



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 *Piano Man: The Music of Billy Joel* on the field for the 2026 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 HAVE 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!

DUE BEFORE PRESEASON REPORT DATE!

Bloomington Band Web Site (www.bloomingtonband.com)

We have a great web site that contains TONS of information. Calendars, updates and now, music downloads. 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!

Canvas Page (used during Summer only)

If your student has not been added to the Rajun' Bull Band 2026-2027 Canvas course, please contact Mr. Frazee at Jordan.Frazee@hcps.net. We will post important announcements and information as well as keep tabs of summer assignments like Home Campus Clearance here.

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 the FBA website <https://fba.flmusiced.org/all-state/audition-requirements/> for any last minute updates. Don't forget to get scale sheets that you can find on Google so you can get to work! Auditions are September 19th at Rodgers Middle School.

All-County Information

All students planning on auditioning for All-County should be currently working on their major scales, arpeggios, and prepared etudes according to All-County requirements. The requirements for All-County auditions can be found here: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1XxkiCGYbFHZdJfZmOvLTX-BXjJvvqIUw?usp=sharing>. Don't forget to get scale sheets you can find on google so you can get to work! Auditions are November 10 at Strawberry Crest High School.

All Leadership (Officers/Section Leaders/Captains/Co-Captains) MANDATORY Preparation Meeting Wednesday & Thursday July 29th & 30th 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, August 1st 8:00am-4:00pm

All freshmen, new members, drum line, guard, and 2026 Leadership are **required** to attend the freshmen/new member training session. 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.

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. Reeds, mouthpieces, oil, cork grease, neck straps, etc. Pencil!

Personal tuner (before you buy one, check with Mr. Frazee, he will have the recommended ones available for purchase). PERSONAL WATER COOLER!

The schedule is as follows:

8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Morning Session
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch break: Students can bring their own lunch and personal water container (a parent may bring the lunch to you) <u>or</u> the leadership will take \$5 pizza/soda <u>preorders</u> at the <u>beginning</u> of the camp sold by the Bloomingdale Band Boosters so please have <u>\$5</u> if interested).
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Afternoon Session

Full Band/Crimson Guard Preseason Training August 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th (EVERYONE)

Otherwise known as “band camp,” Bloomingdale’s preseason training will be **August 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th**.

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 our first performance (Meet the Bulls) is the week of Preseason Training, 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:

Monday, August 3rd

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

Tuesday, August 4th

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

Wednesday, August 5th

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm Full Rehearsal (Band and Guard)

Thursday, August 6th

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

Friday, August 7th

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm Full Rehearsal (Band and Guard)

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm Dinner Break (Meet the Bulls Meal or Bring your own)*

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Rajun’ Bull Band Informational Meeting/Sneak Peek

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm Meet the Bulls Scrimmage Game – (*optional \$10.00 of which \$5.00 of each \$10 sold is scholarship back to your student account)

Student should wear 2026-2027 band shirt received at fittings and school appropriate shorts.

Plan for about an hour dinner break around 4:30 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.

*Pre-sale Meal forms for the Meet the Bulls Scrimmage Game will go out on the first day of Preseason Training. Includes one hot dog and a drink.

SCHOOL STARTS MONDAY, AUGUST 10TH

(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 coordinate charts. Therefore, all students will be required to obtain a music flip folder and plastic page protectors and keep these materials for the entire season. Additional copies can be printed from home off the band's website.

Uniform Fittings

Monday, July 27th for leadership, seniors, and juniors ONLY. 8:20a.m. – noon & 1:00p.m. – 3:40p.m.

Tuesday, July 28th for sophomores and upperclassmen ONLY. 8:20a.m. – noon & 1:00p.m. – 3:40p.m.

Wednesday, July 29th 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 payment 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 fee through the county for that charge. Fees are as follows: UNIFORM RENTAL \$37.63, 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 **5:30 p.m. on August 7th**. 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 will soon 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 jordan.fraze@hcps.net AS SOON AS POSSIBLE as these instruments are limited and are issued on a first come, first served basis.

Scheduling Issues

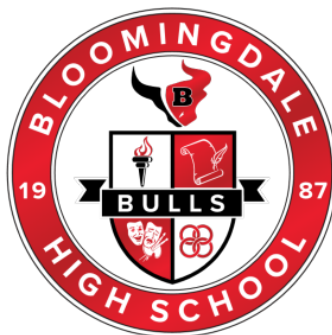
If for some reason Band is not on your schedule, please contact me ASAP so I can fix it for you. I will be able to correct your schedule, so Band is a part of your education. Please contact me personally via email at jordan.fraze@hcps.net if you have an issue with your schedule concerning Band, and I will personally address your concerns with the administration.

For 39 years, the Bloomingdale Band has been considered one of the best programs for music education in the state and has been renowned internationally for performances across the globe. This year, we plan on continuing that legacy while providing an enjoyable experience for all our members. I am looking forward to another year of fun, tradition, and musical excellence with the Rajun' Bull Band and Crimson Guard!

GO BULLS!!!

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

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

ALL NEW MEMBERS TO THE RAJUN' BAND

You may have already filled this form out, however, if you have not, please share some information with me so I can be in touch with you this summer about fall activities. 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.

<https://forms.office.com/r/xSsMURMijM>



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

<https://forms.office.com/r/k1G13MMySX>



- ✓ Contact Mr. Frazee if you need a summer instrument jordan.fraze@hcps.net
- ✓ Register for CutTime
- ✓ Complete Home Campus information



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MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL RAJUN' BULL MEMBERS EACH YEAR

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REGISTER NOW! THIS IS DUE BEFORE REPORTING TO PRESEASON TRAINING!

***PRAGUE/BUDAPEST 2027 TRIP ***

Monday, August 31st will be a mandatory meeting date. We have been invited to return to Prague and Budapest to represent Tampa, the state of Florida, and the USA in 2027. We will be traveling to Prague during Spring Break 2027. 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.