

Bingham High School Department Of Instrumental Music

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Dear current & prospective band students & parents:

It is that time again, and plans and schedules have been finalized for the 2018 BHS Marching Band Field Show season! The 2018 fall program is again different than anything we have done before and we're looking forwards to going after our third state championship! You can listen to our wind and percussion books soon, and see the band calendar at www.binghambands.org - keep checking back under the "9th Period -Marching Band" tab!

We will once again be holding our weekly music sectionals throughout the summer until the full fall band camp in August to familiarize everyone with the show music before we put drill to the program. We'll also be doing Marching & Movement during the sectionals so bring comfortable shoes and water! The band staff will be helping with sectionals and working on the field show throughout the summer. Starting June 5, sectionals will be Tuesdays from 9 – 12 for all brass players, Thursdays from 9 – 12 for all woodwind players, and the color guard and percussion sections are currently on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 – 12 but possibly a different day each week so stay tuned for more details. These sectionals are STRONGLY encouraged and dates for percussion and color guard are usually mandatory, but we realize that students sometimes have other camps and activities during the summer so check your calendars and try to stay available for those band dates this summer.

This year we will also be participating in the Jordan All-District Marching Band performing for the July 24th festivities in Salt Lake. We will be rehearsing with the other 4 JSD high school bands July 18 - 20 from 9 – 12 at Bingham High School, and will perform for the Children's Parade July 21 and then the big parade on July 24. All band members participating in the fall should plan to attend.

This year's Rookie camp is Wednesday, August 1. All students brand new to the marching band this season regardless of age or experience should plan on attending this one-day camp from 8 am to 3 pm. The rest of the band will join us on August 2. **We require ALL band students planning to compete with the marching band in the fall competition season to attend the full fall band camp weekdays from August 2 – 15.** The camp will meet in the BHS band room & at our practice fields from 8 am – 8 pm. Please plan your family events and work schedules accordingly so that all students can attend this mandatory camp. Bring lots of water, lunch, and comfortable clothes.

If you are planning to compete with the band in the fall, plan to attend the 2018 Season & Tour Informational meeting on **Tuesday, May 1 at 7 pm in the BHS Auditorium.** You will also need to have filled out the *Marching Band Contract, Emergency Medical Form, and Camp & Clinic Registration Forms*, all included in this letter, and return them with the **non-refundable \$150 Deposit by the meeting on Tuesday May 1, 2018** to the BHS Main Office. **Deadline to completely drop the class with no continued financial obligation once the contract and deposit are received is Friday June 1 - IN WRITING - after this date you will be responsible for all course fees regardless of participation, minus the tour costs.** On Friday June 15, we will start to collect the \$150 Participation Fee, followed each month by the two \$125 marching band Course/District fee payments to start covering our local expenses such as transportation, entry fees, music and drill writing, staffing and the myriad of other expenses the band accumulates during the early season. This is the reason for the deadline / drop date. One payment of \$125 is due on Friday, July 13 and

the final is due Friday, August 17. These fees DO NOT include our TWO out-of-state tours in October - payments for those will be in September 7 (\$350) and October 5 (\$350). Please include a copy of your receipt with your contracts and initial deposit in May. It's going to be another historic year for the Bingham Marching Band!

Parents interested in traveling with the Band as Chaperones are always welcome. District Policy requires 1 adult for every 10 students as a minimum. If you are interested, you must read the Tour Behavior Contract and Chaperone Information documents under the "**9th Period - Marching Band**" link at www.binghambands.org, fill out Parent Chaperone Forms from the district website, follow the directions regarding getting a Notary signature and getting fingerprinted by the Jordan District office, and submit your first of two tour payments of \$350 with the documentation before or by September 7. The second payment is due on October 5, just like the students. You will also be expected to sign an Expectation Contract with the director before travel. We need a lot of parents with a group this large, so we hope to see you on the road!

This year on June 19 the Bingham Marching Band will be hosting the Troopers Drum & Bugle Corps while they are in town. While here, the BHS band can watch their rehearsals, sectionals, and rub elbows with these outstanding student musicians – some no older than your high school student! And all right here at Bingham in our stadium for free! More details to come!

We are excited to have your student (and hopefully you!) become a part of this wonderful musical experience and encourage you to strongly consider signing them up for the 2018 marching band season. It will take hard work and dedication but the end result in your student's life can be absolutely amazing. **Parents are continually telling us of the positive impact that marching band has had on their children as well as themselves.** The discipline and sense of pride that comes as a result of working together as an open class band and parent support brings great rewards and personal growth. Please read through the frequently asked questions and if you have other concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me or check us out at www.binghambands.org. We'll see you this summer!

Sincerely,

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2018 BHS Marching Band Staff

Mecqae Colligan - Assistant Director / High Woodwinds
Chris Lyon - Assistant Director / Low Brass
Jerusha Johnson - Assistant Director / High Brass
Rachelle Lyon - Assistant Director / Low Woodwinds
Charles Jenson - Front Ensemble Instructor
Larry Edvalson - Battery Instructor
Tom Tolman, Color Guard Instructor
Mauricio Torres, Color Guard Instructor
Chris Stiles – Visual Caption Head
Zach Janis - Visual Tech
Tim Mikan – Drill Writer / Program Coordination
Gary P. Gilroy – Composer

If you decide to join us this year, please return the enclosed contracts with the \$150 non-refundable Deposit by Tuesday, May 1, 2018 to the main office at BHS.

We are really excited about this fall and hope you and your student decide to become part of it. We hope to see you in the Band Hall!

Some Frequently Asked Questions:

...When does the marching band class meet / rehearse?

Once school starts August 21, marching band usually meets three times weekly, Monday & Wednesday from 3 – 6 pm on the practice field, and Thursday nights 6 – 9 pm in the stadium until around November 1. Because of performances & the football teams' facility usage, weekly rehearsals can move around some, but we will always meet three times a week, & the last rehearsal of the week will always be in the evening in the main stadium under the lights. Monthly schedules might be sent to each member via email from their section leader, but the entire season is currently published and updated regularly on the band calendar at www.binghambands.org.

... Can my 9th grade student be involved?

We invite and encourage all 9th grade students to join the Marching Band, but they must also be enrolled in, and must continue to be involved with their middle school band programs. The Marching Band is not a substitute for the middle school music experience, but this is a great opportunity for 9th graders to be introduced into the high school experience. Students will make friendships with other students who have the same interests, and the transition to high school becomes SO much easier. Your student will truly become a Bingham Miner a year earlier!

... What transportation arrangements are available from Middle Schools?

9th graders are expected to organize car pools to get them to the high school for our rehearsals by 3:15 pm sharp! South Jordan Middle is close enough to walk, but Elk Ridge will need help from parents. "New" Band parents can help by forming rotating car pools to help organize this transportation from Elk Ridge or South Jordan.

... What is the time commitment?

A complete calendar is on the BHS Band web page at www.binghambands.org. The attendance at rehearsals is crucial to our success and ANY absence must have prior approval with Mr. Graber directly – IN WRITING. This is a participation-based academic COURSE that involves a Fine Arts / optional PE grade. Time commitment is less than the involvement in any major sports team at BHS, and we rehearse about 9 hours a week with competition/game weeks comprising up to an additional 15 hours. Color Guard and Drum Line / Front Ensemble may have additional practices in the summer and during fall season.

... What camps are absolutely essential to attend?

To be competitive and prepared for the bands we will compete against this fall, **Fall Band Camp weekdays from August 2 – 15 is mandatory for all members marching in the fall season, and the one-day rookie camp on August 1 is required for all students new to the marching band this season.** Members of the Drum Line, Front Ensemble and Color Guard may have extra practices scheduled throughout the summer due to the volume of information for those groups and those will be announced at the start of the summer by their staff.

... When are payments due?

The initial Deposit of \$150 is due May 1, 2018. The \$150 Participation Fee is due June 15, and the two remaining Course/District fees of \$125 each are due July 13 & August 17 respectively. There will be a few other associated costs for color guard shoes, outfits and equipment, district instrument rentals, and tour fees, but those won't be due until after the first day of class August 21. **The deadline to completely drop this class with no continued financial obligation once the contract and \$150 Deposit are received is Friday June 1 - IN WRITING - after this date you will be responsible for all course fees regardless of participation, minus the tour costs.** All fees must be paid before students are allowed to travel with on tour at the end of the season.

... What do we do about family vacations and summer camps?

We encourage students to try to schedule activities around the summer sectionals and the fall band camps in August but we realize conflicts will sometimes occur. The best times for family vacations are early June, or around the first part of July. August is just a bad time overall. Members of the Drum Line, Front Ensemble and Color Guard may have extra summer sectionals scheduled, and those schedules can be flexible and announced in advance to the members of those units. **Again, the only summer activities that are absolutely mandatory for the band members is the Rookie camp Tuesday, August 1 and/or the full band camp weekdays from August 2 through the 15.** We want kids to have a great experience as well as time off, and are willing to try and work with your schedule.

... What are the total costs for the marching band?

A non-refundable Deposit of \$150 is due on May 1 to reserve and assign your student's position for the fall. After that, the \$150 Participation Fee is due June 15, and the two remaining all-inclusive marching band Course/District fees of \$125 are due July 13 and August 17, respectively. Students using school instruments will pay an \$80/year district instrument rental fee. This fee helps to repair and maintain our instrument inventory and buy new instruments for BHS. There are also some equipment / uniform fees for Color Guard members. If students want the official band polo, those cost \$25 and are good for pep band gigs / travel, etc. and will be used for other band activities throughout the year, *however they are not required.* The total tour costs this year will be \$700 for BOTH trips. **The deadline to completely drop this class with no continued financial obligation once the contract and deposit are received is Friday June 1 - IN WRITING. After this date you will be responsible for all course fees regardless of participation, minus the tour costs.**

... What type of course credit can my student receive?

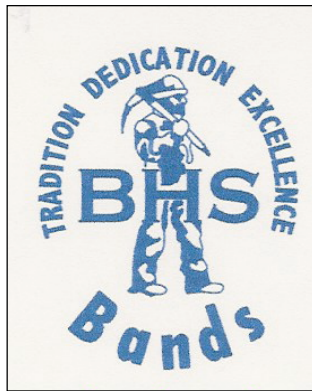
Members of the BHS marching band receive a full semester of Fine Arts or Elective credit for their approximately 14 weeks of participation in marching band. Arrangements can be made to waive their Junior year Elective PE semester class for marching band participation as well.

... Can I take fall marching band without participating in the August camps?

Because all of the work that is done during the fall camp is directly related to the field show, it is critical for students to be at all mandatory fall camp rehearsals in August. The summer sectionals are technically optional, but STRONGLY encouraged. Drum Line, Front Ensemble & the Color Guard members may have extra sectionals during the summer that the woodwinds & brass players do not and those are mandatory. The marching band is one of the most visible groups at Bingham! We know there will be a few conflicts, but in order to be prepared for the competition season and the bands from all across the Western US, all the August rehearsals are extremely important. We have tried very hard to leave weekends in June and July fairly open for vacations, work, and just time off from the band and school.

... What is the payment time frame and why?

In order to determine accurate numbers for the show design, we must require students and parents to fill out and return the contracts and forms that are included with this letter along with a receipt of the non-refundable \$150 Deposit by May 1. This is designed to give us a final number of members for the drill writer to start writing drill June 1, several months prior to the camps in August. The \$150 Participation Fee, the two remaining all-inclusive Course/District fee payments of \$125, and the other residual color guard fees mentioned above are spread monthly over the summer to give students time to earn funds over the summer & be able to stretch payments over a period of time. If students have financial issues, please speak to Mr. Graber as we want the finances to work out for every student! We have multiple fundraising opportunities in the pipeline so check out the fundraising link at www.binghambands.org and get involved so you can possibly do all this without money out of pocket! The first fundraiser is the Marching Band garage sale May 21! Don't miss out! Remember; **The deadline to completely drop this class with no continued financial obligation once the contract and deposit are received is Friday June 1 - IN WRITING - after this date you will be responsible for all course fees regardless of participation, minus the tour costs.**



Marching Band Contract - Due May 1, 2018

Name _____ Instrument _____
Address _____ City, Zip _____
Student email _____ Home Phone _____
Cell Phone _____ Grade Next Year _____

As a member of the 2018 Bingham High School Marching Band, I agree to abide by the following policies and procedures. I further understand that for the betterment of the band, a violation of anyone of these policies could result in my being assigned as an alternate or removal from the Bingham High School Marching Band program.

Attendance policy:

1. All BHS school rules and rules in the BHS Student Handbook are in effect at all times.
2. Rehearsal: Members will be allowed a maximum of 0 unexcused absences, 3 excused absences (prior written approval required), & 3 tardies. Tardies will be made up after each rehearsal with the section leader. No absence at rehearsal just prior to competition will be excused. On competition weeks, students missing the final rehearsal will not be allowed to march, but are expected to attend.
3. All music must be memorized by designated deadlines. Music must be passed off to section leaders, designated staff and/or Mr. Graber. Section leaders are there to help you, so please use their help with the music.
4. Members may be asked to perform their drill segments and marching technique for their section leaders, staff, and/or Mr. Graber. Drill segments will include proper field position, horn position, body motion, music performance, etc.
5. Attendance at rehearsals is required. Any absence must have prior approval of the section leader. See above.
6. Students will maintain a minimum 2.5 grade point average and only one F or NG in the previous quarter to be eligible for competitions. No exceptions.
7. All deposits and fees are non-refundable and must be paid in a timely manner in compliance with the payment schedule.
8. To assure uniformity of the band extremes in appearance such as hair color, facial jewelry, hair over the collar, beards, mustaches, etc. are not permissible.
9. All performances are mandatory (including tour performances). I understand there is one to a part, and I will schedule accordingly.

I understand these policies and realize the success of the BHS Marching Band is dependent on my dedication and commitment to individual excellence. My attitude and ability will combine with other members to create the spirit and precision of the Bingham High School Marching Band. I agree to be removed from the show if these expectations are not fulfilled.

Band Member's Signature _____ Date _____

Parents Signature _____ Parents email _____

To ensure drill position for the fall, please sign and return with receipt of Deposit for \$150 (non-refundable). Deposits can be made at the BHS Main Office.



**BINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND
2018 EMERGENCY MEDICAL FORM**

NAME OF STUDENT _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

PERSON TO CONTACT IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK _____

FAMILY PHYSICIAN _____

INSURANCE CO. & POLICY HOLDER _____

POLICY NUMBER _____

IF STUDENT IS ON MEDICATION, PLEASE LIST _____

MAJOR SURGERIES IN LAST YEAR _____

ACUTE OR CHRONIC MEDICAL CONDITIONS _____

I GIVE MY CONSENT FOR THE ABOVE NAMED STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL BAND ACTIVITIES OF THE BINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM FOR THE COMING SEASON DATES:

June - October, 2018

I GIVE PERMISSION FOR ANY MEDICAL TREATMENT NECESSARY FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF MY CHILD WHILE AT SCHOOL, AT PERFORMANCES, OR ON TOUR.

Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

Parents email address _____

2018 Marching Band Fee Schedule

Deposit	May 1	\$150
Participation Fee	June 15	\$150
Payment #3	July 13	\$150
Payment #4	Aug 17	\$150
SoCal Tour Pay #1	Sept 9	\$350
SoCal Tour Pay #2	Oct 7	\$350

Season Total including Tours \$1300*

- ***All fees MUST be paid by October 5 prior to Tour – total does not include instrument rental fee (if applicable), color guard equipment, etc.***

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Payments can always be made (and are appreciated) before these due dates. Please be advised that students and chaperones are required to check off financially with the main office before they will be allowed to travel.

2018 Marching Band Fundraisers

more details at www.binghambands.org on the main page and under the 'Band Booster/Fundraising' tab

What	When	Time	Where	Details
Yard Sale	May 19	9 am – 3 pm	Prospector Park	Setup @ 8 am

Be sure to attend the Annual Booster Meeting Thursday, August 9 at 7 pm in the BHS Band Room where additional fundraisers will be introduced in the fall, and sign up lists are available for parents to help out.