

**Want to be in the Bloomingdale High Band?
We would LOVE to have you!
Here is some helpful information:**

***ARE YOU BRAND NEW TO BLOOMINGDALE?
ARE YOU A FRESHMAN AND/OR NEW MEMBER?***

We would love to have you join our band! So, what's first?

Please make sure you have filled out the information on the following link so we may be able to contact you. This is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT:

<https://forms.gle/mb8rpmqzxGaQ8RkbA>

Summer Rehearsals: We hold a full day freshman/new member rehearsal including all color guard, drum line and leadership preseason training during a Saturday in the summer. (see calendar for dates/times)

Band Camp: We hold what we call "preseason training" the week before school starts. Unless otherwise stated, the rehearsals are from 3 p.m. – 9 p.m. (excluding Wednesday) (see calendar for dates/times)

IF I DID NOT SIGN UP FOR BAND, WHAT CAN I DO NOW? CAN I STILL JOIN?

YES-- just have your parent/guardian email Mr. Sever at jon.sever@sdhc.k12.fl.us

DO I NEED TO AUDITION TO BE IN BAND?

Any student can be a part of the Rajun' Bull Band. So, no, if you are registered for band 1-4 or instrumental techniques 1-4 you are already in the band program!

The following activities, however, listed below, will require an audition:

Crimson Guard
Marching Percussion (Battery)
Jazz Ensemble 1
Wind Ensemble
Leadership

Based on the audition results, a student may be allowed to be in the performing groups listed above. Auditioning for these groups is optional. Mr. Sever and staff members will have final say as to the size and membership of these 'audition only' groups.

WHAT IS THE CRIMSON GUARD?

The Bloomingdale High School Crimson Guard is a nationally recognized group that offers activities to showcase the talents of color guard members during the winter and spring months. Auditions for the upcoming year are usually held in the spring of that year. Updates will be made on this website.

WHAT IS MARCHING BATTERY?

The Bloomingdale High School marching battery is an audition only group of musicians. The percussion line consists of snare drums, bass drums, tenors, and cymbals.

WHAT IS JAZZ BAND AND WHO CAN BE IN IT?

The Bloomingdale High School Jazz Ensemble is an audition only ensemble usually for sophomores, juniors and seniors. Auditions are held at the end of the calendar school year.

WHAT IS WIND ENSEMBLE AND WHO CAN BE IN IT?

The Bloomingdale Wind Ensemble is an audition only group of musicians. Any student wishing to audition, freshman through senior, should contact Mr. Sever via email to schedule an audition date.

WHO IS ON LEADERSHIP?

The leadership group will consist of students from sophomore grade through senior and will be considered through their conduct, interview, and grades.

TELL ME ABOUT PRACTICES

The required practices are scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. during the football season. (times may need adjustments due to inclement weather or other reasons deemed by the Director) Students are required to be on the field, with their instruments and music, ready to practice, at 6:00 p.m. At 6:01, the attendance whistle will sound. Students not in their assigned attendance spot at this time will be considered tardy. Practice is normally held on the Driver's Ed lot behind the faculty parking lot on the east side of the school. Students will wear cool, casual, non-restrictive, non-revealing clothing, and shoes with support, no high tops or sandals. Students are required to wear socks to prevent blistering. Sunscreen and bug spray are also needed at times. Students are encouraged to eat a healthy snack or meal and to drink water before practice. **ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BRING THEIR OWN WATER CONTAINER.** Students are required to attend every practice because a new part of the show is added at each practice so please schedule work and other appointments accordingly. The percussion and Color Guard will have additional practices with the days and times being announced as the season progresses. Individual instrument sections will also have required periodical "sectionals" with dates and times announced in advance. Please be advised that the rehearsal is scheduled to end at 8:00pm. However, if the students choose to waste time during the allotted rehearsal schedule, the Director will add time to the end of practice until the students are back on task and they have made up for the time that was wasted.