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Announcements

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8/4/2024 Weekly Announcements

8/4/24

Hope everyone had a great start of school and a relaxing weekend! Thank you to everyone who came out to the parent performance & band family cook-out. Hopefully, you were able to meet several of the Band Booster Board members and find new ways to get involved with the BJHS band family!

- Weekly Rehearsal schedule
 - Monday: Competition Band 3:45-5:30 Guard: 5:30-7:00pm
 - Tuesday: Football Band 3:45-4:30 Competition Band: 4:30-5:30pm
 - Thursday: Football Band 3:45-4:30 Open House 5:00-7:00pm
- Upcoming Events
 - Open House 8/8
 - Parent Meeting and Uniform Pick up 8/13
 - Football Game: Cullman At Home (Madison City Stadium) 8/22
 - Rocket City Marching Invitational 9/21
- Open House Thursday August 8th 5-7
 - Notary will be available in band room for Out of County Form
 - Form for CutTime updates will be available in band room as well
- Mandatory Parent Meeting - Tuesday August 13th
 - Mandatory parent meeting/uniform pickup - details of what is expected will be sent out by Ms. Thomas
 - Forms & fees may be turned before 8/13 in the box at band room or before open house on 8/13
 - Notary will be available during meeting
- Rocket City Marching Invitational Sept 21, 2024
 - Thank you to everyone who signed up to help with RCMI at last Monday's family performance. We still have countless volunteer positions, during this all-day event, that need to be filled. As everything gets solidified, we will send out a Signup Genius for the volunteer positions.
 - Our top need right now is sponsors. We have multiple levels of sponsorship for corporations and individuals. Once I am done updating sponsorship levels, I will send the sponsorship packet to those interested in helping.
 - If anyone has a side-by-side they would be willing to let us use during the event, we need multiple ones to drive judges from the performance area to the critique area and transport volunteers and equipment.

- Please contact me if you would like to help! Amy Fruchtnicht amy321@gmail.com (315) 804-1808. Thank you!!
- Student Hospitality
 - **Please review and email the [food allergy/dietary restrictions document](#) back so we can work together to accommodate your student's meal and snack needs.**
 - New volunteer opportunities are posted for fall meals and snacks. [Sign Up](#)
- Chaperone Update
 - We need help cleaning seat covers: Looking for a way to volunteer, but your BIB card hasn't come in yet? Really good at unrolling seat covers, wiping them off, rolling them back up and whistling while you work? Come join us on 8/19 and help clean the seat covers. Sign up here: [Cleaning Day](#)
 - Time For Football Game Chaperones! BIB card required [Sign up here](#)
 - Please be sure to send a copy of your BIB card showing ID number and expiration date to donna.bjband@thegruens.net
- Concessions Update
 - A group cleaned the MCS Stadium Concession Stand today and moved concessions equipment into the stand to make sure it is operational. We will also clean the Visitor Concessions Stand for storage of some items this year. Information we gather from today's work will impact numbers required for concessions stand support so the Sign Up Genius can be created. Stay tuned.
- Uniform Update -
 - Uniform pick-up will be 8/13 - Volunteers will be needed before and after to help with uniform pick up [Sign up Here](#)
 - Additional sign ups will be coming out as uniform items are beginning to arrive and help will be needed with sorting for those items to be handed out.
- Treasurer Update -
 - Band Booster fees for the fall semester are due at the mandatory band parent meeting on Aug 13th. This is required in order to pick up your student's uniform.
 - The Fall Booster fees are as follows:
 - Football Only Band/Dance/Guard - \$700
 - Competition Band/Dance/Guard - \$900
 - If parents are participating in the volunteer shift opportunity, the Fall Booster fees are \$350 for all groups.
 - Payments can be made online, via check, or by cash. All checks MUST include a driver's license number and 2 phone numbers (this is required by Madison City Schools). If payment is made online, you MUST send a copy of the receipt to bjhsbands+treasurer@gmail.com. If paying with cash, please bring the exact amount.
 - The Treasurer will be present at the meeting to accept payments. To avoid the line, payments can be turned into the box in the band room in an envelope to include the student's name and payment description (ALL

cash must be verified by Mrs. Thomas before being placed in the box!).

- If there are questions, or to request a payment plan, please email bjhsbands+treasurer@gmail.com.
- Logistics Update - No update at this time
- Fundraising Update
 - Mattress sale coming up August 24!
 - We will need volunteers to greet people, a signup genius will be coming soon!
- Coupon book sales start August 13 and go through Thursday, August 29!
 - Books are \$25 each with the student receiving \$9 to their band account for each book sold.
 - Sign out one book and an order taking envelope at the meeting to start taking orders.
 - When ordering online, customers can order local books or books for anywhere in the country. They can also choose free shipping or to have your student deliver to them.
 - All orders and money must be turned in by Thursday, August 29!
 - Students will receive a free coupon book for every 5 books sold!
 - As an additional incentive, students can receive a \$5 Chick-fil-A gift card for the the first 5 books sold or a \$20 Chick-fil-A gift card for 20 books sold!
- BJ Band family shirts are available to be ordered at Robin's Nest, 1618 Hughes Road through August 24!
 - All orders are placed, paid for, and picked up at Robin's Nest.
 - 10% of all orders goes back to the band.
- Spirit Wear Update - No update at this time
- Guard Update - No update at this time
- Dance Update -
 - Fundraiser at Culver's (Wall Triana) 8/19 from 4-7
 - Mums Fundraiser starting: Please reach out to one of our dancers if you are interested in purchasing. \$14.00 each. Mums can also be purchased through lean stream. We have purple, white, red, bronze and yellow. Delivery will be September 18th
 - Trash Panda Game- September 5th
- Drumline Update -
 - Many thanks to the students and parents that worked our fundraiser yesterday.
 - Little Caesar's Pizza sale continues through 8/14.
- Instrument Rental Update - No update at this time
- Photography Update
 - Photos from band camp week 1, week 2, and parent performance/cookout are on Flickr now. Enjoy!

- [BJHS Band Flickr](#)

Please email me if you have any questions. I will do my best to answer them or find out the answer! Looking forward to a great year together!

Thanks,

Neda Ballard

Band Booster President

Sent: 4 days ago on: Wed Jul 31 2024 at 7:44pm CDT

Sent by: [Leigh Thomas \(leighthomas24@gmail.com\)](mailto:leighthomas24@gmail.com)

From the Directors: First Day of School Reminders/Announcements!

Good evening everyone!

Thank you again to everyone who made band camp a success! The kids put on a great performance Monday, and we look forward to beginning school and making progress on each show. Here's a few announcements/reminders as we start school.

Weekly Rehearsal Schedule

- Monday
 - 3:45-5:30pm: Competition Band
 - 5:30-7:00pm: Color Guard Sectional
- Tuesday & Thursday
 - 3:45-4:30pm Football Band
 - 4:30-5:30pm Competition Band

*****We will begin our rehearsal schedule this Thursday, August 1. Attire and materials for after school rehearsals is the same as band camp. Please remember a change of clothes, water, and sunscreen!!!***

Class Expectations

- We go outside during 1st and 4th blocks (not 2nd block). Students should bring rehearsal clothes and materials, as well as regular school clothes. We will provide them adequate time and space to change. Deodorant and other hygiene products are highly encouraged, especially for those in 1st block.
- *****If a student is absent during the school day: *****Their absence will be coded by the front office, therefore we don't need additional documentation. Students are responsible for asking their section leader and/or a director for what material was covered.

- **If a student is absent after school for rehearsal:** Submit documentation and details using this google form ([CLICK HERE](#)). If we do not receive documentation, the student will receive a zero and an unexcused absence. Students can access a QR to this google form right outside the directors' office.

**We will cover more in depth about the attendance policy at our mandatory parent meeting.*

Open House and Mandatory Parent Meeting

- Thursday, August 8: Open House for BJHS (5-7pm). We will end rehearsal after football band at 4:30pm to allow students ample time to attend this event.
- Tuesday, August 13: Mandatory Parent Meeting (6pm start time). We hope this adjustment will avoid all open house conflicts. More details will be sent next week regarding forms and fees that are due and how to avoid long lines the night of the meeting.

Volunteer Program Updates

- Thank you to everyone who made our initial rollout of this program a success! We saw lots of new faces and had more than enough help throughout band camp. It takes a village!
- ****Please be prepared to declare your desired fee structure by August 13 at our parent meeting. ****As a part of our band contract that all members and parents sign, we will ask you about this preference so we can charge accounts accordingly and ensure we have ample volunteer opportunities for all. We will give more details about volunteer opportunities and how signups will continue to work during the parent meeting as well.
- **Here's a reminder of the three options of fee structures:**
 1. Discounted fee with volunteering: \$350 (4 shifts football or 6 shifts football/competition)
 2. Full football fee with no volunteering: \$700
 3. Full football/competition fee with no volunteering: \$900

**Any financial concerns should be brought to the directors for discussion.*

We look forward to seeing our students for class tomorrow and after school rehearsal with football and competition bands.

Bob Who?! BOB JONES!!!

Leigh Thomas

Director of Bands

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Assistant Director of Bands

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Sent: 5 days ago on: Tue Jul 30 2024 at 9:00pm CDT

Sent by: [Donna Gruen \(donna@thegruens.net\)](mailto:donna@thegruens.net)

Chaperone Signup Genius - After School Comfort Tent

Good evening Bob Jones Band Families!

We will be using SignUp Genius moving forward. Please use the below link to sign up for after school comfort tent shifts. Rehearsals are Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. BIB cards are required for these positions. Please be sure to forward your cards and reach out to Donna Gruen with any Chaperone questions at donna.bjband@thegruens.net.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44AFA722A5FDC70-50475205-after>

The link for the football game and Competition SignUp Genius will be sent out with this Sunday's weekly announcements.

-Donna Gruen

Sent: 7 days ago on: Mon Jul 29 2024 at 1:28pm CDT

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Family Cook Out and Performance TODAY!!!!

Reminder - the Family Cook Out starts at 6:00 pm in the parking lot outside of the tunnel on the school side.

Performance will be in the band field at 7:00! Come meet the booster board and get to know the other band families!

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7/28/2024 Weekly Announcements

7/28/24

Hello! It is Time!!! We have our parent performance and band family cook-out tomorrow! School starts on Thursday - as well as after school band practice! ** **

• Upcoming Events

- **Senior Banner orders due 7/28 TODAY**
- **Parent Performance/Family Cookout 7/29**
- **First Day of School 8/1**

- ****Mandatory Parent Meeting & Uniform Pick Up - August 13th****updated**
- **Weekly Practices (once school starts)**
 - **Mondays 3:45 Competition Band Practice**
 - **Tuesdays 3:45 football band, 4:30 Competition Band**
 - **Thursdays 3:45 football band, 4:30 Competition Band**
- **Consession Move-In rescheduled to 8/4**
- **Rocket City Marching Invitational 9/21**
- **Senior Banners - Orders due 7/28/24**
 - **SENIOR parents it is time to order senior banners to be displayed at home football games. Banners are optional but a great way to honor your senior student. *Banners will be ordered from and paid directly to Greg Machen.***
 - **[Banner link](#)**
 - ****The deadline to order is Sunday, July 28. ****
- ****Information/Forms Needed - **Turn in forms ASAP - Physical was due 7/16/24!**
 - **[PHYSICAL](#) - NOTE: The physical MUST be completed by a doctor!**
 - **[**OUT OF COUNTY Form](#) - ****
- **Parent Performance & Band Family Cookout - July 29, 2024**
 - **Our Parent Preview Cookout is right around the corner (7/29) Parent performance 7pm - come see what your kids have learned at band camp**
- **Hospitality Update:**
 - **Please review and email the food allergy/dietary restrictions document back so we can work together to accommodate your student's meal and snack needs.**
- **[** 2024-25 DIETARY FORMS - Google Docs**](#)**
- **Mandatory Parent Meeting - 8/6/2024**
 - **Forms & Fees may be turned in before 8/6 in the box at band room**
- **Dance Update**
 - **Check GroupMe and cutTime message for this week.**
- **Guard Update:**
 - **Jersey orders are due Monday! [Form here](#)**
- **Logistics Update:**
 - **We are spinning up to build props. We'll be taking inventory of what supplies we have and what we'll need. Further information to come**
- **Treasurer Update:**
 - **Band Booster fees for the fall semester are due at the mandatory band parent meeting on Aug 6th. The Fall Booster fees are as follows:**
 - **Football Band - \$700**

- Competition Band - \$900
 - Dance/Guard - \$700
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- If parents are participating in the volunteer shift opportunity, the Fall Booster fees are \$350 for all groups.
 - Payments can be made online, via check, or by cash. All checks MUST include a driver's license number and 2 phone numbers (this is required by Madison City Schools). If payment is made online, you MUST send a copy of the receipt to bjhsbands+treasurer@gmail.com. If paying with cash, please bring the exact amount.
 - The Treasurer will be present at the meeting to accept payments. To avoid the line, payments can be turned into the box in the band room in an envelope to include the student's name and payment description (ALL cash must be verified by Mrs. Thomas before being placed in the box!).
 - If there are questions, or to request a payment plan, please email bjhsbands+treasurer@gmail.com.
 - Fundraiser Update:
 - Coupon books should be arriving in time for you to pick up to sell at the first band parent meeting! Books are \$25 and your student will receive \$8 to their band account for each book sold. This is a great way to help you pay your student's band fees or start saving for future events!
 - Save the date! BJHS mattress sale will be Saturday 8/24. Please share the event link below to invite family and friends! [Link Here](#)
 - BJ Band family shirts will be available for you to order at Robin's Nest beginning August 8. More information will be coming at the booster meeting.
 - If you have any questions or would like to help with fundraising, contact Rebecca! beccaemmons21@gmail.com
 - Rocket City Marching Invitational - Saturday September 21st
 - Marching band competition hosted at the Madison City Stadium
 - Volunteers - great opportunity to get shifts in!
 - Students/Band Booster Board members will be expected to work
 - Ask your company to sponsor!
 - Further details coming soon
 - Drumline Update:
 - Thank you so much to the drumline students and parents that came out to work at our fundraiser yesterday. It was a wet, but fun afternoon and we received a generous contribution for BJD. We have another fundraiser next Saturday 8/3 and would love to see more of our Drumline students and parents out to work that event and support our program. Please reach out to Kate White (256-617-0020) if you have any questions or would like to sign up.
 - BJD has a Little Caesars Fundraiser going on through 8/14. Your friends and family order online and pizza kits are shipped directly to the customer, or they can order vouchers to use at any Little Caesars store.
 - Concessions Update:

- We have five home football games this year with the first being on Thursday, August 22nd against Cullman (remaining games are on Friday evenings.)
- We are excited to announce that we will be providing grilled hamburgers this season, so we are looking for grilling enthusiasts to volunteer. Not a grill master, no problem. There are several ways/positions for people to select from to support concessions – from working as a cashier to wrapping food (pizza, hamburgers, hot dogs), from being a food or drink runner to managing drink barrels on the home or away side. Concessions will have a table at the Parent Performance & Band Family Cookout on Monday. Stop by to learn about all football concessions positions and the many ways you can support concessions AND earn volunteer credits.
- Spirit Wear Update - Spirit Wear order link coming soon!
- Photography Update
 - Band Camp pics are now online via Flickr!!
 - [BJHS Band Flickr](#)

Please email me (nedamballard@gmail.com) if you have any questions. I will do my best to answer them or find out the answer!

Sent: 14 days ago on: Sun Jul 21 2024 at 8:07pm CDT

Sent by: [Kate White \(kprw89@gmail.com\)](mailto:kprw89@gmail.com)

Concession Stand Move In - Volunteer Opportunity 7/28/2024

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44AFA722A5FDC70-50387101-concession>

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7/21/24 Weekly Announcements

7/21/24

Hello! It was a great first week of band camp! This week's announcement is LONG - lots of information to share! *Please read all the way to the end to stay informed!*

We still have some physicals that need to be submitted. Leadership team out of county forms must be turned in by Friday to be able to go on the trip.

Note from Ms Thomas: *It was a great first week of camp! We got two of the football show movements on the field and look forward to week 2! Thank you to all the parent volunteers that helped.*

- **Upcoming Events**
 - Band Camp Spirit Week 7/22 -7/26
 - Parent Performance/Family Cookout 7/29
 - **Senior Banner** orders due 7/28
 - First Day of School 8/1
 - Mandatory Parent Meeting & Uniform Pick Up - August 6th
 - Weekly Practices (once school starts)
 - Mondays 3:45 Competition Band Practice
 - Tuesdays 3:45 football band, 4:30 Competition Band
 - Thursdays 3:45 football band, 4:30 Competition Band
 - Rocket City Marching Invitational 9/21
- **Information/Forms Needed - Turn in forms ASAP - Physical was due 7/16/24!**
 - **PHYSICAL** - NOTE: The physical **MUST** be completed by a doctor!
 - **OUT OF COUNTY** Form - Required for leadership to travel to DCI.
- **Band Camp Dates- July 15-July 29, 2024 - SCHEDULE**
 - **New student tours have been moved to Monday, July 29. **
 - Students may stay on campus or leave during lunch/dinner - food is on your own!
 - Hydrate, Hydrate, Hydrate! And bring a 1/2 - 1 gallon water bottle each session
 - Make sure your kids wear SUNSCREEN each session!
- **Spirit Days** -Students - Wrap up Band Camp in Style! Students should contact their section leader if they have any questions.
 - Monday 7/22- White Lie Day
 - Tuesday 7/23 - Twin Day
 - Wednesday 7/24 - Water Wars
 - Seniors - Black
 - Juniors - Blue
 - Sophomores - Grey
 - Freshman - Red
 - Thursday 7/25 - BBQ Dads/Soccer Moms
 - Friday 7/26 - Section Pride Day
- **Instrument Rentals & Locker Assignments**
 - Ms Hayes will be in the band room at 7:30am on Monday for anyone who still needs to turn in an instrument rental contract or sign up for a locker.
- **Parent Performance & Band Family Cookout - July 29, 2024**
 - Our Parent Preview Cookout is right around the corner (7/29) -and we need some volunteers to help with this fun event. Please open the Sign-Up link to see where you can lend a hand. - [Sign Up Genius Here](#)
 - Parent performance 7pm - come see what your kids have learned at band camp

- **Senior Banners - Orders due 7/28/24**
 - SENIOR parents it is time to order senior banners to be displayed at home football games. Banners are optional but a great way to honor your senior student. *Banners will be ordered from and paid directly to Greg Machen.*
 - [Banner link](#)
 - The deadline to order is Sunday, July 28.
- **Hospitality Updates:**
 - Welcome from Student Hospitality! Our committee plans, purchases and serves all meals and snacks for the band students during the fall football / comp band season, as well as any spring meal needs during special activities such as MPA (watch for volunteer opportunities as we get further into the season). If your student has a medically diagnosed allergy, celiac disease, has religious dietary needs, or is a vegetarian/vegan, etc. PLEASE complete the attached form [2024-25 DIETARY FORMS - Google Docs](#) so that I can work to accommodate your student. Please reach out if you have any questions. Thank you!
 - Greetings from Event Hospitality! We plan and prepare hospitality tables for several big events during the competition season (RCMI, MadTown, WGI). We also help facilitate the spring Jazz Brunch event and plan our End-of-Year Band Banquet. We will be looking for volunteers throughout the year to help set up hospitality events, bring delicious crockpots of food and clean up. (Keep your eye out for opportunities to serve in upcoming emails.)
- **Chaperone Update**
 - Band Camp Volunteers - You will need to turn in a copy of your [BIB](#) card
 - All BIB cards need to be emailed to donna.bjband@thegruens.net. Please send a screenshot of the card. We need the ID number and expiration date for tracking purposes. Thank you
- **Uniform Update**
 - Pictures will be taken in uniform on Wednesday (7/24) between 1PM and 4PM. Students are encouraged to go home and shower during lunch in preparation for pictures.
- **Treasurer Update** - Band fees will be due prior to uniform pick-up. More information coming soon.
- **Spirit Wear Update** - Spirit Wear order link coming soon!
- **Fundraising Update**
 - Mattress Sale coming up Saturday August 24th - further info coming!
 - We will be selling coupon books again this year. Be looking for information on dates and prices soon!
- **Rocket City Marching Invitational - Saturday September 21st**
 - Marching band competition hosted at the Madison City Stadium
 - Volunteers - great opportunity to get shifts in!
 - Students/Band Booster Board members will be expected to work

- Ask your company to sponsor!
- Further details coming soon
- **Dance Update -**
 - Uniform payments were due 7/15. Please contact Laura with any questions.
 - Separate email sent with Trash Pandas dance night information.
 - Pictures at band camp are July 24th at 1pm. Have hair done straight. Bring makeup to school after lunch.
 - Dance team photos outside of school are on July 30th. 6:30pm in Downtown Madison. Meet at the gazebo.
 - Please send girls to camp with bug spray and make sure water bottles are no less than 1/2 a gallon.
- **Photography Update**
 - Band Camp Photos are coming soon. Be on the lookout!
 - [BJHS Band Flickr](#)

Please email me (nedamballard@gmail.com) if you have any questions. I will do my best to answer them or find out the answer! Looking forward to a great year together!

Sent: 19 days ago on: Wed Jul 17 2024 at 8:52am CDT

Sent by: [Donna Gruen \(donna@thegruens.net\)](mailto:donna@thegruens.net)

BIB Cards are Needed for Volunteers

Good morning!

My name is Donna Gruen and I am the Chaperone Chair for the Bob Jones Marching Band. I am also the one to send all BIB cards to. If you are planning to volunteer with the band in a way that interacts with the kids, you need a BIB card. The application can be completed by selecting this link <https://securevolunteer.com/madison-city-schools/home>.

Please send me a screenshot of your completed BIB card to donna.bjband@thegruens.net.

Please be sure to get those applications done ASAP as it does take some time for the background check to be completed.

Thank you and have a wonderful week!

-Donna Gruen

Sent: 25 days ago on: Wed Jul 10 2024 at 8:35pm CDT

Sent by: [Jenni Harvey \(jenni.s.harvey@gmail.com\)](mailto:jenni.s.harvey@gmail.com)

Returning Student Uniform Inspection

Please fill out the linked google form (also included in the band camp schedule) to submit pictures of your existing uniform items for approval (jerseys, member shorts, etc.).

If not completed before uniform fittings at band camp, replacement items will be ordered.

<https://forms.gle/eZJbfmrN7zfqhBd6>

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Sent by: [Neda Ballard \(nedamballard@gmail.com\)](mailto:nedamballard@gmail.com)

Welcome To Band!

Hello - Welcome to the Football Band Program. Please click on the Events below to see information specific to that event. The emails from today are also available to view under Events.