges, removal from part of the show, or dismissal from the marching band.
- Multiple excused absences will result in a parent conference and could result in the student forfeiting performance privileges, removal from part of the show, or dismissal from the marching band.

Students are permitted a maximum of 3 excused absences for rehearsals.

Students are permitted a maximum of 1 excused absence from a performance.

2 un-excused absences will result in removal from the marching band program.

2 un-excused late arrivals will be considered the same as 1 un-excused absence.

The following reasons for missing a rehearsal or performance are **NOT** excused:

- Medical appointments.
 - Please do your best to schedule appointments at other times.
- Work conflicts.
 - While we understand that part-time jobs are an important part of learning responsibility, commitment and earning an income, students need to make sure their employer is flexible around your marching band schedule.
- Making up work with a teacher.
 - If you need to make up work with another teacher, prior consent from Mr. Heist is needed. Do not assume that it is acceptable to be late because of make up work.
- Homework conflicts.
 - Academic performance and success should be every student's priority while at Broadneck and this includes keeping up with homework. Students need to balance their academic work, marching band rehearsals, family commitments, and free time. Missing rehearsal because you are working on a homework assignment is not an excused absence.

Transportation Conflicts

- Not having transportation to or from a rehearsal or performance is considered an unexcused absence. We can work out transportation issues if you let us know in advance. Many students carpool with other families.

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*(Sign up for this groupsite to receive information regarding the
BHS music program.)*