

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The Instrumental Music Department's in-school program consists of four band classes, each requiring Director's permission and placement audition:

- o **Varsity Band** (entry-level)
- o **Concert Band** (intermediate level)
- o **Symphonic Band** (advanced level)
- o **Wind Symphony** (most advanced level)

These bands perform a concert series each year, which has included premiering new music as well as hosting guest artists and conductors.

**Extra-curricular activities** include Marching Band & Color Guard, two jazz bands, various wind ensembles, a percussion ensemble and winter color guard program. These groups participate in various events and competitions throughout the year and have won many awards. However, contests are not the main focus of the band program. The main emphasis of the overall Instrumental program is on musicianship, showmanship, pride of accomplishment, morale, tradition, spirit, loyalty, and especially citizenship. With these objectives in mind, the BHS Instrumental Music Department is involved in a number of projects including the Weekend of Jazz which has brought 27 headline jazz artists to Beaver Creek over the past 14 years. The BHS instrumental Music Department has also taken on special "pay-it-forward" projects like the 2000 "Student-to-Student" collection of an estimated \$61,330 worth of humanitarian aid and musical equipment for a music school in Bosnia, The "Toys For Tots" Campaign, "Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund", The American Cancer Society and "Feed The Creek", to name a few. The Beaver Creek Marching Band & Color Guard has recently performed at locations such as Orlando, Nashville, Cleveland, New York City, Pittsburgh and St. Louis.

The **Beaver Creek High Schools bands** pride themselves on their achievements both on and off the performance field and stage. The Marching Band uniforms bear five stripes and an up-side-down triangle on the front. Although they are pure decoration to the audience, the stripes and triangle have a meaning for each band



member. To them, the design represents how success is determined.

## COLOR GUARD

The Beaver Creek Color Guards are a proud part of the Beaver Creek High School Instrumental Music Department. Color Guard is an ensemble of students who interpret music through dance and the twirling of flags and rifles. The Beaver Creek Color Guard performs as part of the Beaver Creek High School Marching Band and as a separate Winter Color Guard.

The **Beaver Creek High School Winter Color Guard** season starts in November and ends in April. The group competes at both Mid-East Performance Association and Winter Guard International Events. The ensemble holds auditions open to all Beaver Creek High School students in grades 9 - 12.

The **Beaver Creek Color Guard program** prides itself on teaching the highest standards of teamwork, sportsmanship, discipline, organizational skills, dedication, goal setting, communication skills, pride, confidence, and self esteem. All of these valuable skills are taught each day as the Color Guard members enjoy the fun, friendship, success, and travel that are all part of the Beaver Creek Color Guard.

## CHORAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The Choral Music Department, one of the finest vocal programs in the State, consists of three vocal music groups and one extra-curricular show choir. Enrollment is by audition only. Attendance is required at all performance and evening practices.

- o **Freshmen Choir** (all girls ensemble; beginning to intermediate level)
- o **Concert Choir** (all girls ensemble intermediate to early advanced level)
- o **A Cappella Choir** (mixed ensemble; college level, advanced performance skills required)

Nationally recognized, these choirs perform numerous concerts throughout the year including requested performances at prestigious music festivals and competitions, and guest performances

such as Disney World and the OMEA State Music Conference. Because of the dedication and hard work of the choir students, these groups have earned numerous Superior 1 ratings at OMEA District and State Level Competitions. Beaver Creek choral students are considered to be the goodwill ambassadors to the Beaver Creek Community. They pride themselves on scholastic achievement and becoming people of strong character.

**Extra-curricular activities** include the **Friends Show Choir**, a select group of highly talented singers, dancers, instrumentalists, and crew which is open to all students by audition only. The group participates in Tri-State concerts, competitions, and performs at school and civic events throughout the Miami Valley. This group is highly sought after because of their fine musicianship and showmanship.

The **Friends Show Choir** has earned numerous Grand Champion and Caption Awards including Best Show Concept, Choreography, Vocals, Set Design, Soloists, and Best Performer. The Friends pride themselves in their rich vocal and instrumental sound, as well as their staging, choreography, and original show themes. Friends travel to locations such as Orlando, the Caribbean, New York City, Cleveland, Columbus, and various locations in West Virginia, Indiana and Ohio.

Friends members must be enrolled in one of the above choirs (optional for the combo and stage crew). A mandatory camp is held in August. Evening rehearsals are held twice weekly.

Friends hosts the **Beaver Creek Midwest Show Choir Classic**, a middle and high school invitational. Parents and students work together to plan and present this two-day event which draws groups from Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, and Illinois.

## BEAVERETTES DANCE TEAM

The Beaverettes Dance Team was organized as a Drill Team in 1966 to promote school spirit. In years past, the Drill Team performed along with the Band at Beaver Creek High School football games and at various Marching Band & Color Guard competitions. In 1983, the **Beaverettes**

**Dance Team** became a separate group from the Marching Band – still performing at football games, but concentrating more on dance.

The **Beaverettes** have evolved over the years from a traditional military style Drill Team to a competitive Dance Team. Made up of girls from grades 9-12, the team now performs a variety of styles of dance including Pom, Jazz, and Kick.

The **Beaverettes** perform at Beaver Creek High School events, football, soccer, and basketball games, parades, and community events. In addition, the Beaverettes compete at various dance competitions throughout the Tri-State area and host an invitational dance competition. The nationally-ranked Beaverettes have received numerous Superior ratings throughout the years, and finished as AmeriDance National Champions in 2009.

The team runs on a year-round schedule. Auditions are held each year in May. The team attends various summer camps and practices throughout June, July, and August. Once school begins, the team starts off their season with the Homecoming parade and performances at home football, soccer, and basketball games.

The **Beaverettes** compete almost every weekend during the months of February, March, and April.

### **Your 2014-2015 Executive Board**

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**FREQUENTLY  
ASKED  
QUESTIONS**

**Q: How do I join the BMPA?**

A: You don't have to do a thing to join the BMPA. Full voting membership is *AUTOMATICALLY GRANTED* to the parent or legal guardian of any student in the Beaver Creek High School Music Department. Non-voting membership may be extended to any person supporting the goals of the BMPA.

**Q: Are there dues?**

A: No.

**Q: Does the BMPA sponsor "fundraisers"?**

A: Yes. Proceeds from fundraisers support some of the expenses of the Music Department. The primary source of funds comes from the sale of concessions at outdoor and indoor BHS sporting events, and special events of the Marching Band & Color Guard, Friends Show Choir, and Beaverettes Dance Team. Funds are also obtained from Citrus Fruit Sales the first weekend in December and members' continuous participation in the Kroger Community Rewards Program, Amazon Smile and Meijer.

**Q: How successful are the BMPA-sponsored fundraisers, and how are the profits distributed?**

A: BMPA-sponsored fundraisers traditionally have been very successful.

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Concession net profits and the Kroger Neighborhood Rewards Program are distributed according to the number of students enrolled in the Instrumental Music and Color Guard, Choral Music, and Dance Team programs in October of each year. All net profits from the Citrus Fruit Sale are distributed to each program according to the amount sold by the participating students from that program.

**Q: When and where does the BMPA meet?**

A: Monthly meetings are usually held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Band Room. BMPA meetings usually last 30-45 minutes and are followed by Instrumental Music and Color Guard, Choral Music, and Beaverettes Dance Team individual meetings.

**Q: How can I help?**

A: The BMPA uses parent/guardian volunteers to staff concessions, help with the Citrus Fruit Sales and fill vacancies for worker openings at events. Additionally, you could volunteer to help one of the individual groups within BMPA or you may choose to run for one of the BMPA Officer positions. Whatever your talents or interests, the BMPA has a place for you!

**Q: How can I get more information?**

A: Please contact any BMPA Executive Board member for more information.



**IMPORTANT DATES  
TO REMEMBER**

- Monday Aug 25 BMPA Meeting, 7 pm
- Monday Sept 8 BMPA Meeting, 7 pm
- Monday Oct 6 BMPA Meeting, 7 pm
- Monday Nov 3 BMPA Meeting, 7 pm
- Monday Dec 1 BMPA Meeting, 7 pm
- Thursday Dec 4 Bag Fruit
- Fri-Sun Dec 5-7 Fruit Sale
- Monday Jan 5 BMPA Meeting, 7 pm
- Fri-Sat Jan 16-17 Friends Show Choir  
Invitational
- Monday Feb 2 BMPA Meeting, 7 pm
- Monday Mar 2 BMPA Meeting, 7 pm
- Thur-Sat Mar 5-7 Weekend of Jazz
- Sunday Mar TBD Beaverettes Dance  
Team Competition
- Monday Apr 6 BMPA Meeting, 7 pm  
(Exec Board Elections)
- Monday May 4 BMPA Meeting, 7 pm



**The Beaver Creek Music Parents Association (BMPA) supports the Beaver Creek High School Music Department groups including Instrumental Music, Color Guard, Choral Music, and Dance Team. The Association is organized exclusively for charitable purposes under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.**

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