

To: BJHS Band Parents
From: Miss Anderson
Re: Halloween Parade
Date: October 3, 2016

The BJHS Band (grades 6, 7 & 8) will be marching in this year's Halloween Parade on Monday, 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 through downtown Brunswick and should last about 20 minutes.

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. For the safety of the students, ALL band members must return to school on the busses at the end of the parade. Please be at the **Junior High** at 5:15 to pick up your musician.

Student 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 5th grade. Costumes should be "appropriate"...G-Rated...not too scary! 7th and 8th Gr. students not wearing a costume should wear the BJHS Marching Band uniform (black pants, marching band shirt). 6th grade students not in costume should wear black pants 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, transportation, and the number of chaperones needed for the parade. Please return the permission slip below as soon as possible and NO LATER THAN October 14!

Student's name

will be participating in the Halloween Parade on Monday, Oct. 31. I understand that students will be staying after school, marching to the parade site and returning to BJH by bus. I will pick my child up at the Junior High at 5:15 P.M.

I am interested in assisting/chaperoning this event. Please contact me at _____.
(phone number or e-mail address)

will not be participating in the Halloween Parade on Monday, Oct. 31.

parent signature