

SUMMER BAND NEWS 2019



WELCOME

Hope everyone is having a great summer! Pretty soon evenings in Duncan will be filled with the brilliant sounds of the Rebel Regiment! Included in this packet is some vital information about upcoming summer practice (known as band camp to the students), a roster to help assist you with carpooling and some general information.

Our design team has put together a magnificent competition show. We have a great production planned and this looks to be the best season yet for our band. The final piece to that puzzle will be YOU! The more you practice on your own before camp, the better we will be!

GO REBEL REGIMENT!

NEW BAND MEMBERS

First off- new band members....just relax- this can all seem kind of overwhelming but remember...every single student in our band was once a first year member just like you! Over 200 of them decided to stick with it, so it's definitely worth it! They also know what it is like to be new at this. You will quickly realize it's a lot of fun to be in the band and see what a positive difference it makes!

INFORMATION- Great ways to get information:

BAND WEB SITE- <http://byrnesband.org/>

FACEBOOK PAGES:

Student facebook page (STUDENTS AND STAFF ONLY)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/536422843069130/>

Parent facebook page (PARENTS AND STAFF ONLY)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/RebelRegimentParentPage/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

BAND CAR WASH - August 3rd, 11am-3pm (this is required unless students have a valid excuse) There will be district employees and parent chaperones at each location. Locations will be posted at byrnesband.org and a flyer will be given out during the first week of full band practice. with details.

SUMMER PRACTICE "BAND CAMP" START DATES

Color Guard July 15th

Percussion/Officers July 22nd

*Winds (Hornline) July 29th

***WINDS OR HORNLINER= Brass AND Woodwinds**

Whenever the schedule says Full Band- That means all Sections (Brass, Woodwinds, Guard and Percussion)

BAND PAYMENTS

BAND FEE - There is a \$100 school fee for all students participating in marching band. This will be paid at school registration. Checks for this can only be made payable to the school (Byrnes High School or Byrnes Freshman Academy) **Rising 8th graders do not need to pay this fee.**

FOR ALL OTHER ITEMS (such as shoes, trip payments, color guard items, fundraiser turn-in, booster memberships, etc.) Checks are made payable to RBBC (Rebel Band Booster Club)

FALL COMPETITION TRIP PAYMENTS

If you have not paid your \$375 fall trip payment, please get this to the band boosters asap. You can mail to: RBBC P.O. Box 761 Duncan, SC 29334 or pay online at byrnesband.org - Students who are not current with trip payments run the risk of being in a rotator or alternate position. The band room will be open 5-9pm on Tuesdays in July.



SCHEDULE CONFLICTS

Absences for the reasons listed below will be excused provided the directors are notified well in advance when possible.

- Illness (Doctor's note needed for missed performance)
- Marriage in the immediate family (2 month notice required)
- Death in the immediate family

Extenuating circumstances, such as church-related events or family situations will be handled on a case-by-case basis (the more advance notice, the better chances of it being excused)

We rarely excuse students from performances (especially competitions) -. Please check the band handbook for more details concerning attendance.

***Brass and Woodwind students contact Mr. Bone at Bonedog@aol.com if you have a schedule conflict that needs to be considered as a legit excuse. He will review each situation carefully with the band staff.*

***Guard students contact Mr. Archie for schedule conflicts: warchie30@gmail.com*

***Percussion students contact Mr. Sanders for schedule conflicts Austin.Sanders@spart5.net*

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Please choose a time to go that does not conflict with band practice for your section- each school will have a time frame that does not conflict with practice. Please plan ahead so you will have plenty of time to complete the registration process and not miss any band practice. **Please check school websites closer to the dates- times are subject to change.**

BYRNES FRESHMAN ACADEMY - August 6th from 7:30 am to 7 pm.

DR HILL- August 6th 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

FCMS- August 8TH 9AM-12 & 2-6PM

JAMES F. BYRNES HIGH SCHOOL:

- August 6 Tues 8:00 AM-1:30 PM for 12th gr
- August 7 Wed 8:00 AM-1:30 PM for 11th gr
- August 8 Thurs 8:00 AM-1:30 PM for 10th gr
- August 15 Thurs 1:30 PM-7:00 PM for ALL grades (make-up day)



SHOW MUSIC and SMART MUSIC

Show music is available on the student section of the web site. We will also upload recordings of each part to help you practice. There is list of who plays what part and a flyer giving instructions on how to use smart music. There is also a contact list of band officers if anyone needs to ask for help with their music. Follow the steps below to the student section where you can find all of this info:

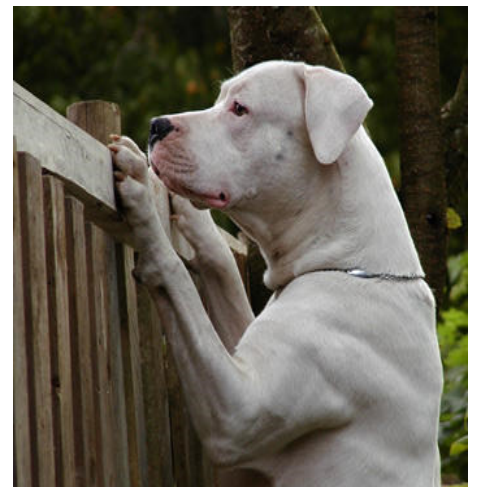
- GO TO ByrnesBand.org
- Go to Resources and Information
- Go to Students
- Go to Students (Private) **THE PASSWORD WAS GIVEN IN THE EMAIL NEWSLETTER AND AVAILABLE ON THE PRIVATE STUDENT/PARENT FACEBOOK PAGES**

REHEARSALS ARE CLOSED – To help minimize distractions

We ask that parents, friends and family members do not come into the band room, school or go inside the gated field area (or stadium) before or during rehearsals. Regular rehearsals are closed so that students can stay focused and get their goals accomplished.

We don't mind parents watching from outside the gate or from the top of the hill, but please do not come inside or near the building. In the event of bad weather we need to keep doorways clear and space available for 250+ students.

This also helps keep confusion down since the staff has so many students to relocate and instruct.





SUMMER PRACTICE ESSENTIAL INFO



BRING A PERSONAL WATER COOLER – This is essential. EACH STUDENT NEEDS TO HAVE THEIR OWN (labeled w their name) Sickness can spread when students share coolers – We will have water-horses on in order for students to re-fill these during rehearsal. Bring these even in the afternoons since water fountains are limited and lines can be long These types of personal water coolers can be found at local stores.

WEAR SHOES YOU CAN MARCH CORRECTLY IN- Regular tennis shoes or cross-trainers are best. No high-tops, converse all-stars, flip-flops, sandals or crocs. Everyone should wear socks to avoid blisters.

SUNSCREEN/HAT- Many students choose to wear sunscreen and a hat- this is up to you.

The 4-6pm Dinner Break during summer band practice

Band room will be open during dinner break and a staff member will be there- Students may stay on campus (ONLY IN THE BAND ROOM AREA) during that time.

Per district rules- Students should NOT plan to walk across 290 to Subway, Dollar General or any other places. This rule is for safety reasons due to heavy traffic on 290.

You have three options- leave in a vehicle and go get food or bring your own food with you and stay on campus with the staff or someone can bring you food during this break

BAND ROOM OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES- With the exception of dinner breaks explained above, the band room will open 20 minutes before any practice start time- It will close 30 min. after any ending time- please plan ahead with rides and carpools so that students are not left unattended. Thank you.



STAY IN SHAPE

We encourage everyone to stay active this summer and spend some time outside. Even a little bit of exercise each day will help you stay in shape for marching season.