

To: BJHS Band Parents  
From: Miss Anderson  
Re: Halloween Parade  
Date: September 30, 2019

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 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Costumes should be "appropriate" ...G-Rated...not too scary! 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. students not wearing a costume should wear the BJHS Marching Band uniform (black pants, marching band shirt). 6<sup>th</sup> 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! **Costume Note: 8<sup>th</sup> grade sections have created a section "theme costume". Students DO NOT have to participate in the "Section Costume Plan". (It's just a fun "camaraderie thing"—no pressure, one way or the other to join in!) ☺**

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. **ALL BAND students need to return the participation slip below as soon as possible--NO LATER THAN October 10!**

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Student's name

will be participating in the Halloween Parade on Thursday, 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
(e-mail address)

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

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parent signature