

Brunswick High School Music Department

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Dear 8th grade band students and parents,

I wanted to first introduce myself to you! My name is Mike Scarpone and I am the instrumental music teacher at Brunswick High School. Many of you I already know through my time with the Junior High Jazz Band or the Wind Ensemble but my hope is that by the end of the year, I have at least had the opportunity to meet each of you!

With that in mind, Ms. Anderson and I wanted to take a minute and invite you to our annual "Band Night" at BHS! At the final home basketball game, we invite any interested 8th grade band students to come and perform with the High School band. Students from the Junior High sit among the high school students and they are able to meet their peers as well as see some familiar faces from years past. It is a fairly low-stress evening and it gives us a chance to have some contact.

The schedule for the evening looks something like this:

Who: Any interested 8th grade instrumentalist

What: The Annual BHS Band Night!

Where: Brunswick High School

When: Tuesday, February 6th

5:00 p.m - 8th graders arrive at BHS and meet students from their section.

- Pizza consumption begins :)
- Tee-shirts Passed out

5:30 p.m - A brief rehearsal with some of the BHS Students

6:00 p.m - Pregame performance in the Gym

6:30 p.m - Game time!

8:00 p.m - Approximate end time

- Students can be picked up at the rear of the building

Why: To give our students a chance to mingle and for 8th graders to have a fun evening of pizza, music, and socialization

How: Students should return their permission slip to Ms. Anderson ASAP so we can get a tee shirt ordered for you

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What music: 8th graders will be given the pep band packet for the high school. They should focus on the following songs:

- The Hey Song
- The Alma Mater (we play this a lot!)
- Smoke on the Water
- Cheer Jerkers 1, 3, and 4
- Devil with a blue dress
- Land of 1000 dances (the bigger of the two versions...it is a full page)

Everyone is welcome to prepare as much as they would like but should NOT feel like they have to learn it all. Next year (as high school students), they will learn plenty :)

Again, this is by no means a mandatory experience for any student. It is merely an opportunity to get to know the high school students and a chance to get their foot in the door. I really look forward to meeting those of you whom I have not yet met and welcoming those of you that I am already familiar with. Parents are welcome to come with their student and watch the game.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email either Ms. Anderson or myself at mscarpone@brunswick.k12.me.us I look forward to seeing you all in a few weeks.

Thank you for all you do to support your student musician! I am so excited to have them all as a part of the program in a few short months.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Scarpone
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