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Welcome to the 2023-2024 Brighton High School Band

It is hard to believe that it is already that time of year! It is time to sign-up to be a part of the BHS Band for next school year. We are so excited to bring the 2023-2024 version of the BHS band together. To our new members, welcome! We are excited to work as a team to create, learn, and build memories together!

This handbook will cover a great deal of the general information associated with the high school band. There will also be a great deal of general information sent out through Remind throughout the school year that will keep student and parent/guardians informed. Be sure to sign-up for Remind if you are not already signed up. We also post many of our current happenings on the Brighton Band Facebook page and on brightonband.com.

There is a checklist of things to be aware of and make sure that we do to be registered for high school band

- Fill out the provided hard copy of the needed band forms; these are seen on the last four pages of the handbook. We must have these forms on file before students can attend any camps.
- Attach a copy of the band student's insurance card.
- Register for the 3rd period band class with the BHS Guidance counselors before band camp begins. The counselors will be coming around the BMS/BHS students in the spring with registration information.
- ***New Members must have a physical on file before attending any camp. Your physician should have TSSAA physical forms available in their office. TSSAA physical forms can also be found at: <https://cms-files.tssaa.org/documents/tssaa/health-safety-information/Physical-Form-updated-11.2019.pdf>***
- Be sure to be signed up for Remind.

Remind – If you are a returning member of the BHS/BMS Band who is already signed up, there is no need to sign up again:

- Class of 2027 – Upcoming 9th Grade - Text @mayohs27 to 81010
- Class of 2026 – Upcoming 10th Grade – Text @mayohs26 to 81010
- Class of 2025 – Upcoming 11th Grade – Text @mayohs25 to 81010
- Class of 2024 – Upcoming 12th Grade – Text @mayohs24 to 81010

If at any time you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Mayo at jmayo@tipton-county.com. We look forward to a great upcoming band year!

Musically,
Jeffrey A. Mayo

Director, Brighton High School Band

2023-2024 Brighton High School Band Handbook

Membership: Current Brighton Middle school band members must be in good standing within the 8th grade band program to obtain membership in the BHS Band. All new members outside of the Brighton Middle & High School Band programs must audition for placement within the Brighton High School Band. Please email Mr. Mayo to schedule a day & time for audition. Email: jmayo@tipton-county.com

Band Camp: All BHS Marching Band Members are required to attend band camp. Camp is where we learn a large portion of our marching show and beyond. At these camps, we learn marching fundamentals, music fundamentals, choreography fundamentals, guard fundamentals, drill positions, drill choreography, dance choreography, show design, etc. It is also during this time that we have additional hired in instructors. After camp, most of these staff members will not be here, which means with only a few staff members, it is impossible to catch students up. Camp Dates:

- July 10-14
 - New Member Camp - 6:30AM to 11:30AM
 - Section Leader, Percussion, and Guard Camp – 6:30AM to 3:30PM
 - Returning members are encouraged to attend this camp to refresh and improve upon their marching fundamentals. However, any kind of interference with training will not be tolerated.
- July 17-21 and July 24-28
 - Full Band Camp – 6:30AM to 3:30PM
 - All members are required to attend.
- Please note: If at all possible, please schedule all doctors appointments outside of band camp and rehearsal time. We understand that some appointments cannot be helped. However, time missed during camp and rehearsals is extremely valuable and makes progression difficult. Thank you for your understanding.

After-School Rehearsals: Due to the high-performance factor of marching band, afterschool rehearsals are needed. Our afterschool schedule are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays afterschool until 5:00PM. Attendance to all after-school rehearsals is required. An unexcused absence from all or part of rehearsal may result in loss of position within the show and placement on the alternate line. Work is not considered an excuse. Excused absences can also cause temporary loss of position; for instance, if a student is sick when drill is learned, the student will not be allowed to perform until the student learns the drill they missed. Any need for missing a rehearsal needs to be discussed with Mr. Mayo to determine if the absence will be excused. Generally, if the student has an excused absence through the school, the rehearsal will be excused. During August and September, some afterschool rehearsals may be pushed back to a later time due to extreme heat; in these cases, the times will be communicated at least the weekend before the rehearsals; these absences will be handled on a case-by-case basis as to whether or not the student will be excused.

Marching Band Alternates: Marching band is very much a team activity. When one person is missing, does not perform their music correctly, or is not committed to giving 100%, it affects the rest of the band. Because of this, there is a need for an alternate system. Alternate members are still full members of the band that are required to be at all rehearsals, performances, and competitions. Alternates also still pay their band fees. During band camp, some members will be placed on alternate status through music and marching performance analysis. We want every student in our program to be in a position they can succeed in. These members will shadow another member to learn the choreography and marching drill; they will also continue to develop their music. Throughout the season, students are evaluated, and alternates can earn a position on the field. Some considerations for all members are music performance, marching performance, choreography performance, attendance, attitude, and grades. Most commonly, our alternates march at football games so that they are able to still perform; the directors and staff determine this. Alternates do not normally march at competitions unless they are covering a position. Placement within all BHS Band Programs will be determined by the directors and staff; it may be changed when deemed beneficial to the ensemble.

Grades:

- Marching Band Grading:
 - Weekly Participation – 10%
 - Behavior during classes, rehearsals, travel, and performances.
 - Preparedness and readiness for classes, warm-ups, rehearsals, and performances.
 - Essentially, this is being in the right place at the right time with the right equipment and right attitude.
 - Rehearsals and Practicing– 50%
 - Attendance to all after-school rehearsals is required in order to maintain the highest performance quality possible.
 - Work or vacation is not deemed as an excuse.
 - Students are expected to give full effort at each rehearsal.
 - Students are expected to practice daily at home.
 - Performances and Pass-offs– 40%
 - Band is a performance-based class. Attendance to and full participation in performances are of the utmost importance. When one individual is absent, it affects the rest of the band.
 - Work or vacation is not deemed as an excuse.
 - Students are expected to give full effort at each performance.
 - Pass-offs may be given from time to time to evaluate contribution. Members not performing at 100% may be replaced by an alternate if there is an alternate member who is performing better and is deemed more capable of contributing to the ensemble's overall sound and visual element. Students can improve this grade by setting up a time to re-attempt the pass off with Mr. Mayo or the appropriate staff member.
- Concert Band Grading:
 - Weekly Participation – 10%
 - Students are graded based upon participation during class, fulfillment of assigned daily duties, and preparedness for class.
 - Classroom Performance and Practicing– 50%
 - Students are assessed on the performance of their music. Students are expected to diligently practice and show improvement from day to day.
 - If a student is deemed not to be practicing, student musicians may be assigned weekly practice logs in lieu of the “Weekly Grade” if deemed necessary. These logs will be signed by the student's parent/guardian and will be turned in to Mr. Mayo each Friday at the beginning of the band period.
 - Performances and Pass-offs – 40%
 - Band is a performance-based class. Attendance to and full participation in performances are of the utmost importance. Students usually perform at a holiday concert, two spring concerts, and graduation during concert season.
 - Pass-offs may be given from time to time to evaluate contribution. Students can improve this grade by setting up a time to re-attempt the pass off with Mr. Mayo or the appropriate staff member.

Rules: All school and board of education rules and codes are held to each member within the band program. Band is an extra-curricular subject and membership is a privilege. With such a large membership, there is a lot of trust held between members and directors/staff. Fighting or bullying is not tolerated within the band program. The directors reserve the right to sideline students due to behavior issues. Disciplinary matters, poor attitude, lack of effort, and/or lack of performance may result in placement to alternate line, being sidelined, or an office referral when appropriate.

Attitude/Etiquette

Over the past few years, Brighton Band has worked hard to create a very positive school environment. We would like to keep building upon this. There is the expectation that those associated with our band program will refrain from saying, texting, writing, posting, etc. negative comments toward anyone in or outside the band program. This includes our band program, staff, members, other school programs, other schools, parents, etc. Doing so can result in loss of position and/or dismissal. Instead, we encourage focusing on the positive aspects of the program, other programs, and individuals. Every organization and individual has some aspect we can learn from.

Boosters and Chaperones: We are very fortunate to have an absolutely incredible booster organization. These phenomenal parents/guardians work very hard to make sure we have the needed materials. The boosters make so much happen for this band program. It is so important that everyone does their part. We can always use volunteers in numerous areas of the band program. Students, please keep in mind to be respectful to our boosters. If interested in being more involved in the booster organization, please attend one of our booster meetings. The next meeting is April 11th at 7:00PM in the BHS Band Room. All chaperones for the band program must have a Tipton County Schools background check. For BMS parents, background check forms can be picked up in the BMS front office. For BHS parents, background check forms can be picked up in the BHS Band office.

School Instruments: Students in various areas of the band utilize school owned instruments. These instruments are most commonly bass clarinets, mellophones, marching baritones, tubas, sousaphones, and percussion instruments. Students utilizing these instruments are expected to treat them with care and maintain them. Students found to mishandle the instruments are responsible to fees associated with repairs and may lose the privilege of using a school owned instrument.

Physicals: To protect our student's well-being and ensure that every student on the field is physically ready to execute our demanding drill, choreography, and music, Brighton High School requires each band member to have a physical completed and on file in the band office before the first day of band camp of the students first year in the BHS Band. Please have a physician conduct a physical exam and confirm your child's ability to participate in marching band. We do not have hard copies of physical forms in our offices. Please print your own form, you can find a downloadable version at: <https://cms-files.tssaa.org/documents/tssaa/health-safety-information/Physical-Form-updated-11.2019.pdf>

Band Fees:

- Fees are necessary to acquire materials such as music literature, copyrights, customs arrangements, custom drill, custom choreography, large instruments, wind instructors, percussion instructors, guard instructors, entry fees, transportation, show materials, uniform updates, uniform maintenance, field materials, field maintenance costs and instructional supplies, all of which are used to build and prepare our competitive band. Band fees only cover a fraction of the cost of running the band program.
- Fee waiver is not applicable to band since band is an extracurricular activity.
- Because of budgeting done for drill design and staff, fees are non-refundable once paid
- Foster students are not charged a band fee.
- You may notice that guard fees and percussion fees are higher than wind fees; these higher fees are due to the costs of additional instructors for these sections throughout the school year.
- Wind Members - \$450.00
- Percussion Members - \$550.00
- Guard Members - \$550.00
- We do provide a discount for a single household that has multiple members in the BHS Band
 - One Member – Full Price
 - A Second Member – Half Price
 - Three or More Members - \$50 for each additional child

- If there is a guard or percussion student, the discount does not apply to those fees due to the additional cost of instructors.
- A \$200 Deposit toward your child's band fee is due to the band office no later than the last day of school. The remaining balance is due on the first day of band camp.
- Any payments can be turned in to the BMS Band Room, BHS Band Room, or can be mailed to our P.O. Box:
 - Brighton Band Boosters
P.O. Box 608
Brighton, TN 38011
- Please make all payments out to Brighton Band Boosters
- If paying with cash, please have exact change.

Required One Time Purchases:

- For wind and percussion members, students will need long, solid black socks for uniformed performances.
- For wind musicians, students will need to acquire a flip folder and lyre (clamp that clips flip folder to instrument). Percussion members will need to acquire a flip folder. These resources can be ordered through Amro Music, musiciansfriend.com, etc.
- On Wednesday, July 26th, we will be ordering our marching band shoes for band members who need a new or replacement pair. These shoes are a specific brand and cost \$40.00. Please make checks out to Brighton Band Boosters.
- Guard:
 - One Pair of guard shoes - These are a specific brand of shoe and cost \$40.00. They will be ordered through the band on July 26th.
 - One time purchase of practice equipment – The exact amount will be discussed at guard auditions and will need to be paid the first day of guard camp. These practice materials are for students to practice with at home during the high school band career.
- Because of these items being ordered per individual, these items are non-refundable.

Communication

- Due to a busy schedule teaching at both BMS and BHS during school and afterschool, Mr. Mayo's primary source of communication is email. If at any time you need to contact Mr. Mayo, please email jmayo@tipton-county.com. Per school policy, please allow Mr. Mayo twenty-four hours during school days to respond. Please refrain from reaching out to any staff through social media, as many of us do not actively check our accounts.

Tentative Marching Performance and Additional Rehearsal Schedule: Band is a performance-based class. While students performed a few times in middle school each year, students will perform likely around twenty times throughout the school year at the high school level. These performances are required for a grade and are not optional. All dates are tentative but please keep the following dates open! We will update this schedule via "Remind" as dates are released.

- July 28th – Meet the Band at MHS
- August 18th – Football Game – BHS vs. Henry County
- August 25th – Football Game – BHS at Covington
- September 1st – Football Game – BHS at Ridgeway
- September 8th – Football Game – BHS at Kingsbury
- September 9th – Saturday Band Rehearsal
- September 15th – Football Game – BHS vs. Memphis Central
- September 16th – Saturday Band Rehearsal and Tipton County Marching Showcase at BHS
- September 22nd – Football Game – BHS vs. Overton
- September 23rd – Competition – Union City Invitational

- September 29th – Football Game – BHS vs. RePublic High School at Bethel University
- September 30th – Competition – Tournament of Champions at Collierville High School
- October 6th – Football Game – BHS at Munford
- October 7th – Competition – Bands of America Memphis at Simmons Bank Liberty Memorial Stadium (Liberty Bowl) - This is the Saturday before Fall Break Begins (Fall Break – Oct. 9th-13th)
- October 20th – Football Game – BHS vs. Millington
- October 21st - Saturday Band Rehearsal
- October 26th – Thursday Night Football Game – BHS at Southwind
- October 27th – Potential Rehearsal Date*
- October 28 – Bandmasters Championship at Simmons Bank Liberty Memorial Stadium (Liberty Bowl)
- November 3rd – Possible Play-off Football Game
 - We will perform at all home play-off games and any away games that we can attend. This may extend out to additional games throughout the month of November and possibly early December.
- November 11th – Covington Veterans Day Parade – During the School Day
- Brighton Christmas Parade – TBA
- Brighton High School Winter Concert – TBA

*Keep these afternoons and evenings open, as we may have an afterschool rehearsal or evening rehearsal

**Any away games we do not attend will likely become after school or evening rehearsal dates

***The schedule is subject to cha

PARENTAL CONSENT & EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM (This form must be signed for participation in all activities, rehearsals, & performances that will take place throughout the school year.)

- Trip or Activity Planned: 2023-2024 Band Camp, Football Games held on and away from school premises, Marching Competitions, Ensemble Performances, Fall/Spring Trips, Conventions, Clinics, Orientation Events, & Celebratory Trips.
- Purpose of Trip or Activity: Practice, Performing marching shows, auditorium-type performances, public services performances, orientation trips, celebratory/recruiting/award trips, parade performances, & gymnasium-type competitions.
- Method of Transportation: Either Tipton County Schools buses, charter, or contract buses
- Teachers Responsible: Jeffrey A. Mayo, Band Director of the Brighton High School Band
- Changes/Cancellations: I understand that school trips may be changed and/or cancelled when deemed necessary by the principal, superintendent, board of education or band director. Reimbursement cannot be guaranteed when such cancellations occur. Parents/Guardians will be notified as soon as circumstances allow.
- Expectations and Instructions: I understand the following is expected of the student:
 - To follow instructions given by the teacher(s) and/or chaperone(s).
 - Not to leave or separate from their assigned group without appropriate authorization from a teacher or chaperone.
 - To comply with all TCBOE/BHS policies and rules of conduct. In the event my child violates any of the above expectations or instructions, I understand school officials reserve the right to remove the student from the trip (at parent/guardian expense) and the student will be subject to school disciplinary actions.

Parental/Guardian Authorization:

I request that the above-named student be allowed to participate in Brighton Band’s planned trips for the 2023-2024 school year. I understand the change/cancellation information, expectations and instructions, and confirm the student has health insurance coverage. I specifically consent to the student’s participation in the planned trips contained within the attached band handbook. I release and agree to hold harmless the Brighton Band Boosters, Brighton High School, TCBOE, and it’s agents from any responsibility and/or liability in the event of an accident.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Email _____

Parent/Guardian Medical Emergency Authorization:

In the event of a medical emergency while my child is participating in a school trip or activity, I authorize TCBOE officials to release my child’s information (found on the back of this form) to the healthcare provider. I understand school officials will use the contact information provided in this form to contact me in the event of such an emergency. If any extreme emergency medical procedures or treatment are required during the trip, I consent to the trip supervisor(s) arranging for and consenting to the procedures or treatment at the supervisor’s discretion. I understand that I will be contacted by the supervisor(s) before any medical procedure is performed when this delay of treatment is deemed reasonable by a medical professional. I will pay the cost of any such medical procedures or treatment not fully covered by my insurance provider. I release and agree to hold harmless Brighton Band Boosters, Brighton High School, TCBOE, and its agents from any responsibility and/or liability in the event any medical procedure and/or treatment is required for my child during a school trip or activity.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

EMERGENCY & MEDICAL INFORMATION

Student's Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Initial D.O.B.

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: TN. Zip Code: _____

Emergency Contact Information (primary & secondary contact #'s are needed):

Primary Name _____

Phone: Day _____ Night _____ Cell: _____

Secondary Name _____

Phone: Day _____ Night _____ Cell: _____

Name _____

Additional Phone: Day _____ Night _____ Cell: _____

Emergency Medical Information (complete as applicable)

Family Physician & Phone # _____ (____) _____ - _____

Date of last tetanus booster _____ / _____ / _____

Known Allergies: _____

Food Allergies: _____

Regular medications, if any + dosage _____

Special Health Needs/Conditions _____

Name of Primary Insured _____

Primary Insured's Employer _____

Group Number _____ Member Number _____

**** Please attach a copy of your insurance card. All band members must have a recent physical form on file.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Video Recording/Distribution Authorization:

By signing below, I give permission for my child/ward to be video, photo, and audio recorded for Brighton High School Band performances during the 2023-2024 school year. I understand that these recordings may be posted on YouTube & other social media platforms. Student names will **not** accompany any video or images posted by the instructors of Brighton High School Band without parent/guardian permission.

I authorize that my child's name may be used: Yes _____ No _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Band Handbook Agreement

I, the undersigned, have read the band handbook and reviewed the materials therein with my child/ward. I fully understand and accept all policies, including but not limited to attendance, rules, fees, grading policies, and performances.

Parent/ Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____