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BRANDON HIGH SCHOOL

We at Brandon High School unite to graduate students capable of reaching their full potential as highly productive citizens with strong ethical values.

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April 21, 2011

Dear Potential Colorguard Parents,

I am very pleased that your child has expressed interest in The Brandon High School Colorguard. Thank you for supporting your son or daughter. The Brandon High School Winds, Percussion and Colorguard join together to make one outstanding band program.

The Colorguard performs with the BHS Marching Band. It is a great program that helps develop confidence, a positive attitude, self-esteem, cooperation, and self-discipline. It also gives members the thrill of performing with an amazing group in front of hundreds of enthusiastic fans. After marching season, the Colorguard creates a Winterguard show and competes around the State through the Florida Federation of Colorguards Circuit. Even though this past year was our first year competing with the Colorguard, we placed 2nd in the State in our division. I can't wait to see what they will do next year! This program takes a great amount of time, discipline, and dedication but the rewards are equally great. There are countless benefits to being part of the Brandon Band Family. We hope you will join us!!

We will soon begin the process of Colorguard auditions. We will have a series of three Colorguard Workshops and then an audition. At the workshops, your student will learn the basic skills they will need to audition. They will also be taught a warm-up and performance routine. At the audition, the students will demonstrate what they have learned for a panel of adjudicators.

Fundraising opportunities will be presented throughout the summer and the school year to help pay for the fees. Many students have been able to pay for the majority of their fees by participating in these fundraisers. If you are a new parent and have any financial concerns for this coming year, please let me know. The Band Boosters have a program in place to help.

Please fill out the attached information sheet so that I may contact you when we have finished the auditions. You will also need to have the ADA packet completed with purchased insurance by the first workshop. I will continue to send out email updates, so please be sure to include all the email addresses that you would like to receive information from. If for some reason you do not have email access, please let me know and I will keep you informed. Please note the important dates on the attached paperwork as well. If you have any questions, please email me at Melanie.Driscoll@sdhc.k12.fl.us or call the band office at (813) 744-8120 ext.311. We look forward to you joining our band family.

Sincerely,

Melanie Driscoll
Band Director
Brandon High School

Brandon High School



Requirements to Attend Workshops & Audition:

- Completed ADA Packet with Insurance
- Dress: Dance Attire with tights underneath. Dance shoes/flipper/etc.

Requirements for the Team:

- Must maintain a 2.0 GPA
- Must be registered for the “Eurhythmics” class 7th period for 2 semesters.
- Monday & Thursday Rehearsals Required
- Performances Required
- Attendance at Pre-Camp & Band Camp is Required
- No School Disciplinary Issues
- No School Debts
- Financial Requirements

Important Dates

Tuesday, May 2 nd	Colorguard Workshop 6:00-8:00pm	BHS Gym
Wednesday, May 3 rd	Colorguard Workshop 6:00-8:00pm	BHS Gym
Thursday, May 4 th	Colorguard Workshop 6:00-8:00pm	BHS Gym
Friday, May 5 th	Colorguard AUDITION 6:00-8:00pm	BHS Gym
Monday, May 23 rd	First Rehearsal with the New Team	5:30-8:00pm BHS Gym
August 3-5	Tentative Band Pre-Camp	
August 8-13	Tentative Band Camp	
August 15	Monday/Thursday Rehearsals Start	

Financial Requirements

*Please keep in mind that the Brandon Band Boosters provide multiple fundraising opportunities to offset the cost the Colorguard costs. All fees can be either fundraised or paid to the “Brandon Band Boosters” (except for the School Uniform Rental Fee).

Yearly Fee

Instructional, Equipment & Dues Fee =
9 monthly payments starting in Sept. of \$62
(or one payment of \$558)

Summer Colorguard Expenses

\$180 Band Camp

Spring Color Guard Expenses

\$150 Winter Guard Costume

Fall Colorguard Expenses

\$42.80 School Uniform Rental Fee (paid to Brandon H. S.)
\$12 School Uniform Cleaning Fee
\$135 Marching Show Uniform
\$25 Personalized Duffle Bag
\$10 Colorguard T-Shirt
\$13 Gloves (as needed)
\$25 Shoes (as needed)
\$55 Warm-Up Jacket (as needed)

Brandon High School Colorguard

-- Please Print Clearly --

Yes! I am interested in getting more information about the 2011-2012
Brandon High School Colorguard.

Student Name _____

Circle One: Male or Female

Parent(s) Name _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone: _____

Parents' Other Phone: _____

Student Email: _____

Parent Email(s): _____

Middle School Attended: _____

Please circle one: Grade for the 2011-2012 School Year: 9 10 11 12

Please Drop Off or Mail to:

Brandon High School Band

ATTN: Melanie Driscoll

1101 Victoria St.

Brandon, FL 33510

ADA Packet Instructions

All colorguard applicants must complete an ADA packet to participate in the Colorguard Workshops and Audition. This packet will be good until June 10th, 2011. If the student is accepted to the team, another packet will then need to be completed as well at the beginning of June and it will be good until June 2012.

ALL forms must be completed – and turned in to Ms. Driscoll BEFORE the student participates. The forms are available online at <http://athletics.mysdhc.org>. Look on the right side of the page for links to forms.

The ADA Packet includes:

1. Application for Athletic Participation Senior High School – 4 pages
2. Pre-participation Physical – EL2 – must be on this form – good for 1 year from date of exam – 3 pages
3. Medical Release – 2 copies – each must be original signature and notarized
4. Unsportsmanlike Conduct fines agreement
5. Student Media Release Form
6. If the student did not start 9th grade at Brandon High School or has attended any other high school – student and parent must complete the GA4 form.
7. Everyone must purchase the *Group C High School Sports* insurance from www.schoolinsuranceofflorida.com before being allowed to participate. (\$20)
Print out the confirmation of purchase and include it in this ADA packet.

