



Bloomington High School

RAJUN' BULL BAND

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Dear Parents and Students:

I trust you are enjoying your summer break thus far. The planning stages for next year are well under way as the *Rajun' Bull Band* proudly presents **Music of Earth Wind & Fire** on the field for the 2022 marching season. The following information will assist everyone with planning for the upcoming events. It is the firm belief of the Director that communication is the key to success. Therefore, please review the following information, download the calendar (or visit our new website where it is posted at the bottom of the webpage!), and hang it on the fridge so the *Rajun' Bull Band* will be ready for another season of superior performances!

MANDATORY

**ALL STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE THIS CLEARANCE
EVEN IF YOU COMPLETED IT BEFORE
RENEWAL MUST BE DONE ANNUALLY**

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**BAND AUXILIARY (CRIMSON GUARD) CAN REGISTER RIGHT NOW!
BAND MEMBERS CAN REGISTER RIGHT NOW!!!!**

Bloomington band Web Site (www.bloomingtonband.com)

We have a great web site that contains TONS of information. Calendars, updates and now, music down loads. The music area is password protected and the password is **Gobulls** This will make it possible to see (and hear) music as soon as it is posted!

It is extremely important you take the 5 minutes to complete the information below so I can communicate with you so we can plan for another great year.

ALL NEW MEMBERS TO THE RAJUN' BAND

Please share some information with me so I can be in touch with you this summer about fall activities and preseason practices. Please follow the link OR scan the QR code (it takes you to the same place) and complete the form. This link may have been sent to you by your middle school director, if you are unsure whether you have completed this, please do it again.

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ALL RETURNING MEMBERS TO THE RAJUN' BAND use the one BELOW

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All-State Information

All students planning on auditioning for All-State should be currently working on their major scales, arpeggios, and prepared etudes according to All-State requirements. The requirements for All-State auditions have been posted the FBA website (<https://fba.flmusiced.org/all-state/audition-requirements/>) for any last minute updates. Don't forget to get scale sheets you can find on google so you can get to work! Auditions are September 24th, time, and location TBA.

**All Leadership (Officers/Section Leaders/Captains/Co-Captains) MANDATORY Preparation Meeting
Wednesday & Thursday July 27th & 28th 9:00am – 4:00pm**

All Leadership (Officers/Section Leaders /Captains/Co-Captains) will have a preparation meeting for the preseason training and the fall operations. The first thing that I feel needs to be clarified is the role and importance of **every** position and my expectations for the leadership TEAM.

**Freshmen/New Member/Full Drum Line/Full Crimson Guard/Leadership Preseason Training
Saturday, July 30st 8:00am-4:00pm**

All freshmen, new members, drum line, guard, and 2022 Leadership are required to attend the freshmen/new member training session Saturday, July 30st. The purpose of the morning session is to get all freshmen and new members accustomed to proper marching and maneuvering. The afternoon session will be dedicated to an inside music rehearsal. The schedule is as follows:

What to bring and wear to preseason training as well as all evening rehearsals

Wear light colored, loose fitting clothes • Sunglasses • Water container • Hat • 2 pair of white socks • Sunscreen & bug spray

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.

8:00 am – 12:00 pm Morning session.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch break: Students can bring his/her own lunch and personal water container (a parent may bring the lunch to you) or the leadership will take \$5 pizza/soda preorders at the beginning of the camp sold by the Band Boosters so please have \$5 if interested).

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Afternoon session.

Full Band/Crimson Guard Preseason Training August 1st 2nd, 4th, and 5th (EVERYONE)

Otherwise known as band camp, Bloomingdale's preseason training will **August 1st 2nd, 4th, and 5th**. Once again, the *Rajun' Bull Band* will have a short band camp/preseason training to get a head start on the season and it works wonderfully.

Bloomingdale's preseason training will be focused on three main goals: 1) Correct Marching and Maneuvering 2) Music Rehearsals 3) Staging pre-game and perhaps some of the opener. By the end of the first day of preseason training, section leaders will be assigning drill spots, so it is required that **all members attend all sessions of training**. Since school is starting earlier, it will be very important to have everyone in attendance so we may set the drill accurately. Please schedule work and other commitments around these important dates just as you would for any priority commitment.

The Schedule is as follows:

Plan for about a 20-minute dinner break around 5:00 p.m. Food may be brought in a cooler or dropped off by a parent; however, students may not leave campus until the posted conclusion of rehearsal. Don't forget your own personal water container.

Monday, August 1st

3:00 pm – 9:00 pm Full Rehearsal (Band and Guard)

Tuesday, August 2nd

3:00 pm – 9:00 pm Full Rehearsal (Band and Guard)

Thursday, August 4th

3:00 pm – 9:00 pm Full Rehearsal (Band and Guard)

Friday, August 5th

3:00 pm – 7:00 pm Full Rehearsal (Band and Guard)

7:00 pm Friends and family night! All family members of the Rajun' Bull Band are encouraged to attend this brief concert and get together to start the year. An ice cream social will be served at the conclusion of this sneak peek!

SCHOOL STARTS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10TH

Thursday, August 11th

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Full Rehearsal (Band and Guard)

(check calendars on www.bloomingtondaleband.com)

While students are outdoors, they will be given plenty of water breaks and adults will always monitor them. It is highly recommended that students bring their own personal water container.

*Just like any class, these materials are required to be successful in band. 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 band's website.

Uniform Fittings

Monday, July 25, 2021, for leadership, seniors, and juniors ONLY. 8:20a.m. – noon & 1:00p.m. – 3:40p.m.

Tuesday, July 26, 2021, for sophomores and upperclassmen ONLY. 8:20a.m. – noon & 1:00p.m. – 3:40p.m.

Wednesday, July 27, 2021, for freshmen and upperclassmen ONLY. 8:20a.m. – noon & 1:00p.m. – 3:40p.m.

Please wear appropriate shorts and a t-shirt to be tried on under the uniform. Cargo shorts, jeans, and sweatshirts are not conducive to be worn under uniform and will delay your fitting time. PLEASE make sure you have tried on your marching shoes so we will know if ordering a new pair is necessary.

We are asking for a deposit of **\$150.00** at fittings. This can be paid by check (made out to BBB), PayPal, cash, or money order. If you wish to use a credit card, please note there will be a convenience fee added to your total.

There is a county charge for EACH student in band for renting the band uniform from the county. If your child rents an instrument (*note ALL percussion and tuba players are assessed this fee*), there is an additional rental fees through the county for that charge. Fees are as follows: UNIFORM RENTAL \$34.63, INSTRUMENT RENTAL \$43.00. These fees are NOT ASSOCIATED with the BAND BOOSTER FEES and will be reflected on your child's "MY PAYMENTS PLUS" account.

Parents, you are a part of the Band!

As many of you know, the parent (booster) organization is a wonderful and integral part of the *Rajun' Bull Band* program. The parents help with uniforms, equipment, fund raising, chaperoning, and just about anything else. It is an enjoyable way to volunteer at school and to be directly involved with your child's education. The first general meeting for all parents will take place at the sneak peek event promptly at **7:00 p.m. on August 5th**. Be informed! Be involved!!

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. I will be in the office periodically throughout the summer and you can schedule an appointment with me if necessary. In closing, I am excited about starting the season and I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

CutTime

If your child was in a music program feeder to Bloomingdale, and you have already been on CutTime, you should be able to see all your student's information promoted to freshman year. Included in this letter is a handout about CutTime. Please use it as your guide.

Summer Instrument Rental

If your child needs an instrument for the summer, please contact me at jon.sever@hcps.net AS SOON AS POSSIBLE as these instruments are limited and are issued on a first come, first serve basis.

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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@hcps.net 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. There are only a few spots left if you wish to attend this trip of a lifetime. Please email me if you and your family is interested

Sincerely,



Jon W. Sever,
Director of Bands

Hello to all new and returning band members. Please make sure you look at the checklist here. ALL this information is inside this summer letter, this is just a Band Member 'TO DO' Check list

- ✓ **New Members:** If you are a new student to the Rajun' Bull Marching band, please make sure you have filled out the google doc following.

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- ✓ Contact Mr. Sever if you need a summer instrument jon.sever@hcps.net

- ✓ Register for Cut time



- ✓ Complete home Campus information



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