

2019/2020 BRHS Marching Band

The Bridgewater-Raritan High School Marching Band is a seasonal co-curricular large ensemble comprised of woodwind, brass, percussion, and color guard sections. Although it is not an auditioned ensemble, only high school students currently enrolled in a curricular large ensemble (band, orchestra, and/or choir class) are eligible to join the wind or marching percussion section while any student is eligible to join the color guard section or front ensemble (stationary percussion).

All members are guaranteed a performing position - there is no bench, second string, etc. in marching band! Each member of the ensemble is tasked with an equally weighted performance experience which makes this team unlike any other at BRHS.

The ensemble performs a field show each year designed to engage, inspire, and entertain a domestic and competitive audience while fostering opportunities for dynamic growth in overall musicianship, pageantry, visual coordination, technique, and expression. The marching band also makes annual appearances at the John Basilone Parade in Raritan and the Memorial Day Parade in Bradley Gardens as a proud representative of the Bridgewater-Raritan community. You will also find the marching band at varsity football games throughout the fall season supporting our BRHS colleagues and creating an exciting game-time atmosphere!

The season officially begins in late August with two weeks of band camp and will conclude in early November. The marching band meets for rehearsals during the season on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, rehearses/performs at BRHS Varsity Football games on Fridays, and rehearses/performs at competitions on most Saturdays.

Preview Rehearsals

All BRHS and BRMS students are invited to attend the following preview rehearsals. Students can expect to experience a sampling of music and movement instruction, befriend returning members of the team, meet the instructional staff, and get to know the 2019 program. It is a fantastic opportunity to see what being in the marching band is all about.

Musicians currently enrolled in curricular large ensembles (band, orchestra, and/or choir classes) are eligible to march as members of the wind or marching percussion section and all high school students are eligible to join the color guard section or front ensemble (stationary percussion). Returning members should make an effort to attend as many preview sessions as possible.

Date	Section(s)	Time	Location
Tuesday May 7, 2019	Winds	6:00 - 8:00pm	BRHS
Thursday May 9, 2019	Guard + Percussion	6:00 - 8:00pm	BRHS
Wednesday May 15, 2019	Winds	6:00 - 8:00pm	BRHS
Monday May 20, 2019	Guard + Percussion	6:00 - 8:00pm	BRHS

Wednesday May 22, 2019	All	6:00 - 8:00pm	BRHS
Wednesday June 5, 2019	All	6:00 - 8:00pm	BRHS
Monday June 10, 2019	N/A	Commitment form due online	N/A

Student Leadership

All BRHS students are welcome to attend leadership training. Any students interested in a leadership position must attend all BRHS leadership training. All students are encouraged (not required) to register and attend the Band Leadership Training summer program at West Chester University (registration online at vivaceproductions.com).

Date	Event	Time	Location
Friday May 10, 2019	BRHS Leadership Training	2:45pm - 5:00pm	BRHS Band Room
Friday May 17, 2019	BRHS Leadership Training	2:45pm - 5:00pm	BRHS Band Room
Friday May 24, 2019	BRHS Leadership Training	2:45pm - 5:00pm	BRHS Band Room
Wednesday June 5, 2019	Leadership Interviews/Conducting Auditions	Interviews to take place after school/Conducting Auditions @ Preview Rehearsal in evening	BRHS Band Room
Friday June 7, 2019	BRHS Leadership Training	2:45pm - 5:00pm	BRHS Band Room
July 20 & 21	<i>*Band Leadership Summer Program</i>		<i>West Chester University</i>
July 22 through July 25	<i>*Drum Major Academy</i>		<i>West Chester University</i>

**Band Leadership Summer Program and Drum Major Academy are not affiliated with BRHS; They are a recommended and entirely optional summer enrichment for the BRHS leadership program. All BRHS students are invited to consider enrolling.*

Summer Rehearsals (Guard + Percussion)

Due to the particular skill sets associated with our percussion and color guard sections, we will run rehearsals throughout July and August. Although attendance is not mandatory, it is highly encouraged as we aim to develop a strong foundation for the upcoming season.

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday July 9, 2019	6pm-9pm	BRHS
Tuesday July 16, 2019	6pm-9pm	BRHS
Thursday July 18, 2019	6pm-9pm	BRHS
Tuesday July 23, 2019	6pm-9pm	BRHS
Tuesday July 30, 2019	6pm-9pm	BRHS
Thursday August 1, 2019	6pm-9pm	BRHS
Tuesday August 6, 2019	6pm-9pm	BRHS
Tuesday August 13, 2019	6pm-9pm	BRHS

2019 BRHS Band Camp

All members are required to attend mandatory band camp at BRHS. Evening sessions are at Basilone Field unless otherwise indicated.

Date	Time	Location
Monday, August 19, 2019	8am-3pm	BRHS
Tuesday, August 20, 2019	8am-3pm	BRHS
Wednesday, August 21, 2019	8am-3pm	BRHS
Thursday, August 22, 2019	8am-3pm	BRHS
Friday, August 23, 2019	8am-3pm	BRHS
Monday, August 26, 2019	8am-3pm, 6pm-9pm	BRHS
Tuesday, August 27, 2019	8am-3pm, 6pm-9pm	BRHS
Wednesday, August 28, 2019	8am-3pm, 6pm-9pm	BRHS
Thursday, August 29, 2019	8am-3pm, 6pm-9pm (No Basilone)	BRHS
Friday, August 30, 2019*	8am-3pm, 6pm-8pm*	BRHS

*All family and friends are invited to attend our first public performance of the 2019 program at Basilone field @ 8pm on Friday August 30.

Fall Schedule

The marching band practices every Tuesday and Thursday evening at Basilone Field (unless otherwise indicated) throughout the season. *All members are guaranteed a performing position with the understanding of full attendance.* The marching band practices on Friday afternoons prior to football games, and Saturday mornings/afternoons prior to competitions. The band performs the competitive field show at halftime at home varsity football games and in competitive arenas throughout the season on weekends. Exact performance times at competitions are determined approximately one week in advance by the organizers of each

event. Saturday rehearsal times will be confirmed on a weekly basis. See the attached calendar pages for all current marching band obligations for the season.

Please do not sign up for the following exam dates that conflict with marching band performance obligations:

PSAT on October 19

SAT on October 5; November 2

ACT on September 14; October 26

Paperwork

You may scan the QR Code Below or enter the URL in any web browser for access to the 2019/2020 BRHS Marching Band Commitment Form.

By completing and submitting this form, you are *officially signing up for the ensemble*. You will be asked to itemize all expected scheduling conflicts, identify your name, grade level, and expected instrument/section. Once you click submit...you're in! Welcome to the team!!

Attendance Policy

100% attendance from all performers at all practices and performances is the best way to ensure the rapid growth of our ensemble and program. Missing time due to pre-existing conflicts that are itemized on the commitment form should be avoided. Examples of permissible pre-existing conflicts resulting in absences include but are not limited to weddings of immediate family members and/or religious obligations. Student illness and/or ailment and emergencies of a one-time-nature resulting in absence from practice or performance are of course permissible, however they must be communicated from a parent/guardian to Mr. Mossa and/or Dr. Bourgault. Students may not excuse themselves from practice or performance.

You, the student, are responsible for managing your attendance and commitment to the rehearsal and competition schedule. Please review the calendar of events with your family to ensure your availability before you sign on with the marching band. Reduced performing roles may be assigned at the discretion of the director depending on the number and/or frequency of absences.

The commitment form is due no later than June 10th.

Please note that many hours of work go towards completing the design of the program choreography, music, and drill movements over the course of the summer months (June/July/August). The entirety of the program is customized to the exact dimensions and number of performers we have. Any changes in personnel after June 10 will significantly disrupt the design process. As such, we ask for a firm commitment so we can program the highest quality product for you, the student, to experience, perform, and ultimately take ownership of. Please contact Mr. Mossa if you have any reservations, questions, or concerns about anything!



Or enter the following url in a web browser:

<https://forms.gle/79oD8rmNE6tVdweC8>

The commitment form is also available in the BRHS Marching Band Google Classroom. See Mr. Mossa for the entry/access code to join!