

April 23, 2012

Dear Brunswick Junior High Band Parent,

Believe it or not, Memorial Day is almost upon us!!! As in the past, the Junior High Band will be marching in the Brunswick / Topsham Parade on Monday, May 28. This is an important part of the band curriculum and an excellent opportunity for community service for the band students. Our participation means so much to the veterans and other community members who organize the parade.

As I have stressed to the students, this performance is not optional! I ask that you make every effort to make it possible for your child to attend the Memorial Day activities. Parade step-off is tentatively set for 9:00 AM. The parade lines up at Mt. Ararat High School and will end near the gazebo on Maine St. in Brunswick. There is a brief ceremony on the mall immediately following the parade. Students do not need to stay for this ceremony.

Please plan on dropping your child off at Brunswick Junior High NO LATER than 7:30 Monday morning. We will transport students to the parade formation site by bus. When you drop your child off, remember that all they need is their instrument and music. The building will be locked and we will not be taking cases on the bus. There is no place to leave cases at the parade formation site! At the conclusion of the parade, you may pick your child up at approximately 10:00 near "Station Ave." off from Maine St. (just up from the Hannaford parking lot). There will be no transportation provided back to the school! Please plan accordingly. In the case of heavy rain, the parade will be held but the bands will not march (this will be a joint decision made by all participating band directors.) If you are unsure about the weather, check the band website which will have updated information!

Dress for the parade will be **\*\*BLACK PANTS (please note this is a change from previous years)**, comfortable shoes ("sneakers" are o.k.!!!) and the B.J.H.S. Band t-shirt. If your child does not have a t-shirt, you may purchase one through the Band Boosters for \$8.00. This is a great price---well below the cost of the shirt and a "one time purchase" as it will be your child's "Marching Band Uniform" throughout their band career here at B.J.H.S.! If your child does not have a band shirt, please indicate so on the form below and attach a check for \$8.00 made payable to "Brunswick Junior High School". **Shirt orders MUST be returned NO LATER THAN MAY 4!!!!**

\*\*Because of the number of students who do not own "blue jeans" and the WIDE variety of shades of denim and styles of "jeans", we are moving to "black pants" for our marching uniform. If the weather is hot, students may wear black Capri length pants: knee length or longer. Ladies, no yoga pants/footless tights. Please keep in mind that dress for this event should be "conservative" and help your child make an appropriate clothing choice.

We will need parents to walk with the band through the parade route in case any student needs medical or other assistance. If you would be willing to help with this, please indicate so on the form. I'll be sending a separate email with a request for assistance during marching practices! : )

Please return the attached form indicating your child's participation no later than Friday, May 4. As always, thanks for your help and support!

Sincerely,

Heidi Anderson  
Brunswick Junior High School Band Director

# Memorial Day Parade Participation Form

(Date returned \_\_\_\_\_)

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

- My child will be participating in the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28.
- My child will be unable to participate due to:

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- I would be willing to assist during the parade.  
Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

- My child already has a B.J.H.S. Marching Band T-shirt.

- My child needs to purchase a T-shirt. I have attached a check for \$8.00 made payable to Brunswick Junior High School.

***\*Circle size (all adult sizes—shirts DO shrink slightly):***

*\*We will try to accommodate size requests but cannot guarantee the size requested will be available. Shirt orders will be filled in the order (by date) that this form is returned.*

Adult Small

Adult Medium

Adult Large

Adult X-Large

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parent signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
date