

# Brunswick High School Band

## General Information for 2018 – 2019

Welcome to an exciting year for the Brunswick High School Band! In order for us to maintain and build upon our reputation as a high quality musical ensemble, I ask all bands members to adhere to the following guidelines and procedures:

### 1. REHEARSALS:

- A. Rehearsals begin at 12:45! Please make sure the following is done before rehearsals so we can start on time.
  - Instrument is assembled
  - Music is in rehearsal order
  - You have a pencil and any valve oil, reeds, etc. that you might need.
  
- B. Outside of rehearsals, please take care of the following:
  - You see me to order any supplies you might need for your instrument including (but not limited to) reeds, valve oil, pep band shirts, etc. Please make sure you have everything that you need for your instrument.
  - Questions or concerns: I am happy to address any issue that you might have. Please make sure you see me to arrange a time AFTER class. Unfortunately, we do not have time to deal with these things before class starts.
  
- A. Distracting behavior during rehearsals is not acceptable. Please refrain from distracting comments and behaviors. Distracting behavior will be dealt with in the following manner:
  - 1) Meeting with Mr. Scarpone
  - 2) Phone call to parents
  - 3) Meeting with school administration
  - 4) Conference with parents and school.

### 2. Grading: **PLEASE REFER TO THE BHS MUSIC BAND STANDARDS ON THE WEBSITE FOR SPECIFIC INFO**

Your grade will be based on the following:

- A. Performance assessments (50 %)
  - “Eduspeak” for concerts.
  - Pep band events are considered concerts/ performances.
  - I understand that there are legitimate reasons for not being at a rehearsal or performance. If you cannot make an event, a note from your parent must be written in advance.
  - Unexcused absences could result in a lowered grade!

B. Weekly Assessments (30 %)

Everyone in this band CAN succeed. You only need to believe you can. Attitude is everything and is more valuable than talent to any performing group. In order to receive full daily credit, please adhere to the following:

- You must have your instrument. Failure to have your instrument (sticks for percussionists) will result in a ZERO for a daily participation grade.
- Students must have pencil at every rehearsal.
- No member of the percussion section will be dismissed from class unless the following has occurred:
  - 1) All instruments put away properly
  - 2) All music in folders
  - 3) Folders in the percussion file
  - 4) All sticks and mallets are stored in percussion cabinet
  - 5) Timpani have been covered

C. Individual Assessments (20 %)

From time to time, we schedule playing evaluations to be given during the sectional period. The purpose of these exams is to assess student's skill development and preparedness. Students will always be notified 2 weeks prior to any exam and will be given a review sheet detailing all materials to be covered in the exam. This procedure should be painless.

Following a concert, it is important students reflect on not only the groups performance, but their own. In order for students to better self – evaluate, we will use a rubric designed to foster greater self reflection and honest responses. These will be collected the same day.

D. EXTRA CREDIT

It is possible to earn extra credit. The following is a list of extra credit opportunities that exist for all students

- Taking private lessons
- Participation in approved outside instrumental ensembles (PYWE, PYSO, etc)
- Auditioning for music festivals (jazz all state, district III, all state, solo and ensemble, etc)

#### E. Private Instruction

We are very fortunate in our community to have a host of people who are interested in working one-on-one with our students. Private instruction IS NOT required however it does boost student performance and lesson time is spent dealing with individual needs rather than large group problems. Below are the names and contact information for many of the private teachers in the area. If you are uncomfortable making contact with these people I would be more than happy to facilitate the conversation.

#### **Woodwind Instructors:**

Catherine Newall - (all woodwinds, flute specialty) Topsham - 446-1762 - Will be doing some teaching at BHS

Sean Potter - (all woodwinds) Portland - 207-210-8455

David Collier - (flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, saxophones) Topsham = [dcollier422@yahoo.com](mailto:dcollier422@yahoo.com) 725-2134

John Morneau - (flute, clarinet, saxophone) Brunswick - [jmorneau@bowdoin.edu](mailto:jmorneau@bowdoin.edu) 207-725-3169

Gideon Forbes - (saxophone/ jazz saxophone) Portland (but will be doing teaching at BHS) - [gjamesforbes@gmail.com](mailto:gjamesforbes@gmail.com) - 207-449-7269

Judy Mank - (flute) Augusta - [jmank@monmouthschools.org](mailto:jmank@monmouthschools.org)

Titus Abbott - (woodwinds) - [titus@cinaudio.com](mailto:titus@cinaudio.com) - 319-6057

#### **Brass Instructors:**

Bob Modr - Harpswell - 833 - 2815

Alan King - Portland/ Midcoast School of Music. Call the school at 837 - 2955 for more info

Dawne- Marie Powers (French Horn) - Topsham/Brunswick - [powersd@link75.org](mailto:powersd@link75.org)

#### **Percussion Instructors:**

Jacob Forbes - (percussion/drum set) Portland (but will be teaching at BHS) - [forbesdrumming@gmail.com](mailto:forbesdrumming@gmail.com) - 207-449-6180

**\*\*\*\* IF FOR SOME REASON THE CONTACT INFO DOESN'T WORK, PLEASE CONTACT ME AND I WILL HELP YOU GET IN TOUCH WITH THEM \*\*\*\***

3. Concert Dress

Please see <http://www.brunswick.k12.me.us/music/bands/concert-band/> for attire info.

- GUYS –
  - i. Tuxedo pants
  - ii. Black Vest
  - iii. Black DRESS shoes (sneakers are not acceptable)
  - iv. Black button cover (Silver)
  - v. Black dress socks
- GIRLS – Black dress, black shoes.

4. Instrument Storage

During the course of the week, students may store their instruments in the instrument storage room. It is expected that the instruments will go home on Friday to facilitate practicing.

\*\* Students may store only their instrument in the storage room. Music should be kept in the folio cabinet \*\*

## EQUIPMENT YOU WILL NEED FOR BAND THIS YEAR!

Please make sure you have the following items for the year. If you go to <http://www.brunswick.k12.me.us/music/bands/concert-band/> there is a COMPLETE list for each student. If you have any issues (financial or otherwise) please see Mr. Scarpone as soon as possible so arrangements can be made.

- 1) Pencil with eraser
- 2) Instrument
- 3) Reeds – One box of at least strength #3.
  - i. Reed Suggestions –
    1. Saxophones – Vandoren blue box, Rico Grand Concert, La Voz medium (all these are for concert band)
    2. Clarinets – Mitchell Lurie, Vandoren blue box
- 4) Oils – Valve instruments need blue juice; Trombones need Slide – o – Mix.
- 5) Percussion – 1 pair SD2 sticks with YOUR NAME ON THE STICKS. I will check randomly and you will lose points if you do not have them.
- 6) A Pep Band Shirt – These will be ordered during the first week of school. Each student is asked to purchase their own shirt
- 7) A clip lyre for your music.
- 8) A flip folder for your music.

IT IS NOT MANDATORY BUT I HIGHLY RECOMMEND A TUNER FOR EACH STUDENT!!! I would suggest the Korg TM-40 tuner/ metronome. It is a fantastic tool and you can get it for as low as \$21 on Amazon.

\*\*\* Dale Perkins at Perkins Music House in Skowhegan has been very a strong supporter of the Brunswick Music program for years. He has put together a package for each instrument. Call him at 621-5008 or email him at [PMH@GWI.NET](mailto:PMH@GWI.NET) and you can place your order. He can ship it directly to school or to your home. \*\*\*

~ I understand completely that we are in a very difficult financial time and that it might not be possible to purchase some of the required materials. We are fortunate here at Brunswick High School to have a fantastic boosters group dedicated to assisting our students with financial need. If you require any financial assistance, PLEASE let me know ASAP. Money should not be a factor in your students participation in band ~

# Brunswick High School Band Agreement

## Teacher's Agreement –

It is my goal to conduct well – planned and organized rehearsals each day so that maximum learning can take place. I promise to provide the highest quality musical experience I am able. I will be fair and consistent in my dealings with students and in my grading procedures. I will publish dates of performances and rehearsals well in advance. I will be available to students who have problems and concerns.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Michael A. Scarpone – Instrumental Music Teacher

## Student's Agreement

I have read the enclosed information, and I understand what is expected of me as a Brunswick High School Band Student. I will strive to the best of my abilities to live up to these expectations.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Student

## Parent/ Guardian Agreement

I/ We have read the enclosed information and have reviewed it with my son/ daughter. I will do my best to support my student's participation in the group. I can be reached during the day at (phone number) \_\_\_\_\_. I/ We have made note of the dates and times of the **rehearsals and performances** as they have been published so far.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

# Pep Band Shirt Order Form

Please complete this form and return it to Mr. Scarpone by **September 20th**

Students Name \_\_\_\_\_

Students Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Students Tee Shirt Size:    Small                      Medium                      Large                      X-Large                      X    X    -  
Large

The Cost of the Shirt is \$18.00. Please make Checks payable to Brunswick Band

## **Ladies Concert Dress Information**

- 🎧 Dresses are ordered through formal fashions
- 🎧 The website is [www.formalfashionsinc.com](http://www.formalfashionsinc.com)
- 🎧 The dress style is 4755AA and the color is black
- 🎧 You can call them at 1-800-528-7909 and ask for the dress Brunswick High School ordered last year. (make sure you specify Maine)
- 🎧 There are videos on their site on how to properly measure