# **Boardman Band Newsletter**

2019-04-03

# **Upcoming Events**

Jazz Ens. 2 at Pinwheels for Prevention - Thursday, April 4, 1:00pm, mandatory for Jazz 2
Silks Clinic - Thursday, April 4, 3:00pm, mandatory for Silks candidates
BBOP Meeting - Thursday, April 4, 7:30pm, Students are not involved in this
BBOP Night at the Races - Saturday, April 6, Students are not involved in this
Silks Clinic - Monday, April 8, 3:00pm, mandatory for Silks candidates
Silks Auditions - Tuesday, April 9, 4:00pm, mandatory for Silks candidates
Dine to Donate at Panda Express - Tuesday, April 9, Times TBA, optional
Jazz Trip to NYC - Mon-Tue, April 15-16, Only for students going on trip

#### **Florida Trip News**

Our trip falls in the middle of a nice, long break. Past Florida trips required us to leave right after a New Year's Eve celebration so we would return on New Year's Day. School usually started back up the next day. This time we return and still have several days before we return to school. This makes a couple different things possible.

One thing that is almost always available to students and families which is the ability to extend your trip by traveling with your family instead of with the Band. You have the option to go to Florida early if your family is going to spend Christmas there. You can also stay longer with your family after the Band departs.

Another possibility is for us to make the whole trip a little longer. I am looking into the cost for extending our stay by one day. When I present those details, I'll need people's feedback right away.

#### Information for Tagalongs

As promised, I will occasionally resend this information for people who decide they want to be in Florida at the same time as the Band. Here it is:

#### Information for "Tagalongs"

Tagalongs are parents and family who plan to be in Florida at the same time as the Band next December. Bus transportation with the Band will not be available; nor will lodging at the same hotel as the Band.

Tagalongs will have two options:

Land Package

Includes lodging at Rosen Inn International, a 3-day Disney ticket, hotel breakfasts, and Disney meal coupons.

• Amusement Park Tickets only

Lots of different options for Disney and Universal (I think) tickets at our discounted price.

You will order these things through our tour company and pay for them online.

Go to <u>www.premiertourandtravel.com</u>. Click on ONLINE PAYMENT. Click BOARDMAN BAND. Our password is **spartans**.

NOTE: These options are NOT for students going on the trip. We will soon be setting up a way for students to pay for their trip online through the tour company. Wait for specific instructions to do that.

## **Spartan Sweethearts**

Congratulations to Lainey Beichner, Desi Girardi, Hayley Ho, Miranda Russell, Ally Schwendeman, and Livia Zalner! They are the Spartan Sweethearts for the 2019-2020 school year. We are happy to welcome a new instructor to the Boardman Band. Madeline Krasnasky is a former flute player and Spartan Sweetheart from the Class of 2017.

## Jazz Trip

All students going on the trip to New York need to sign up to receive the Remind texts for Jazz Ensemble 1. Parents who wish to know how we're doing in NYC may also sign up. Text @bhsjazz1 to 81010. When I have announcements that I can text, I'll just use the Jazz 1 remind.

### Itinerary

I will send detail in an email to just the Jazz Ensembles, but here is our basic schedule for anyone who may be in NYC while we are there.

- Monday, April 15
  - 7:00am Depart for NYC
  - o 5:30pm Perform at Albee Square Plaza, Brooklyn
- Tuesday, April 16
  - 10:30am Perform on the U.S.S. Intrepid
  - 2:00pm Visit Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island
  - 5:00pm Visit Chinatown/Little Italy
- Wednesday, April 17
  - 7:00am Approximate arrival at BHS

## Food/Spending Money

Students will need money for:

- Fast food lunch on Monday
- Dinner in Brooklyn

- Lunch on Tuesday
- OPTIONAL Additional spending money for Chinatown and Times Square. There is plenty to do and see without spending any money!

#### Summer Jazz

This is shaping up to be a great summer of opportunities for our students who love to perform. Never before has Jazz 2 been this involved in the summer schedule! I'm excited to showcase their talents to the community.

This is what we are doing:

- Monday, June 10 2k19 "School's Out" Rock Show Boardman Park, 7:00-8:30pm
- Sunday, June 30 Jazz 1 Columbiana Firestone Park, 2:00-4:00pm
- Monday, July 1 Jazz 1 Jergel's in Cranberry Twp, PA, 7:00-9:00pm
- Monday, July 15 2k19 North Lima Woodworth Park, 7:00-8:30pm (edited 4/5/19)
- Sunday, July 28 Jazz 1 Salem Waterworth Park, 6:00-8:00pm
- Thursday, August 1 Jazz 1 Boardman Park, 7:00-8:30pm

Please support these groups by spreading the word in person and on social media.

#### **Band Calendar**

I've been adding events to the calendar so you can plan your summer and fall activities. Check it often. Do you use Google Calendar on your device? Ask me to share the Band Calendar with your email address, then all Band events will show up automatically. You can even set it to give you pop up reminders.

### Massillon Jackson Weekend

One interesting addition to the calendar is what we are doing on Friday and Saturday, September 13 and 14. Our game Friday night is against Jackson at their stadium. Before I got the football schedule, I accepted an invitation to the Jackson Festival of Bands on Saturday, September 14 (especially since our Band Night is now in August). It will be a couple long drives but we will be able to leave all our instruments and equipment locked in the truck at their stadium overnight so it will save us some time on Saturday.

### **Cleveland Cavaliers**

I really tried to hold them off for next year since we have an Indians game and a Florida trip, but they REALLY want us back to perform. We made quite an impression last year with the James Brown Medley! So, I sent a deposit to reserve a performance spot. They are aware of the amount of activity we have planned so they will try to schedule us accordingly. I will try to make it as inexpensive as possible.

### **Band Banquet**

Sunday, May 19, 6:00pm at Mr. Anthonys. All students will be recognized so they are all expected to be there. I will need an Excuse Request Form submitted if you have a conflict that night. The cost is \$22 per person. Student cost is taken from the Band Accounts so each student

should have at least \$22 in the account. Check with me if you need to know your current balance. (edited 4/5/19)

#### Seniors

I begin working on the morph slideshow next week. If I don't have your pictures by the time I reach a certain point in the process, you won't be included. So far I only have pictures from 4 seniors. Guidelines for choosing your pictures are attached.

### 8th Graders

I'm excited to start working with you! It is nice to see that so many of you are signed up for high school band. You will LOVE it!

Some students and parents have emailed me some great questions about being in the Boardman Band. Keep the questions coming.

### Field Show for the Spartan Marching Band

Soon you'll start getting some specific emails about next year's marching band show. I'll announce some opportunities for you to showcase your individual talents. There will be some auditions for singing, acting, playing, dancing, announcing, etc. If something looks interesting to you, do not hesitate to prepare an audition for it even if you are a freshman. For most auditions, you'll record yourself and send me the audio or video.

Some of the possibilities include:

- Spongebob Squarepants
- Salute to Motown
- Queen

### Dine to Donate

Our next event is Tuesday, April 9 at Panda Express on South Ave. I may not send out another email between now and then. If this event requires a coupon or flyer, I will distribute that with the Remind text message system. Make sure you are signed up for that (**younger students**, **too**) by texting **@boardmanb** to **81010**.

As always, I am readily available to answer any questions you have.

Thanks for your continued support of the Boardman Band.

Mr. Ruggieri