

BRANDON HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Important Dates

Due ASAP **Blue Contact Information Paper Due**
August 3 Beef O' Bradys Spirit Night 4:00-8:00pm
August 4-5 Band Pre-Camp 8am-5pm
Aug. 8-12 Band Camp @ Warren W. Willis Camp – Fruitland Park, FL

Rehearsal/Performance Schedule

- Monday and Thursday 3:30-6:00pm
- Friday Night Football Games Aug. 26-Nov 11
- Saturday Competitions (Lion's Pride - October 22 and Marching MPA – Oct. 29)
- ALL PERFORMANCES AND REHEARSALS ARE GRADED

Expenses to be Expected

Band Camp \$180 (Due by July 29)
Band Rain Gear (T-Shirt & Shorts Set) \$15 each set (Due July 29)
Marching Uniform Cleaning \$35 (Due August 31)**
Marching Uniform Rental \$37.45 (Due August 31)
Instrument Rental (If provided by BHS, including percussion) \$42.80 (Due August 31)
Gloves \$5 (Due August 31)
Marching Shoes \$34.20 (Due August 31)
Rent Concert Uniform \$30 (Due November 1)
or
Purchase Tux \$99 or Purchase Dress \$66 (Due November 1)

** If a parent & student volunteer to work our Music Box Fundraiser for 2 nights, they will have \$35 credited to their account.

A deposit for camp is required to hold a spot for band camp and the halftime show.
Band Camp can be paid for all at once, or in the following payments:

\$40 Deposit	Due ASAP – <u>This holds your spot!!</u>	Please send payments to: Brandon High School Band ATTN: Melanie Driscoll 1101 Victoria St. Brandon, FL 33510
\$40 Payment	Due June 24, 2011	
\$40 Payment	Due July 8, 2011	
\$30 Payment	Due July 22, 2011	
<u>\$30 Final Payment</u>	<u>Due July 29, 2011</u>	
\$180	Total Due by July 29, 2011	(Checks made payable to: Brandon Band Boosters)

Website

www.brandoneaglesband.com

Contacts

Ms. Melanie Driscoll	Melanie.Driscoll.sdhc.k12.fl.us	(813) 744-8120 ext.311
Band Booster Board	eaglesbandboosters@gmail.com	
Treasurer – Mrs. Bone	jbone@levyawards.com	

Brandon High School Eagle Band

Dear Band Parents,

I am very pleased that your child has expressed interest in The Brandon High School Band Program. Thank you for supporting your son or daughter's continuing music experiences.

The BHS Marching Band 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 in a great band in front of hundreds of enthusiastic fans. It 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!!

Feel free to contact me anytime with questions. I am more than willing to schedule a personal meeting with you and your child or answer questions via email or phone. No question is a bad question.

Please note the following important dates:

Beef O' Brady's Spirit Night

Wednesday, August 3rd (off of Kings Ave.)
4:00-8:00pm

We will collect paperwork and any fees still owed while having a fundraiser for the band.

Band Pre-Camp

Thursday & Friday, August 4th & 5th – First Baptist Church
9am-5pm
Parent Meeting Thursday @ 5:15pm

Band Camp

Monday-Friday, August 8th-12th @ Warren W. Willis Camp – Fruitland Park, FL
Student Drop-Off @ BHS: Monday @ 7:00 am
Student Pick-Up @ BHS: Friday @ 8:00pm

Instrument Check-Out Night is June 7th. This is when all school-owned instruments will be distributed. Please come to pick up your instrument. We will not have access to the band room during the summer to get to them. I will have the instrument rental form for you to fill out there. I will need to make a copy of a driver's license to check out the instrument during the summer. The instrument rental fee check will go to "Brandon High School" for \$42.80 and will be due after school starts.

Band Pre-Camp will be Thursday & Friday, August 4th & 5th. This will be an introduction to marching band. Simple marching skills will be taught along with review of basic music techniques. Since BHS will be closed at this time due to school improvement projects, we will meet at First Baptist Church of Brandon. A newsletter will be sent out over the summer to keep you updated. This is a great time for all the new freshmen to meet each other and get prepared for band camp.

Band Camp is the most important week of the marching season. It will be Monday-Friday, August 8-12, 2011. This is where the students will begin learning the halftime show music and drill, fundamentals of music and movement, school songs and basic marching. This is also the time of year where professional musicians are brought in to work with the students one on one. Band Camp is a lot of fun and a great bonding experience for all the students. This year's band camp will be an overnight

camp held at the Warren W. Willis Camp in Fruitland Park, FL. Transportation will be provided to and from camp for the students. There are many benefits to having an overnight band camp. There is esprit d'corps, less driving back and forth, group-friendly facilities, 3 meals a day are provided, and most importantly...it's FUN! The cost of camp is only \$180. This fee includes housing for 5 days and 4 nights, 3 "all-you-can-eat" meals a day, charter bus transportation, music, and staff instruction. Fundraising opportunities will be presented throughout the year to help pay for this fee and others in the future. Many students are able to pay all their fees in full by participating in fundraising. Pre-Camp and Band Camp are required. Coming to band camp is the only way to assure a spot in the halftime show. If for any reason a student cannot attend camp, that student may still be a member of the band, but will be made an alternate for the halftime show. Please contact Ms. Driscoll if you have any questions or concerns about camp. If you are a new student, please let Ms. Driscoll know if you have any financial concerns about band camp. We have a program in place for those situations.

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We need your help now. It is very important that we have a firm commitment so we can begin working to organize and write the halftime music and drill. We need an accurate instrumentation count in order to do this. We also need to look at our need for large instruments and percussion, how many beds at band camp, how many uniforms, etc. Based on your decision, we will soon make commitments regarding instrumentation and numbers. Save your spot now!

Please read the enclosed information so you understand what the marching band is about. The band website will continue to keep you up to date www.brandoneaglesband.com. If for some reason you cannot access it, please let me know and I will keep you informed.

Please sign (either YES or NO) the enclosed contact information paper and return it to me as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please email me at Melanie.Driscoll@sdhc.k12.fl.us. We look forward to you joining our band family.

Sincerely,

Melanie Driscoll
Band Director
Brandon High School
1101 Victoria St.
Brandon, FL 33510
(813) 744-8120 ext. 311

CALENDAR

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2011 Football Schedule

Game Time: 7:30pm Band Call Time: TBA

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Friday, Aug. 26	Blake	Home	7:30 pm
Friday, Sept. 2	Armwood	Home	7:30 pm
Friday, Sept. 9	No Game	-----	-----
Friday, Sept. 16	Freedom	Away	7:30 pm
Friday, Sept. 23	Durant	Away	7:30 pm
Friday, Sept. 30	Sickles (No Band)	Away	7:30 pm
Friday, Oct. 7	Newsome	Home	7:30 pm
Friday, Oct. 14	Plant	Home	7:30 pm
Friday, Oct. 21	Riverview	Away	7:30 pm
Friday, Oct. 28	Plant City	Away	7:30 pm
Friday, Nov. 4	East Bay	Home	7:30 pm
Friday, Nov. 11	Jefferson	Home	7:30 pm

*Call times for away games will be announced the week of the away game.

Other Important Dates

Aug. 23	Students' First Day Back at School
Sept. 10	HOT DAY @ USF
Sept. 24	All-State Auditions – Burns M.S.
Oct. 22	Lion's Pride Marching Band Competition
Oct. 29	Marching Band MPA – Manatee H.S.
Dec. 8	Winter Band Concert
Feb. 10	Jazz MPA at Florida State Fair
Feb. 17 & 18	Solo & Ensemble – Armwood H.S.
February 23	Pre-MPA Band Concert
March 1-3	Concert Band MPA – USF
May 3	Spring Band Concert
May 18	Band Awards Banquet

Brandon High School Band

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Please check one: Yes! I would like to join the Brandon High School Band.
 No, I will not be joining the BHS Band next year.

Student Name _____

Circle One: Male or Female Grade for 2011-2012: 9 10 11 12

Parent(s) Name _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone: _____

Parents' Other Phone: _____

Student Email: _____

Parent Email: _____

Concert Band Instrument: _____

I will need to rent this instrument from the BHS Band: Yes or No

Marching Band Instrument (if different): _____

I will need to rent this instrument from the BHS Band: Yes or No

How many sets of Rain Gear t-shirt and shorts would you like to order? 1 2 3

T-shirt size _____ Shorts Size _____ Women or Men?

Please Drop Off or Mail ASAP:

Brandon High School Band

ATTN: Melanie Driscoll

1101 Victoria St.

Brandon, FL 33510