

To: BJHS Band Parents  
From: Miss Anderson  
Re: Halloween Parade  
Date: October 2, 2013

The BJHS Band (grades 6, 7 & 8) will be marching in this year's Halloween Parade on Thursday, October 31. This is an annual event sponsored by the Brunswick Parks and Recreation Department. The parade begins at 4:30 p.m. on the Lower Mall, Maine Street. The parade route is relatively short and should last about 20 minutes. The route will follow Park Row, right on Maine Street, right on Bank Street and right on Federal Street to the Recreation Center.

Band students will stay after school. After a short combined rehearsal, we will march from the Junior High to the Mall on Maine St. Following the parade (about 5:00) all BJH Band students will return to the school by bus. We have found that having parents pick their children up at school following the parade alleviates a lot of traffic issues and is safer for all involved! Please be at the **Junior High** at 5:00 to pick up your musician.

Student's friends and family members should plan on finding a spot along the parade route to cheer on the band. They will NOT be allowed to walk with the band in the parade! We do ask parents who want to "march" to sign-up as an "official" chaperone. We need *at least* 10 parents to help....and the more, the merrier!!!!

Students are encouraged to wear a costume, make-up or other creepy get-ups as long as the costume does not interfere with playing or marching in any way! (This means no "full facial" masks, strange footwear, long clothing, fangs or weird gloves!!!!!!) When selecting your costume, remember that this event is geared toward young children: toddlers through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Costumes should be "appropriate".....G-Rated.....not too scary!!!!!!!!!! We will be performing "The Theme from Batman" just in case that helps with costume planning. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. students not wearing a costume should wear the BJHS Marching Band uniform (blue jeans, marching band shirt). 6<sup>th</sup> grade students not in costume should wear blue jeans and a long sleeved red or white shirt. The day may be cold so consider wearing layers--maybe even long johns!!!! All students (costume or not!) need to wear appropriate marching footwear!!!!!!!!

In case of bad weather, the Recreation Department will cancel the parade. Please check the BJH Band website for updates throughout the day!

Because of the number of students involved in Band (over 150!), it is important for me to know if your child will or will not be participating in the parade. This will impact preparation and the number of chaperones needed for the parade. Please return the permission slip below as soon as possible and **NO LATER THAN October 15!!!!**

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Student's name

- will not be participating in the Halloween Parade on Thursday, Oct. 31.
- will be participating in the Halloween Parade on Thursday, Oct. 31. I understand that students will stay after school, march to the parade site and return to BJH by bus. **My child will need transportation home from the Junior High at 5:00 P.M.**
- I am interested in assisting/chaperoning this event. Please contact me at \_\_\_\_\_.  
(phone number or e-mail address)

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parent signature

