Rebel Regiment News

Band Reminders for Nov. 23-30TH

Find us online at: byrnesband.org

PARADE PRACTICE

We will have parade practice Thursday Dec 3rd 4-6pm. This is required for all hornline and percussion. If you have a legit schedule conflict, please email Mr. Bone Bonedog95@aol.com by Tues Dec 1st.

CHRISTMAS PARADES

Students will only need to sign up for one of the two Parades. 10-12th graders will sign-up Nov 23-24th during class. 10-12th graders who are virtual or not in class should email Mr. Bone Bonedog95@aol.com by Nov 24th to let him know which parade. We will not take buses to parades this year. Students will meet at the starting location of the parade. Large instruments and equipment will be brought to and from on the truck. Performing at one of the two parades will be a performance grade.

LYMAN/WELLFORD CHRISTMAS PARADE- SATURDAY DEC. 5TH

- Call Time 3:30pm – Middle Tyger Community Center
- Parade Begins 4:30pm
- Parade Starts and ends at Middle Tyger Community Center

DUNCAN PARADE- SUNDAY DEC. 6TH

- 1:30pm Call Time at BHS Band Room
- Parade Begins 2pm
- Parade Starts at BHS and ends at Pirate Cove Water Park

BAND ROOM TIMES FOR NOV./DEC.

The band rm will be open for Private lessons and practice 4-7pm Mondays and Thursdays until Winter Break. **It will also be open 4-7pm Tues Nov 24 since its closed for Thanksgiving the 26th**

FLIP FOLDER TURN IN

We will collect flip folders Mon-Tues Nov. 23-24th. Anyone that is virtual or not in class one of those two days will turn in their flip folder at parade practice Dec 3rd.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 23-24th

Band room is open for lessons 4-7pm

Turn in flip folders during band class

10-12th graders sign up for parades during class

Dec 1-4th

Winterguard Auditions 4-6pm

December 3rd

Parade Practice 4-6pm Hornline & Percussion

December 5th

Lyman Parade- Afternoon

December 6th

Duncan Parade- Afternoon

December 14-15th

Band Major Test Grade- See handout for details

WINTERGUARD AUDITIONS

We are asking that our our entire Rebel Regiment band family help us recruit for winterguard! Please talk to any friends that may be interested and encourage them to at least show up and give it a try. If you invite people individually, that really helps the most!

The only thing we ask is that you **DON'T recruit students who are ALREADY play an instrument in middle school or High school band**. We need every one of those students to play their instruments for band (especially woodwinds)

There are HUNDREDS of students in the middle and high school that don't play a band instrument and those are our target recruits 😊

There is a link to the audition info on the band web site: ByrnesBand.org

PRIVATE LESSONS

Taking private lessons is the key to becoming a top-level player. The bands that make finals at nationals have 85-90% of their students taking private lessons.

You need to take lessons all year. Taking just a few lessons before region auditions isn't going to get you there. You are competing against students who have taken lessons all year. 5-6 lessons vs. 52 lessons will not be able to compete. Consider year-round lessons in order to see true improvement.

Level of instructor matters- Make sure you are taking form a top-notch teacher that is getting you to the level you want to be. A private lesson list is available at byrnesband.org and attached to this email.

The band room is open until 7pm on Mondays and Thursdays for anyone who wants to practice or take lessons. Students can also take lessons during lunch or their band class. Just taking private lessons won't make your better- you actually need to practice and put into action what your private lesson teacher is telling you.

This is one of the biggest areas where parents can help. Please take the time to set up lessons. Just contact someone on the private lesson list to set up lessons. Prices vary based on their level of experience/degree. Most will even come to the school and teach so transportation isn't an issue.

INSTRUMENT UPGRADES

We are only going to be as good as the instruments we play on. Please considering upgrading to a professional line instrument if you don't already have one. Some of these could make great gifts. Even if you cannot get a new instrument, consider an upgrade in mouthpiece or other item that will help. A list of recommendations is attached. Feel free to contact the band staff members listed in case you have any questions about specific instruments. The top bands in the country have every single student performing on a professional line instrument. This makes a HUGE difference in the way a band sounds.