

Good Evening Band Families,

It has certainly been a weird year. Let me begin by welcoming all of the freshman families into the Brighton Marching Band. Normally we would have done a get together to introduce the Band Boosters and the Directors to you. Sadly, nothing this year is how we normally do it.

I also want to give a huge thank you to the Band Parents who made band camp such a success, especially Laura Burnham and Mike Wisbiski, our Nurses and PA, and all of the parents who stepped up. Band camp was a much needed sense of normalcy, and I think we accomplished a lot both musically and emotionally.

As you have seen in the emails from the school and Mrs. Hoffman, although the Marching Band is not permitted to participate in the home football games (including outside of the stadium - the school and MHSAA is taking a strong stand against having groups of people hang around the stadiums-), we are going to be able have three performances and (per the email from Principal Johnson), we will also be allowed to have parents attend under the same rules they are having parents attend the football game. (No more than 2 per student and they have to be prepared to identify the students). Performances are all on Fridays during away games - September 25, October 16 and October 23 at 7pm. Stay tuned for more details.

We will also be starting Tuesday night rehearsals starting tomorrow, Tuesday, September 15. West Band will be at 6:30-8 and East Band will be 8:00-9:30. They will alternate time slots each week.

Make up Uniform Fitting

For those band members that did not attend the marching uniform fitting in August we have scheduled the make-up fitting session for tomorrow, September 15th, before the band practices. If you did not yet get fitted for your marching uniform, or if your current uniform does not fit this is the last chance to get fitted for a uniform before the performance on September 25th. If you are a sophomore, junior or senior you must bring your current marching uniform with you to the fitting session to be assigned a new one.

Please arrive during the following times for your fitting in the band room:

West Band: 5:00-6:00 pm

East Band: 6:30-7:30 pm

Fundraiser

As you know, we are also not allowed to run concessions for any sporting event. This will be a significant impact financially for the Boosters who usually make about \$25,000 per year on concessions.

However, we are still going to run a fundraiser to help students and the band raise some funding. We will once again be selling fruit (oranges and grapefruit) from Indian River

Groves this fall. They have modified their procedures so that all fruit will be shipped directly by the company to the customer, and all sales will be conducted online. It worked quite well last year - but was limited to only a few items - this year, all items are online and will ship direct. So no handling. We have not set the date, but the plan is to distribute the brochures in early October, with delivery in early December between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Thanks again for all of your support. Band has provided our kids with some very needed joy, so let's keep it going.

Sincerely,

Mark Burnham
President
Brighton Band Boosters