



BAND REMINDERS SEPT 6-9TH

HOME GAME THIS FRIDAY SEPT 9TH

A bus will bring students from the middle schools to BHS on game days

- 4pm Practice- Band Field (or sometimes in the stadium)
- Wear summer uniform to practice because WLTX news will be filming us for game of the week
- Concession Break (Bring \$\$ or bring your own food/drink) Usually starts between 5:30-6pm
- 6:45pm Call Time in the stands- bring your cooler with you!
- 7:30pm Game Time
- Approx. 10:30pm Pick up time (Game usually ends between 10-11pm)

We will wear summer uniform for this game - Students are not allowed to leave campus during concession break. Students MUST have a water cooler for the stands at home games!

AVOIDING SICKNESS

With many important performances coming up we need everyone to go the extra mile to avoid sickness. Here are some helpful tips:

- 1) Don't drink after other people- Don't play an instrument after someone else
- 2) Get enough sleep- if you are trying to run on low to no sleep your body can't fight sickness as well
- 3) Wash your hands after using the restroom
- 4) Eat right – eating healthy will help your body fight off sickness
- 5) Use common sense- don't put yourself in situations where you can get sick

Covid is still going around and also a stomach bug. We need to all do our best to take needed steps to avoid sickness. Please do what you can to avoid getting sick. Absences are killing us right now!

COMPETITION BAND SCHEDULE CHANGE REMINDERS

Reminder that we added a practice for competition band Mon. Sept. 19th. Competition band will stay until 5:30pm that day. This is because nationally renowned choreographer Jim Moore is coming in to design for us. Students in competition band will not have to attend after school practice on Wed. Sept. 21st. Football band members that are not in competition band will still have practice Sept 21st.

One additional change for competition band is that call time on Sept 17th is now 6:45pm.

BAND BOOSTER MEETING TUESDAY 6PM

Our first booster meeting of the year will be Tues Sept 6th in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium at 6pm. We will share opportunities for parents involved, upcoming trip details for competition band, some additional information about the competition band show and details of upcoming football band performances. All parents from football and competition band are encouraged to attend.

TOURNAMENT OF BANDS

One of our biggest fundraisers of the year is Tournament of Bands. We will be hosting 30 high school bands plus the 450 member Western Carolina Pride of the Mountains. All competition band members will be required to work a 2.5 hour shift. Football band members may sign up if they wish but it is not required. We also need adults to volunteer as well. More info will be posted on the parent FB page and emailed out. The competition band will perform at 9:15pm. Call time will be approx. 90 minutes before that (we will post finalized time next week) Work shifts will begin approx. 9am and go until 11pm.

NEXT TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE Full season schedule available at ByrnesBand.org

5	6 Competition Band 3:45-5:45pm Band Booster Meeting 6pm Fine Arts Center	7 Full Football Band (All Sections) 4-5:30pm	8 Competition Band 3:45-5:45pm	9 Home Game Full Football Band	10
12 Percussion 4-5:30pm Color Guard 4-7pm	13 Competition Band 3:45-5:45pm	14 Football Band Hornline 4-5:30pm	15 Competition Band 3:45-5:45pm	16 Competition Band Mini-Camp 4-7pm	17 Competition Band Preview Show 9am-12 noon Practice 6:45pm Call Time Full Uniform 8pm Performance



SNAP RAISE IS STILL GOING

This is our biggest money-maker of the year. Feel free to share the included QR codes on social media. We only have one week left to reach our goal- everyone please try to give one final push to get some donations going!



BAND FEES

We still have several students that need to get on track with band fees. Competition Band members will not be able to sign up for buses or hotel rooms until their trip fee has been paid. There are links on the home page of **ByrnesBand.org** that has all the details on fees and how to pay them. A few students still owe for band shoes also- Students will not receive band shoes until their have paid for them.

AFTER SCHOOL PRACTICE FOR FOOTBALL BAND

We still have some students having problems with attendance. Let's all do a better job planning ahead so we can have more success this week. Here are things to remember:

- Wear clothes suited for warm weather (Jeans and sweat pants don't work so well)
- Bring your cooler (a small bottle of water will not last the whole practice)
- Be on time
- Wear tennis shoes (crocs, high heels and barefeet don't work)
- **BE THERE** (a few people lost their spot due to missing practice last week) check the band handbook at ByrnesBand.org to see what is excused. If it's not on that excused list, you need to email Mr. Bone to **REQUEST** an excused absence Bryan.Bone@Spart5.net The sooner you email, the better chance it will be excused. Not everything get's approved. Guard contact Mr. Cohen Phillip.Cohen@Spart5.net Percussion contacts Mr. Sanders Austin.Sanders@Spart5.net

As stated in the band handbook- a performance missed due to illness required a doctors note (or copy of a positive covid test with the date)

Band is not the kind of activity where you can miss to run errands, play video games, or doing homework (etc.) Most absences can be avoided by planning ahead. For example- don't ask to miss practice because you have a project due the next day- START that project sooner than the day before so you won't have to miss band.