## BALDWIN HIGHLANDER MARCHING BAND INTEREST MEETING

PLEASE SIGN IN ON THE SHEET IN THE FRONT OF THE AUDITORIUM AND PICK-UP AN INFORMATIONAL PACKET

## WHO WE ARE/ WHAT WE DO

- BWSD's most recognized performing arts ensemble
- Participate in community-based performances throughout the summer and fall
- Compete in local and regional circuits against other school marching bands
- Travel to various cities throughout the nation to perform in parades (Chicago 2024)


## DRUM CORPS VS. COLLEGE STYLE

- marching style aims to replicate Drum Corps International (DCI)
- each student is assigned an unique "dot" and moves more freely to create formations
- focus on step style and precision of body movements
- Performs one show with challenging musical and visual interest
- marching style aims to replicate college bands (ex. Penn State Blue Band)
- students move as a row and stick to straight lines and sharp corner turns to create formations
- Performs several popular music themed shows with a focus on pep


## REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

## JUNE:

- New Member practices (June 5th and 6th): Intro to Marching Band
- Mini-Camp (June 26th - 30th): Basic marching techniques/ Music rehearsals
- Brentwood 4th of July Parade


## JULY:

- Thursday morning practices
- If you are in town, please be here. If you are on vacation, please enjoy your break from school and work!


## AUGUST/ BAND CAMP

## AUGUST:

- 2 weeks of band camp - MANDATORY
- Longer days (8 A.M.-4 P.M./ 8 A.M.-8 P.M.)
- Learn the entire show of drill (marching formations)
- Switch to evening rehearsals after band camp


## WHY IS BAND CAMP MANDATORY? SAFETY!

## SCHOOL YEAR REHEARSALS

## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER:

- Tuesdays and Thursday 5:30-9:00 P.M.
- Friday Night Lights (usually 4:30/5:00-10:00 P.M.)
- Saturday Competitions (usually 12:00-10:00 P.M.)


## SAMPLE REHEARSAL:

- Physical warm-ups/ Visual block (5:30-6:15)
- Drill review/ visual introduction (6:15-7:30)
- Sectionals (7:30-8:00)
- Full Ensemble (8:00-8:45)
- Announcements/ Clean-up (8:45-9:00)


## COLOR GUARD PRACTICE/ TRY-OUTS

PRACTICE DAYS
May 17th \& 31st
5:30-7:30 P.M.

BHS Small Gym
All new members will work on dance and flag techniques.
Students will be taught small routines utilizing basic color guard skills.

TRY-OUT DAY
June 1st
5:30-7:30 P.M.
BHS Small Gym
All members will be asked to perform the skills that they were taught during the practice days.
Students attending Camp Soles will be allowed to try-out on May 31st.

## PERCUSSION WORKSHOP/ PART PLACEMENT

## WORKSHOP DAYS

May 17th \& 31st
5:30-7:30 Р.M.

Band Room
All members will be exposed to instruments in the battery and front ensemble. At the end of the workshops they will be asked to rank their preference.

## PLACEMENT DAY

June 1st
5:30-7:30 P.M.
Band Room
All members will be asked to
showcase their skills on a series of instruments. Students will then be placed on the most appropriate instrument for their skill level.

## MY CHILD IS INVOLVED IN OTHER ACTIVITIES - CAN WE DO BOTH?

## SIMPLE ANSWER - YES, MAYBE.

We have always made it our mission to work with other activities' schedules to allow for students to do both - and most times it works out. We have had students participate in the marching band and football, cheer, track, swimming, volleyball, etc. We simply need to compare the practice and game/performance schedules.

## NEXT STEPS

## - MY KID IS ALL IN, WHERE DO WE SIGN-UP?

The last slide will have a QR code to sign up. Simply scan that and fill out the information form. Then we will see you on June 5th!

- WE'RE UNSURE, CAN WE TRY IT OUT?

Yes! We encourage any student who might be unsure to try out the New Member days and Mini-camp. After Mini-camp a decision will need to be made.

- WE'RE A BMS FAMILY AND THIS SEEMS LIKE A LOT FOR MY CHILD, IF WE DON'T SIGN UP NOW, CAN WE STILL SIGN UP IN HIGH SCHOOL?
Absolutely! Every year is a new band and a new opportunity to sign-up.


# REGISTER NOW! 

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## PERC. <br> WORKSHOPS

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GUARD WORKSHOPS


