



## 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 ***Southern Rock 'n' Soul*** on the field for the 2021 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! (See attached information about logging onto Charms.)

# MANDATORY

**ALL STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE THIS CLEARANCE  
EVEN IF YOU COMPLETED IT FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Home Campus/Athletic Clearance Participation Instructions and Requirements for  
Athletics, JROTC, Band, and Band Auxiliary**

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**BAND AUXILIARY (CRIMSON GUARD) CAN REGISTER RIGHT NOW!  
BAND MEMBERS CAN REGISTER AFTER JUNE 1, 2021.**

**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 on 'charms' and I would recommend that you check the FBA website (<https://fba.flmusiced.org/all-state/audition-requirements/>) for any last minute updates. Don't forget to get scale sheets from CHARMS and get to work! Auditions are September 25<sup>th</sup>, time, and location TBA.

**First Leadership meeting/cleaning party Monday, July 19, 12 – 4 pm MANDATORY**

The purpose of this meeting is to get together and discuss where we are and get the room and instruments ready for the season.

**All Leadership (Officers/Section Leaders/Captains/Co-Captains) MANDATORY Preparation Meeting Wednesday & Thursday July 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 8:00am-4:00pm**

All freshmen, new members, drum line, guard, and 2021 Leadership are required to attend the freshmen/new member training session Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> (EVERYONE)**

Otherwise known as band camp, Bloomingdale's preseason training will be **August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>**. 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 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**

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 TUESDAY, AUGUST 10TH***

**Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

*(check calendars on [www.bloomingtondaleband.com](http://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. In order 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 Charms website.

## **Uniform Fittings**

Monday, July 26, 2021, for leadership, seniors, and juniors ONLY. 8:20a.m. – noon & 1:00p.m. – 3:40p.m.

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

Wednesday, July 28, 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 renting the band uniform for the year which applies to EVERY band student. This cost, paid separately than the fee above, is **\$37.63**. If you rent an instrument from the county, there is also a **\$43.00** fee. Either of these payments are made payable to Bloomingdale High School and NOT BBB. Credit card payments are NOT allowed for these fees. These fees, costs, and payments will NOT be reflected on your charms 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 6<sup>th</sup>**. 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!

## **Summer Instrument Rental**

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

**What is Charms?**

Charms is a free program that includes your information and your child’s information such as email, phone, and address. This program provides me a way to contact you via email and/or texting. It’s a helpful program that allows parents and students to access calendars, forms, and music. It’s important that your information is current so I can properly contact you, so please check for accuracy on your personal information. Enclosed is a “how-to” log on sheet for Charms. If you are having troubles registering for “Charms”, please contact me and I will make sure you are in the system for registration.

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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](mailto:jon.sever@hcps.net) if you have an issue with your schedule concerning Band, and I will personally address your concerns with the administration.

**BLOOMINGDALE WILL BE THE HOST FOR 2021 FBA MARCHING MPA**

Bloomington High School Rajun’ Bull Band has been selected to host this year’s Marching Music Performance Assessment on November 6, 2021. Twenty-six high schools will be coming to BSHS to perform their evaluation. Not only does this give us home field advantage, but it also will serve as a huge fund raiser for the band/guard program. Parents, we will be looking for volunteers to help with setup, teardown, concessions, parking, and overall organization of this huge event. Students, you will be given the opportunity to volunteer your time and receive service hours. More information to come as the school year begins.

**\*\*\*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. More details to follow.

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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- ✓ Register for CHARMS, the how-to sheet is enclosed



- ✓ Complete home Campus information



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How to access parent/student information in CHARMS

- Log on to [www.charmsoffice.com](http://www.charmsoffice.com) and click the "ENTER" link at upper right.
- Locate the "PARENT/STUDENT/MEMBERS LOGIN" section of the web page.
- Login to your child's program account using the following School Code: \_\_\_\_\_bdalehsband\_\_\_\_\_
- This will bring up the main parent page. This will allow you to look at the "public" calendar for your organization, event list, handouts and other files.
- Clicking on an event on the calendar brings up the details for that event, such as times, attendance requirements and equipment/uniform necessities. Clicking on "event list" puts all of the calendar information in a list form for easy printing. Note that if a calendar event is specifically assigned to your child, it may NOT show up on this calendar – check the "Student" calendar after entering the student's ID number (see below).
- When you enter your child's Hillsborough county STUDENT ID NUMBER as a Student Area Password, another more detailed screen appears with even more options to view your student's uniform assignments, music assignments, financial records, forms and inventory. Once you have first entered this ID number, you may create your own, unique password by clicking on the "keyhole" (Change Password) button.
- You can help the director maintain your records and communication: o Update Personal Information – if the director has allowed it, you may help make changes to your child's student information page (such as updating phone numbers and email addresses if they change) to help the teacher communicate with you more effectively. Click the Personal Info button.
- Most importantly, the parent page assists both you and the teacher to communicate with each other. Stay up to date on what's going on with your student!!! Please fill out student AND parent information completely. If for any reason you cannot get into charms through this process, contact me at once [jon.sever@hcps.net](mailto:jon.sever@hcps.net) Once you have registered, there are free apps for iphone and android smart phones at their respective app stores. There is also information on the charms site on how to 'sync' the band calendar with your calendar!