

Bridgewater-Raritan High School Band Parents Association

BPA General Meeting Minutes – September 18, 2018

Introductions of the Board and Laura Craig (Supervisor, K-12 Music Department), Remarks by Ms. Craig

Sophomore Class Rep: Jill Esposito will now be Class Rep, and Chair for PR.

There was a Spotlight New Jersey for NJNews12 for the pre-game, and we will send out a link.

Doc B. Remarks: Marching Band Competitive season has begun, but we also have extended offerings for the other programs. We host several major events for Concert and Jazz Bands. Jazz Band has a “season”, Concert and Wind Ensemble have several events as well, including the State Gala. Events:

- Reading session for the High School CJMEA Bands and Orchestras: December 15th (Saturday) NEEDS VOLUNTEERS for food, etc.
- Holding a Concert Band Festival on March 21st, with multiple visiting concert bands NEEDS VOLUNTEERS for food, etc.
- Jazz State Preliminary Festival Tuesday March 5th, all afternoon all evening, NEEDS VOLUNTEERS for food, escorts, guides, moving equipment, etc.
- Auditions for CJMEA are on December 8th (???) at JP Stevens (???) information will be provided, also on CJMEA.com
- BRHSBAND.ORG is the website – calendar is there, and the schedules are updated weekly.
- Winter Percussion and Winter Guard is also available, Jazz is Monday/Tuesday and auditions are in October
- It is important to know that doing Band, Orchestra and Chorus work very closely together to ensure that participation in all three is possible and does not conflict with each other.
- We will be part of a book about rehearsal tactics this year, which is looking for a series of recordings on learning a piece of music. The book is about the process by which a high school group learns. They are going to start recording this piece, and it will be a companion piece to the book... this isn't for revenue, but provides publicity for the music program, which allows the band to participate in additional projects that can expand their experience.

Treasurers' Report: Omitted for this evening due to time, will be in next month's meeting:

JETS GAME: November 11th. Tickets have not yet been distributed, JETS PR has requested that they not be released for another two weeks (approximately). Any questions about payment may be directed to AnnaRene Jeremiah. Tickets will be 100% MOBILE. An email will be sent to the email address provided, the app is necessary to get the tickets. An email will be sent to AnnaRene when they are accessed. Kids' tickets will be handled by the Band Parents Association, they will NOT be part of the emailed link. The more tickets we sell, the more money we make. Kids are getting a break. We CAN go over the amount. You can pass the link on if you purchased tickets for another family. Sitting in 249/250 section (on the endzone). Parents will be seated in front, kids will be sitting behind us, all together, after the performance.

SENIOR NIGHT: This Friday, contact is Sarala. Half-time, parents will be prompted to come down and line up, and we will take pictures, after the game, there will be cake and pictures.

Snackers and Bakers: Things are going very well

Pit Crew: Happy to report that we have had a good number of volunteers, very much appreciated, and thank you for coming, please continue to join us!

Ann Mailhot: Reminder that the uniforms are dry clean only, they can be hemmed but NOT cut, because that means we cannot re-adjust. This years, the sashes DO NOT GET DRY CLEANED, because the process will destroy them. Hand wash and hang to dry if necessary, these are handmade and there are NO EXTRAS. The collar is removable and can be washed if necessary.

PARADE: This weekend, SUNDAY, kids report at noon, check website for schedule. Step off is 1:00. Basilone Parade. To accompany the band, we have chaperones and hydration station/water bottles.

Kristen Sokol: Spirit Wear: Spirit Wear is a FUND RAISER, and it helps all the programs. Show shirts should be arriving this week, those were sold via paper order form. Hoping to move the show shirt to the link for the Spirit Wear, which is on the BRHSBAND.ORG website. There are a number of items that can be ordered for the music program, there are plenty of options. Hopefully the next order will be placed online for the show shirts. They will cost somewhat more because they are not in bulk. It takes about 10 days to get orders. Orders have been extended until September 30th, should be received by October 12th.

PHOTOS can be ordered, if your child did not sit for a Senior Portrait, they can do it this Friday.

UPCOMING EVENTS – VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR THE FUNDRAISING COORDINATION:

- Family Dinner Night – California Pizza Kitchen, October 3rd

YAMAHA CUP: There is a venue conflict for Yamaha Cup, and it is not taking place on 10/13. The Yamaha Cup will be replaced with another competition on 10/13 in our schedule (TBD), but we will not be able to attend the rescheduled Yamaha Cup event on 11/10, due to its timing.

BARNES & NOBLE BOOK FAIR FUNDRAISER FEEDBACK: NEED VOLUNTEER TO RUN IT. Need to select the night and run it at some point during the fall. There are also nights for Hillside and Eisenhower already booked.

Cheesecake and cookie dough fundraiser (Broadway Cheesecakes) is kicking off (presentation for kids) October 9th, delivery before Thanksgiving. Mr. Mossa spearheaded this fundraiser.

CRAFT FAIR: December 1st! We do not believe there will be any conflicts, we have volunteers (but can always use more), invitations for crafters should will be going out soon. No resale – Premiere Jewelry, Pampered Chef... handmade/altered ONLY.

Principal Charles Ezell came and made remarks, we will be reaching out to send information for inclusion on e-blasts to the school.