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### **Wind Ensemble and Orchestra Performance**

On Thursday, May 26 at 7pm, the Orchestra program (Maltby, Scranton and BHS) will be holding a spring concert at BCPA. BHS Wind Ensemble will join with the Orchestra on May 26 to perform the Pirates of the Caribbean.

**Concert Uniform turn-in** for Wind Ensemble will occur immediately following the Wind Ensemble performance with Orchestra. Please remember to bring a change of clothes for after the concert so that you have something to wear! Also, anyone who did not turn in their pants after the last concert, please remember to bring them in with a post-it note attached identifying whose pants they are.

### **Maltby Concert**

The Maltby bands will be making a triumphant return to the BCPA for their annual Spring concert on Monday, May 23 at 7pm.

PLEASE make sure to come out and support our students. It is so very important that our students feel the support of the community for all their hard work. This is especially important following the last couple of years of COVID which have made everyone feel so isolated from each other.

### **BHS Concert Uniform Volunteers**

We Need Parents to help out on Concert Uniform turn in on May 26 following the Wind Ensemble performance with Orchestra. Please volunteer for uniform turn-in here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0844a9ab2ba6f58-concert>

### **BHS Awards Night**

The annual awards night will be held at the BCPA on Tuesday, May 24 at 7pm. Please come celebrate your student's achievements.

### **Mandatory Band Camp Meeting**

Mark your calendars. The Mandatory Band Camp meeting will be Monday, June 6 at 7pm at BHS.

### **Band Camp Chaperones Needed**

We need both men and women who are willing and able to spend a week as a cabin parent and/or as medical staff at YMCA Camp Nissokone (near Oscoda, MI) with our BHS Marching Band, August 21-27, 2022. You do not need to know how to play an instrument or march - you just have to be willing to be the adult in charge of a cabin of high school band students or if interested in being medical staff, take care of routine medical needs and injuries. Chaperones must have a sense of humor, patience, know how to be firm when needed, and be willing to help students with whatever needs arise. You will be asked to complete a background check application (district policy).

***If you are interested in applying to be a chaperone or medical staff, you must complete this [Google FORM](#) by June 9, 2022, to be considered.***

You will be notified by the end of June if you have been selected to attend camp. Questions about being a chaperone or medical staff at camp can be directed to Laura Burnham at [bandcamp@brightonbandboosters.org](mailto:bandcamp@brightonbandboosters.org).

### **Lacrosse Concessions**

We still have 2 Lacrosse Concessions opportunities remaining. Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4BAEAA22A5FF2-lacrosse1>

### **Memorial Day Parade**

Reminder that all BHS students, including Seniors, are expected to march in the Memorial Day Parade. Parade details will be announced by Mrs. Hoffman in class.

### **Instrument Turn In**

All Marching instruments and Senior Concert Instruments will be collected following the Memorial Day Parade. Concert instruments for Freshman, Sophomores and Juniors will happen closer to the end of school.

### **Unpaid Items**

Lastly, please pay any outstanding balances for gloves, reeds, supplies etc... are due now. Seniors will not get their caps and gowns with any outstanding balances. Thank you!

### **Band Booster Letter to BAS Board**

As you may be aware, the BAS School Board recently revised their budget to include more than \$6 million in Federal Covid Recovery aid. The Band Boosters have been working with the Brighton administration to secure funding for new instruments at all three schools for the last few years. We have been appreciative of the investments that were made, including new marching percussion. However, we still have many, many instruments that are well past their useful life (some of our tubas are literally 50 years old). Although we are currently experiencing a reduction in the number of band students in the program due to covid, we see increases in the 5th grade classes which show a return to music education going forward. As such, the Boosters have submitted a request to the BAS Board to invest some of that windfall in new instruments, stands and other equipment at all three schools to ensure that we have the instruments and tools necessary to educate future Brighton band students. The current situation presents a generational opportunity to make an investment in this program that could literally last for generations. We ask for your support. If you are so inclined, to let the Board know of your support for this request. This is a unique situation we find ourselves in due to the unexpected funding from the federal government. Whatever anyone thinks of the policies that led to this situation, we can all agree that we don't want to see these funds spent on strictly short term items. We want these funds to be invested in a manner that pays dividends back to the people of Brighton for years to come - and we believe music education is essential. Especially given the recent investments by the Board in the new STEAM Center, the dome being build at Maltby and the investment in the orchestra program over the last few years. (All of which are worthy investments, band just belongs on the list too).

I have attached the letter I sent this evening. I will let you know what response it received from the Board.

Thanks again.

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Brighton Band Booster