



# Bloomington High School

## RAGUN' BULL BAND

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## **Remember, everything is fluid and subject to change**

Dear Parents and Students:

As we wait to see if the department of education approves the districts opening plan, the information in this letter will explain the Bloomington Band's starting schedule based on the district's current proposal (as of 8/6/2020). This schedule has been reviewed and approved by the Bloomington Administration based on the guidelines outlined in the Phase III from the school district. Just like the percussion and Crimson Guard conditioning we have had this summer; we have followed the athletic procedures and will continue to implement those procedures and guidelines.

**Obviously, we are working closely with the school district as it pertains to the safe reopening of our program and school. Priority is given to the safety and well-being of all students and their families.**

**Breaks/Water: To comply with best practices with CDC health procedures, students will have to bring their own personal water container. Social distancing will be enforced throughout. Additionally, we will be looking into and purchasing specialty face masks and shields that will be used while performing on instruments AND protective covers for instruments.**

**LEADERSHIP MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 20 & 21 FROM 6 – 8:30PM TO DISCUSS NEW PROTOCOLS AND WHAT THE YEAR MAY LOOK LIKE**

## **SCHOOL STARTS MONDAY, AUGUST 24th (eLearning)**

Enjoy your first day of eLearning!

**EVENING REHEARSALS BEGIN Monday, August 24, 6pm**

**Full Band/Crimson Guard "Preseason Training" August 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> (EVERYONE)**

Otherwise known as band camp, Bloomington's "preseason training" will be August 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>.

Bloomington's "preseason training" will be focused on these main goals:

- 1) Learning safe procedures with 'musical hygiene' as it pertains to band and guard.
- 2) Ensuring **all** students are properly registered in 'Home Campus'.
- 3) Correct Marching and Maneuvering
- 4) Music Rehearsals
- 5) Staging pre-game.

By the end of the first day of preseason training, drill spots may be assigned so it is important that **all members attend all sessions of training**. Please schedule work and other commitments around these important dates just as you would for any priority commitment.

**Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Day 1 will be dedicated to hygiene procedures, 'Home Campus' confirmations, and marching and maneuvering basics (we will be inside socially distanced for Day 1). **NO INSTRUMENTS WILL BE REQUIRED ON DAY 1, 8/24/2020 (FULL Band and Guard)**

**Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**STUDENTS MUST BE CLEARED IN THE HOME CAMPUS IN ORDER TO PRACTICE.** DAY 2 will begin again with a review of hygiene procedures. Instruction on proper instrument care, distribution of specialty masks for use while using instruments (with Instrument covers). Full Rehearsal. We will be moving outside for more fundamental marching and starting music rehearsals. (Band and Guard)

**Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**STUDENTS MUST BE CLEARED IN THE HOME CAMPUS IN ORDER TO PRACTICE.** DAY 3 will begin again with a review of hygiene procedures. Instruction on proper instrument care, distribution of specialty masks for use while using instruments (with Instrument covers). Full Rehearsal. We will be moving outside for more fundamental marching and starting music rehearsals. (Band and Guard)

While students are outdoors, they will be given plenty of water breaks and adults will always monitor them. To comply with best practices with CDC health procedures, students will have to bring your own personal water container.

**What to bring to preseason training/evening rehearsals • Wear light colored, loose fitting clothes • Sunglasses • Water container • Hat • 2 pair of white socks • Sunscreen & bug spray FACE MASKS! PERSONAL HAND SANITIZER!**

Wear correct footwear – tennis shoes with support!!! Flip flops, sandals will **not** be allowed while marching. **Instrument and all accessories (i.e. reeds, mouthpiece, oil)**

**Required\* materials for Marching Season**

Flip folder and music lyre for your instrument – available at music showcase.

3-Ring binder and plastic page protectors (about 20) for drill Reeds, mouthpieces, oil, cork grease, neck straps, etc. Pencil!

Personal tuner (before you buy one, check with Mr. Sever, he will have the recommended ones available for purchase).

**Personal water cooler.**

\*Just like any class, these materials are required to be successful in band. In order to keep paper costs down, students will be issued one set of music and drill. Therefore, all students will be required to obtain a music flip folder and a 3 ring binder with plastic page protectors to keep these materials for the entire season. Additional copies can be printed from home off the Charms website.

After this first week of ‘Preseason, our rehearsals will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 – 8pm. Please refer to the calendar on the band’s web site for more detail.

**Communication Communication Communication**

I am a firm believer that open lines of communication with the Director are necessary to have the best experience in band. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR INFORMATION AND YOUR CHILD’S INFORMATION IS UP TO DATE. Parents and students are encouraged to speak with the Director about anything. Specific circumstances for anything should be done in advance (whenever possible) and privately (if necessary) with the Director. In short, I must be informed so every family can have a positive experience and every student can get the best music education possible. If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me via email.

**Instrument Rental**

If your child is in need of an instrument, please contact me at [jon.sever@sdhc.k12.fl.us](mailto:jon.sever@sdhc.k12.fl.us) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE as these instruments are limited and are issued on a first come, first serve basis.

**What is Charms?**

Charms is a free program that includes your information and your child’s information such as email, phone, and address. This program provides me a way to contact you via email and/or texting. It’s a helpful program that allows parents and students to access calendars, forms, and music. It’s important that your information is current so I can properly contact you, so please check for accuracy on your personal information. Enclosed is a “how-to” log on sheet for Charms. If you are having troubles registering for “Charms”, please contact me and I will make sure you are in the system for registration.



## Home Campus/Athletic Clearance Participation Instructions and Requirements for Athletics, JROTC, Band, and Band Auxiliary

The application for extracurricular participation will only be submitted electronically and can be found on the Hillsborough County Public Schools Athletics Department website at:

<https://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/doc/list/athletics/student-forms/39-285/>

or can be directly accessed on the Athletic Clearance website: <https://athleticclearance.fhsaahome.org/>

All students participating in Athletics, JROTC, Band, and Band Auxiliary will be required to complete, submit, and receive verification of clearance prior to being allowed to participate in extracurricular participation at any Hillsborough County Public School. This includes participation in conditioning, tryouts, practice, contests and approved off-season activities.

### Scheduling Issues

If for some reason Band is not on your schedule, please contact me ASAP so I can fix it for you. No one is EVER removed or cut from the program. I will be able to correct your schedule so Band is a part of your education. Please contact me personally via email at [jon.sever@sdhc.k12.fl.us](mailto:jon.sever@sdhc.k12.fl.us) if you have an issue with your schedule concerning Band, and I will personally address your concerns with the administration.

### \*\*\*LONDON PARADE 2023 TRIP \*\*\*

We have been invited to return to London to represent Tampa, the state of Florida, and the USA in the 2023 New Year's Day Parade. We will be traveling to London after Christmas day in 2022 and stay through the New Year. More details to follow.

Sincerely,

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Director of Bands