

Broad Run High School Marching Spartans



Winterguard Handbook 2018-2019

Mission Statement

The Broad Run Marching Spartans is a performing arts group dedicated to providing the students of Broad Run High School with an enriching environment to help develop not only musical and performance skills, but also important life skills. We are dedicated to meeting the needs of the school community by providing outreach opportunities through performance.

Participation Fees and Fundraisers

The cost of running successful indoor programs is high. In order to financially support our program, it is necessary to charge a participation fee to all members, as well as hold regular fundraisers. Fundraisers are most effective when every student participates and makes an effort. They can also help to take care of any additional costs associated with the competitive season. During the indoor season we are expecting to conduct a major fundraiser, which is a Drum-A-Thon and Spin-A-Thon.

This year's indoor fees:

- **Winter Guard - \$350**
- **All Groups - \$50 bus transportation fee**

The fees contribute to the following: Student uniforms, show materials and equipment, transportation costs, indoor staff, etc.

In addition to the participation fee, each member of the Marching Spartans is required to purchase items that will be for their personal use (i.e. shoes and gloves). These items will be discussed within each indoor program once the season gets started.

We will never turn ANY member away due to financial hardship. Please contact the Band Director with concerns.

Season Schedule

**Attendance is Mandatory for all dates unless otherwise specified*

Color Guard Rehearsal Schedule

Wednesday:	@TBA	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Friday:	@TBA	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Saturday:	@ Broad Run	1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Important Fundraiser Dates

January 12	Drum-A-Thon/Spin-A-Thon	9 am – 9 pm
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Tentative Winter Performance Schedule (Attendance is Required – Dates Subject to Change)

February 2	Woodbridge @ Potomac HS	WG	Times TBA
February 16	Mount Vernon HS	WG/IDL	Times TBA
February 23	Powhatan HS (WGI)	WG	Times TBA
March 9	Woodgrove HS	WG/IDL	Times TBA
March 30	AIA Championships	WG/IDL	Times TBA

** Friends and Family Show to be scheduled in Early April

General Expectations

Our main goal is to produce a great show that will be enjoyable for both the performers and the spectators. It is vital that we work together as a team to accomplish this goal. We strive to expand the skill set of each member of the ensembles and give them the tools needed to succeed. It is important for each member to show up to each rehearsal with a fresh mind and good attitude. Leave the criticism of the ensemble up to the staff and section leader and try to leave any baggage you have from your day at the door. If any member needs to discuss any concerns they are having, whether it be related to the ensemble or not, the staff is always here to help.

As we travel during the season, whether it be for rehearsal or competition, all school rules will still apply. Please respect your rehearsal space and any schools we visit. All rules regarding language, clothing, and behavior need to be remembered as well. Most importantly, respect the team you are a part of! We are all here to accomplish the same goal and we rely on the support of each other to succeed.

We look forward to a productive, challenging, and enjoyable season with you! Remember that staff, section leaders, and returning members are here to help if you have any questions.

Attendance

Rehearsals and competitions are ***mandatory*** for all members. This program's success is dependent on full attendance from each and every performer. All absences must be pre-approved by staff as soon as possible. Exceptions will be made when necessary (illness, family emergency) but staff still has to be notified! Notification should come in the form of a written note or email from a parent. Should you have a conflict with a show on the calendar, *you MUST notify your staff members by the group's audition date.*

We want maximum involvement from everyone in the ensemble, but we also understand that some may be balancing rehearsals with other extracurricular activities. Please discuss any recurring scheduling conflicts with staff prior to the auditions. If unexcused absences become an issue, we will sit down with the student and parents to discuss what needs to be done. Continued absences may constitute being written out of the show.

Needed at Every WG Rehearsal

- Form-fitting, athletic, black clothing: dance is a pivotal part of winter guard and members will be expected to dance and move through space easily. Logos may be allowed on black shirts and pants on regular rehearsal days, but must be avoided on staging days. Absolutely NO jeans.
- Athletic sneakers for strength training and conditioning.
- Gloves
- Equipment (flag rifle etc.)

Rehearsal Etiquette

Members will be expected to be in their warm up locations and set, ready for rehearsal to start, at the moment rehearsals are scheduled to begin. Moving of equipment and floor unfolding will need to be complete prior to this time. This will require students to arrive to the rehearsal sites no less than 10 minutes before rehearsal begins. We ask that members limit off-topic conversation unless we are on break. Members are also expected to respect their teammates and instructional staff both during and outside of rehearsal. Disrespectful behavior may result in dismissal from the ensemble.

Auditions

Auditions for each ensemble will be held prior to all paperwork and commitments are due. Each group's auditions will evaluate students: technical abilities, personality, prior experiences, etc.

Communications

The BRHSBBA prides itself in keeping its membership and the surrounding community well-informed about the Broad Run High School Band programs activities and accolades. We communicate with the membership and students frequently throughout the Marching Band season and beyond to provide detailed information about rehearsals, performances, volunteer opportunities, meetings, socials, and Dining for Dollars and other fundraising events. To achieve this, we use a variety of resources:

Our Website

All forms, event dates, and announcements will be posted on our website – please bookmark it and consider it as the virtual ‘home’ of the Band and the Boosters program. Our website includes a private photo gallery where we curate photos and videos throughout the year, for each of our programs. Photos are available for download and videos will be available for viewing, but are not to be downloaded due to copyright policies. Password: Sp4rt4ns!

<http://www.brhsbba.org>

Email

The email addresses that you have provided on the Marching Band Commitment Form will be our first line of direct communication with everyone in the program. You may also contact the Band Boosters Board via email with any questions, comments or concerns – our Board directory is included in this handbook.

Public Facebook Page

The Band Boosters maintain a public Facebook page for publicity purposes – tell your friends and extended family about it! We post performance announcements, fundraising events, Dining for Dollars opportunities, photographs, and much more here!

<https://www.facebook.com/broadrunbands>

Private Facebook Group

We strongly recommend that parents and students join the private Broad Run Band Boosters Association Facebook group. Important announcements, volunteer sign-ups, photos, videos, and more are posted here. However, remember that this group is for band students, Band Boosters members, alumni and the instructional team only. Please do not add your extended family and friends to this group.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/brhsbba>

Other Social Media

Broad Run Band Boosters additionally have a presence on Twitter and Instagram. Follow us!
@brhsbba

Contact Information

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