

2018/2019 BRHS Winter Percussion

The BRHS Winter Percussion Ensemble is a competitive indoor ensemble that meets from November to May. The ensemble is comprised of any and every percussion instrument including battery instruments, keyboard instruments, synthesizers, handheld percussion, cymbals, and more. The ensemble is made up of two sections - a stationary front ensemble and a battery unit that has the capability of marching/maneuvering.

The ensemble experience is designed to extend the structures of marching band: to allow for students to practice a devotion to an individual craft - proficiency in rhythm and musicality through percussion instrument performance - to create and convey an artistic presentation of an emotive theme/concept as an ensemble. Students that participate in winter percussion are part of a team that strives to perform at the highest level within a co-curricular program that emphasizes musical growth and high quality percussion pedagogy.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to be a percussionist to be in the Winter Percussion Ensemble?

No! We encourage all percussionists currently enrolled in curricular band ensembles to strongly consider joining - but any musician currently enrolled in a curricular band, orchestra, or choir ensemble is eligible to sign up. Student musicians of all backgrounds are welcome.

Do I have to be in Marching Band to join Winter Percussion?

Students that have not joined marching band as members of the percussion section *are* eligible to join winter percussion but it is expected that *all winter percussion members participate in the following season of marching band*. If you are a member of the marching band, you *do not need* to join winter percussion (although it is highly encouraged). If you are a wind player (brass/woodwind) in marching band, you may participate in winter percussion but you should plan to participate in subsequent seasons of marching band on your wind instrument.

How much will it cost?

The Winter Percussion members are asked to pay an activity fee as per district regulations (\$25) that is collected by the school district. Remaining monetary commitments are based on travel expenses and the cost of equipment and instructional staff and will vary year to year.

What is the time commitment?

The winter percussion ensemble will meet weekly on Wednesday evenings in the BRHS Band Room. Additionally, the ensemble will meet on Saturdays for practice prior to competition outings and will have some independent Saturday practice. See below for the tentative schedule:

Tentative Schedule of Practices **(Performances TBD)**

A revised and completed schedule will be issued to all members after registration

Date	Time	Performance/Practice	Location
November 28, 2018	6:00 - 9:00pm	Informational Meeting + Open Rehearsal #1	BRHS
December 5, 2018	6:00 - 9:00pm	Open Rehearsal #2	BRHS
December 7, 2018	N/A	PAPERWORK + SIGN UP DEADLINE	N/A
December 12, 2018	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	BRHS
December 19, 2018	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	BRHS
January 2, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	BRHS
January 5, 2019	10:00am - 4:00pm	Practice	BRHS
January 9, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	BRHS
January 16, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	BRHS
January 23, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	BRHS
January 30, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	BRHS
February 6, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	BRHS
February 13, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	BRHS
February 16, 2019	9:00am - 4:00pm	Practice	BRHS
February 17, 2019	Practice and Performance Time TBD	USBands Home Show	BRHS
February 20, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	BRHS

February 27, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	BRHS
March 6, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	BRHS
March 13, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	BRHS
March 20, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	BRHS
March 27, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	BRHS
April 3, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	BRHS
April 10, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Practice	BRHS
April 17, 2019	6:00 - 9:00pm	Wrap Up Meeting	BRHS

Paperwork

Please review, complete, and return the following pages:

- Winter Percussion 2018/2019 Contract**
- Student + Family Information Form**
- Day Trip Student Permission Form**
- Activity Fee Registration (Send to BOE, not collected by the band program)**

BRHS Winter Percussion 2018/2019 Contract

By signing and submitting this form, you, the student, agree to be present at all indicated dates and events and are guaranteed a performing position in the winter percussion ensemble. In the event that an absence is expected, please indicate the scheduling conflict(s) below*.

Excused absences include the below listed conflicts, emergencies of a one-time nature, health/medical injuries/conditions, curricular obligations (concerts, trips, etc.), poor academic standing, violations of conduct at the discretion of the directors, and disciplinary infractions as per BRHS Policy (suspensions, etc.). Please make every effort to take care of your health and your grades to ensure you are able to participate in the fullest capacity for the season!

You, the student, are responsible for managing your attendance and commitment to the rehearsal and competition schedule. Please review the listed dates with your family to ensure your availability *before* you sign on with the winter percussion ensemble. *This form is due by December 7, 2018 - no exceptions.*

Unexcused absences may result in the disallowance of a subsequent performance opportunity.

*After carefully reviewing the schedule, please list any presently existing conflicts. If there are a large number of conflicting events, you may not be guaranteed a performing position in the group.

I have reviewed the schedule, and I have read and agree to the above terms and policy in order to maintain and contribute to the high quality performance that is expected of the members of the Bridgewater Raritan High School Winter Percussion Ensemble.
Sign me up!

Student Name (print)

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student + Family Information Form

Student Name: _____

Student Grade: _____

Student email: _____

Student alternate (non-school affiliated) email: _____

Guidance Counselor: _____

Please mark which curricular large ensemble(s) you currently participate in:

- Concert Band
- Symphonic Band
- Wind Ensemble
- 9th (Freshman) Orchestra
- Concert Orchestra
- Symphony Orchestra
- Mixed Choir
- Select Women's Choir
- Symphonic Choir
- I am not presently enrolled in any curricular large ensemble

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Emergency Contact (Phone Number): _____

Parent/Guardian Emergency Contact #2 (Phone Number): _____

Parent/Guardian email: _____