



Burleson High School Band "The Spirit of the Elks"

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Dear Elk Band Member and Burleson Band Parents,

We want you to know how thrilled we are that most of you will be in the Burleson High School "Spirit of the Elks" Marching Band this fall! The BHS band staff is actively preparing for our August full band rehearsals, and we sincerely hope you are as excited about the upcoming season as we are! We hope you have had a great summer, and that you are ready to experience the thrill of performing our 2011 show, "Play."

In this letter...we will provide you some important information about the upcoming preseason rehearsal schedule as well as inform you of the monetary obligations you will face in August. Much of this information was given to you in a letter last spring; however, you should still read this entire letter carefully for additional details. Most dates have not changed. **Please notice that we have also included the football performance dates and times as well as competitive performance dates. Mark these dates on your calendar now...**
Thanks!

Our preseason "full band" rehearsals will begin on Thursday, August 4th. Register at 7:30 AM @ the stadium on the first day. These rehearsals are necessary and vital to the success of our band. Make arrangements **NOW** in your (work, baby sitting, ride, etc.) schedule, so that you will not miss any of these rehearsals and activities. **To earn and keep a marching spot, it is a requirement that you attend all rehearsals. Communicate with your parents, your employers, and with the band staff! Those who show up everyday, and consistently work hard during each rehearsal will be more likely to earn a spot in the competition show than those who don't.**

We will be performing our first half-time show on Friday, August 26th, during our "HOME" varsity football game with Mansfield HS. Obviously, we will need as much time and effort as is necessary to refine the music and drill execution. We had a very successful Mini-Camp where you were exposed to the show music and to some basic marching fundamentals. Therefore, we have high expectations regarding how fast you will learn the drill, and we trust that you will be ready to perform convincingly on August 26th. Most of you already know the demands of the music, and we hope that you will have spent quality time learning your part. Be prepared to work hard when you return as every minute will count!

Your demonstrated skill level will determine your placement in the competition show, so be wise and prepare drills you learned in Mini-Camp!

- **The 2011-12 SCHOOL INSTRUMENT USAGE FEE will again be \$50 for the entire school year. All students who play school owned instruments, including percussionists, are required to pay this fee.** These funds help us pay for routine maintenance due to normal wear and tear.
- **Mini- If you did not attend Camp and still need a school owned instrument, email: Mr. Moscoso, mmoscoso@burlesonisd.net or Mr. McGee, jmcgee@burlesonisd.net before August 1st. An instrument will be ready for you on the afternoon of, August 2nd, if you let us know your need beforehand. We will issue instruments from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on this day to students who did not check out school owned instrument in June.**
- **If you checked out an instrument in June, you will use the same instrument for the fall semester, and pay the instrument usage fee on Supply Night (Thursday, Aug. 4th)...no need to come in on August 2nd.**
- **If you have not already checked out an instrument for the summer, your parents will need to sign & return your Instrument Rental Agreement before you may take the instrument home for fall use. You may print & complete this form from www.burlesonband.org, and **bring it with you on August 2nd, to check out an instrument.** We will complete the detail on the form (brand name, serial number, etc.) when you bring the signed form to us.**
- **Instrument Usage Fees are due on August 4th (Supply night). If you already checked out an instrument for the summer, we will use your previously submitted form used for Mini-Camp. No need to complete another form.**
- **You must purchase your own mouthpiece and/or neck strap.** These items are available at most music stores.

BHS band students in grades 10 through 12 may access student account detail and other posted band information at www.charmsoffice.com. **The school code is: burlesonband** (click "enter"), then type in your child's student BHS ID number. Individual Charms accounts for incoming 9th graders will not be established until after the first week of school. These online student accounts help us keep track of charges and payments. You are advised to frequently review your own contact information, as well as your own financial data.

The Burleson Band Boosters are still looking for parents who might possibly serve as "Concession Director" for the 2011-2012 year. If you, as a parent are interested in knowing more about this important position with the boosters, contact our president, Tiffany McConnell at fourmconnells@sbclglobal.net.

We hope that in this letter we have answered most of the questions many of you are asking, however, please call or email us if you need further clarification on any concern... The band hall phone number is 817-245-0092. You may also reach me on my cell phone at 817-999-3784 (Joe McGee). E-mail: jmcgee@burlesonisd.net mmoscoco@burlesonisd.net jsharp@burlesonisd.net

We are looking forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Joe McGee, Michael Moscoso, & Jaime Sharp, your directors

Summer & Early Fall 2011 Band Activity Schedule

August

- 1-2 Mon.-Tues. 9AM-1PM BHS Band Leadership Training (student leaders only)**
- Required for band student leadership
 - Bring a loose-leaf "three ring binder" with 10 sheets of notebook paper and a pencil.
 - Wear cool clothing in which you won't mind getting dirty.
 - Leadership students will be fitted for uniforms starting at 1:00 PM each of these two days...plan to stay until you are fitted.
- 1-3 Mon.-Wed. 9AM-1PM BHS Band Color Guard Fundamentals Camp**
- Required for Color Guard
 - \$150 Tuition
 - For further information contact Ms. Sharp jsharp@burlesonisd.net
- 2 Tues. 4-6PM Check out School-Owned Instruments**
- Bring an instrument usage form signed by your parents
 - Pay \$50 Usage Fee on Supply Night (Thursday, Aug. 4th, 6:00-7:30 PM)
 - Read details in letter above
 - Neck straps, mouthpieces, reeds, and accessories are not supplied by the school.
- 3 Wednesday 8AM-Noon Freshman and New Student Boot Camp (with Leadership Team)**
- **No instruments required**
 - **Bring water jug, wear ball cap, shorts, t-shirt, tennis shoes, etc.**
 - **Basic marching fundamentals will be learned and applied**
 - **Freshmen will be fitted for uniforms on this day beginning at 1:00 PM**
- 4-5 Thurs.-Fri. 8AM-4PM BHS Band Color Guard Show Routine Camp**
- Required for Color Guard
 - No Tuition (previously paid during Fundamentals Camp)
 - For further information contact Ms. Sharp jsharp@burlesonisd.net
- 4-5 Th.-Fri. 7:30AM-1:00PM "Full Band" Pre-season Rehearsals Begin**
- Bring your Instrument & show music (You should still have it...if you came to Mini-Camp.)
 - Bring a small cold water jug you can carry while marching (labeled with your name)
 - Water jugs ordered in June will be issued after rehearsal on the first day.
 - Wear cool clothing (school dress code), ball cap, sunglasses, tennis shoes & socks, and sunscreen!
 - Bring a sack lunch daily. You will be given a brief break to eat...but you must bring your own lunch to consume on site.
 - You will be fitted for your uniform beginning at 1:00 PM daily...plan to stay late to be fitted on one of these two days. **This includes ALL PERCUSSIONISTS as well.**
 - You will need to purchase a lyre and a flip folder prior to the first day of full band rehearsals.
 - Get your instrument fixed now. The best repairman in the metroplex is at Johnny Paul's Music Shop in Aledo.
 - Visit his website at www.johnnypaulsmusicshop.com. Contact information is on the website.
 - If you tell him you are from Burleson, he will get your instrument back to you quickly, so act now!
- 4 Thurs. 6:00-7:30 PM "SUPPLY NIGHT" - BHS Band Hall**
- ALL BAND STUDENTS INCLUDING PERCUSSIONISTS MUST ORDER ON THIS DAY...EVEN THOUGH PERCUSSION REHEARSALS WILL NOT BEGIN FOR YOU UNTIL AUGUST 8TH.**
- You will be asked to purchase the following items or pay these fees on this day...REFER TO ENCLOSED ORDER FORM. SEND A SEPARATE CHECK FOR "BURLESON BAND BOOSTER" ITEMS, AND ANOTHER CHECK FOR "JOHNNY PAUL'S MUSIC SHOP."
- 1-Show shirt (new each year)..... \$12 All pay
 - 1-Pair of solid black uniform shorts..... \$ 8 All pay (except guard)
 - 3-Pairs of black parade gloves \$ 9 All pay (except guard & drumline)
 - 2-Pairs of solid black socks \$ 6 All pay (except guard)
 - 1-Pair of black patent marching shoes (freshmen & new students)..... \$30 Some pay (except guard)
 - Instrument usage fee (all using school instruments & ALL percussionists)..... \$50 Some pay (except guard)

- Friday night meal fee (meals served prior to departure for game performances).. \$60 All pay
- Uniform maintenance fee (helps pay for dry-cleaning & alterations)... \$35 All pay (except guard)
- Rain poncho fee (helps replenish stock) (Freshmen & new students only)... \$ 5 All new students to BHS Band pay
- Water jug (all must have matching water jugs with band logo)..... \$11 Some pay
- Spring Concert Attire (spring semester only, worn for all concert band performances) \$ 80-135 New students to BHS Band pay*
 - *Girl's Attire \$80 Full-length solid black concert gown (minimum of \$50 down)
 - *Boy's Attire \$135 Solid black tuxedo, white tux shirt, black cummerbund, & black bow tie (minimum of \$50 down)

*Measurements and orders for Concert Attire will be taken in November. Delivery will be in December or early January.
Balances are due upon delivery.

Make checks payable to the Burleson Band Boosters for the total of ALL items above.

All prices for physical items include sales tax. If you need more time to pay, see one of the band directors...

On "Supply Night"...JOHNNY PAUL'S MUSIC SHOP will set up a booth where you may purchase the following items at a significant discount. This is the time to acquire these items. The prices listed here are not exact... these are just approximations. An exact price list will be given to the students regarding items made available through Johnny Paul's Music Shop will be made available on this day. All prices for items sold by Johnny Paul's Music Shop include sales tax.

Make checks for the following items payable to JOHNNY PAUL'S MUSIC SHOP (not to boosters):

- Mouthpieces for school-owned instruments \$?
- Tuning Device with Clip-on Mic \$40 (All woodwinds and brasses)
- Plastic flip folder (for marching band sized music) \$ 6 (approximate price)
- Extra Windows for flip folders \$.50
- Lyre (to attach flip folder to individual instruments) \$ 5 to \$13 (based on instrument size)
- Miscellaneous accessories (reeds, valve oil, black neck straps, etc.) \$?
- Etude Books with All-State Selections \$?

5 Friday 7:30-9:30 PM **"ELK BAND SWIM PARTY" @ the BRICK for band members only**
Bring your own snacks like chips, cookies, etc.
Complimentary drinks will be provided by the band boosters.

8-11 M-Th 7:30AM-1:00PM **"Full Band" Pre-season Rehearsals continue daily (PERCUSSION INCLUDED THIS WEEK!)**

12 Friday 4:00-4:30PM **Full Band Rehearsal prior to Individual & Group Pictures**

- Change into Band Uniforms 4:30 PM
- Individual Pictures Begin 4:30 PM – More info to come!
(Everyone is photographed for composite picture...with the option to purchase a portrait package)
- Marching Band Group Pictures 5:00 to 6:30 PM (wear black socks for group pictures in cafeteria)

7:00PM-8:00 PM **"Ice Cream Social" Performance & Slide Show in Uniform – BHS Cafeteria**

- Each Freshman & Sophomore family brings small package of cookies at 6:45 PM.
- Each Junior & Senior family brings a 1/2 gal. of ice cream (store bought) at 6:45 PM.
- Brief informative booster meeting will be held in conjunction with this event.
- Many spirit items will be available for purchase on this night...be ready to yell, "Spirit, Honor, Elk Pride!"
- This will be great fun! Invite your friends & family!
- Orders may be placed for "Tote Bags" with the band logo if you were unable to order during Mini-Camp.

Tote Bag Prices:	Plain (no embroidery...only logo).....	\$34.75 (includes tax)
	Monogrammed with initials.....	\$40.00 (includes tax)
	Monogrammed with first name only.....	\$41.25 (includes tax)

Make checks for tote bags payable to: Tote Unlimited
Order on this night; no late orders...

13 Sat. PM 6:15-8:15 PM **"Meet the Elks" Performance in Band T-shirts & jeans @ 7:00 PM in Burleson Stadium**

15-16 M-Tu 4:30-9:00 PM **Evening Marching Band Rehearsal – inside & outside (bring your water jugs – dress appropriately)**

17 Wed. **No Rehearsal**

18-19 Th.-Fri. 4:30-9:00 PM **Full Marching Band Rehearsal – inside & outside (bring your water jugs – dress appropriately)**

20 Sat. 8:00-10:00 AM **"FISH CAMP" Performance in Uniform @ 9:00 AM in BHS Auditorium (meet @ 8:00 AM)**

22 Mon. 4:30-9:00 PM **Full Band Rehearsal**

23 Tues. **First Day of School (no rehearsal)**

24 Wed. 7:00-8:15 AM **Full Band Rehearsal**

25 Thurs. 7:00-8:15 AM **Full Band Rehearsal**

26 Fri. 7:00-8:15 AM **Full Band Rehearsal in stadium (with drill team)**

4:15-10:45 PM **First Football Game Performance @ Mansfield HS – HOME – 7:30 PM**
Meet in band hall at 4:30 PM. Bring your water jug, gloves, t-shirt, shorts, black socks, black marching shoes, etc.

2011 Burleson High School Marching Band Performance Schedule

For regular season football games, band students will be served sandwiches, chips, pizza, & drinks, etc. on site prior to departure from our campus. Students will then freshen-up and change into their uniforms. Students will not leave school between the time school is dismissed and the time we depart the band hall for the game. Parent chaperones who will be riding the buses to football games will need to meet in the band hall no later than 5:00 PM. Buses generally depart for out of town games at approximately 5:15 PM.

SAT & ACT Test Dates...Please sign-up to take the SAT and/or ACT Tests on dates that do not conflict with marching band performances.

August

26 Fri. 4:15-10:45 PM 1st Football Game Performance @ BHS vs. Mansfield HS (Home)

September

3 Sat. 4:15 PM – 10:45 PM Football Game Performance @ BHS vs. Paschal HS (Away)

5 Mon. Labor Day Observed (no rehearsal)

9 Fri. 4:15 PM – 11:30 PM Football Game Performance @ BHS vs. Weatherford HS (Home)

10 Sat. To be announced Possible performance @ Concentra Opening

16 Fri. OPEN EVENING & WEEKEND (no football game Friday night)

19 Mon. 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM Band Booster Meeting @ BHS Library

23 Fri. 4:15 PM – 11:45 PM Football Game Performance @ BHS vs. Mansfield Summit HS (Away)

30 Fri. 4:15 PM – 11:00 PM Homecoming Football Game Performance @ BHS vs. Cleburne HS (Home)

October

3 Mon. 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM Contest Workers Meeting @ BHS for USSBA Contest (Parent volunteers needed!)

6 Thurs. 4:45 PM – 7:45 PM Homecoming Parade

7 Fri. 4:15 PM – 11:30 PM Football Game Performance @ BHS vs. Joshua HS (Away)

8 Sat. To be announced USSBA North Texas Regional Contest @ BHS (Parent volunteers needed!)

10 Mon. 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM Marching Band Clinic @ BHS

14 Fri. 4:15 PM – 10:45 PM Football Game Performance @ BHS vs. Everman HS (Home)

15 Sat. To be announced Invitational Marching Band Contest

17 Mon. 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM Contest Workers & Band Booster Meeting @ BHS for UIL Region 7 Marching Band Contest (Parent volunteers needed!)

21 Fri. 4:15 PM – 11:30 PM Football Game Performance @ BHS vs. Arlington Seguin HS (Away)

22 Sat. To be announced UIL Region 7 Marching Band Contest @ BHS (Parent volunteers needed!)

28 Fri. 4:15 PM – 10:45 PM Football Game Performance @ BHS vs. Granbury HS (Home) – Senior/Parent Recognition Night

29 Sat. To be announced UIL AREA B 4A Marching Band Contest @ Carrollton Standridge Stadium

November

4 Fri. 4:15 PM – 10:45 PM Football Game Performance @ BHS vs. Crowley HS (Away)

7-8 Mon.-Tues. To be announced UIL State Marching Band Contest @ San Antonio

28 Mon. 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM Band Booster Meeting @ BHS Library

December

3 Sat. 4:30 PM – 7:45 PM Christmas Parade of Lights Performance

5 Mon. 4:45 PM – 11:00 PM Phase One TMEA 4A/5A Region Band Auditions @ Aledo HS

8 Thurs. 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM BHS Christmas Concert

10 Sat. To be announced Phase Two TMEA 4A/5A Region Band Auditions @ Weatherford HS

Marching band rehearsals will be held @ 7:00 AM each school day when the new school year begins. Classes will begin at 8:45 AM daily. Wear appropriate attire for outside rehearsals...don't forget your water jug!

Go BAND! Go BAND! GO BAND!