

Boardman Band

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Dear Boardman Band Member and Parents:

I am always excited to plan another Boardman Band season and school year, but especially so this time because it looks like we should be able to get back to a more traditional experience. We missed so much last year. I'm sure, like me, you are ready to move on. While we will still be on guard for everyone's safety, it is comforting to know that we can put a lot of things back in place.

As you may already know not everything is as it used to be. We are not going away to Band Camp this year but that's not necessarily a bad thing. Band Camp affords us much more practice time and the opportunity for students to bond with others 24-7. We will miss that but the Staff and student leaders are working on lots of fun social activities to retain the magic that changes 175 individual musicians into the Boardman Band.

In the pages that follow you will find a lot of important information. I need to emphasize your responsibility for this and all Band information. I know that there is great diversity among our students and parents regarding the way they want to get school information, instructions, and announcements. Likewise, there is a wide range of the amount of interest people have in paying attention to this kind of communication. I wish I could make it mandatory for people to check email daily and to read everything I post in the BAND app. All I can do is try to convince you that it is so very important to you having a successful Boardman Band experience. Immediately, there are opportunities that you will miss if you choose to ignore the information I post.

There is necessarily a lot of information associated with an organization as prominent as the Boardman Band. This paper packet contains much of that initial information and directions for finding what you need online. After this, email and the BAND app will be the primary source of additional information as you need it. I am asking for your participation and cooperation in regularly checking and reading those.

The single, most important thing to remember is that I am readily available to answer all the questions you have. Do not think that you are bothering me with chats in the app or emails, and never think that you have a "dumb" question.

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THREE KEYS TO SUCCESS IN THE BOARDMAN BAND

I could fill pages and pages with rules, guidelines, standards, and procedures necessary for a successful year in the Boardman Band. You will learn all those as we go through the year. There are really only three main concepts you need to understand at the beginning. I call them the THREE KEYS TO SUCCESS IN THE BOARDMAN BAND.

1. Teachability

The Boardman Band staff will do a good job of teaching; we expect the students to do a good job of learning. Many different people will be teaching at various levels of authority including directors, chaperones, section instructors, section leaders, upperclassmen, even bus drivers. Students must respect that authority and do what we ask without resisting, defying, arguing, etc.

2. Participation

Be present for all events and do your best. Know the Band Calendar and plan to be here for everything. Treat all rehearsals, performances, and events as if they are mandatory; you will be told which ones are optional.

3. Communication

Don't ignore the information I give you. There will be a lot of it! It is your responsibility to know it. Communicate with me when you have questions and when schedule conflicts occur. You now know that I'll be using the BAND app and email. Short announcements and updates will be in the main group of the BAND app; newsletters and long announcements will be sent in email.

Sincerely,



Thomas M. Ruggieri,
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“How to Be in Band” Checklist for students AND Parents

The forms listed below are links in the digital version of this packet posted on the BAND app and sent to your email. If you are reading the paper version, you can access all of the online forms on www.boardmanband.org. There is a link to the Forms Page just below the list of Upcoming Events.

- _____ Complete the [2021-2022 Band Enrollment and Medical Form](#)
- _____ Complete the [Permsion to Leave School Grounds Form](#)
- _____ Make sure the student AND at least one parent are members of the [Boardman HS Band](#) (the main group) in the BAND app. Set the BAND app to give you notifications or plan to open and check it at least once a day.
- _____ Complete the [Chicago Trip Survey](#) if you have not already done so
- _____ Complete the WorldStrides Registration for Chicago (Only if you are going on the trip and have not already done so):
 1. Go to this website: <https://worldstrides.com/on-stage>
 2. Click on the link at the top of the page that says: Register
 3. Enter your Trip ID# 196945 then click the Register button.
- _____ Be prepared for Uniform Fitting and Distribution by knowing when you have to be fitted, when you pick up your uniform, and how much you need to pay.
- _____ See the official [Band Calendar](#) on the website (www.boardmanband.org). Know the schedule of events, practices, and all performances. Compare the Band Calendar with your personal calendars and resolve all conflicts as soon as possible.
- _____ Post the [Ten-Hut Times](#) paper on your refrigerator or bulletin board.
- _____ Read the [Attendance-Grading Policy](#) on the Resources/Info and Forms page of the website. Don't be the student/parent who wants to argue the policy only after they are negatively affected by it.
- _____ CONTACT MR. RUGGIERI if you have any questions. Email is the very best way to ask questions: tom.ruggieri@boardmanschools.org. You can also initiate a chat in the BAND app.

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Important Information

- **Priority List** – Here are the MOST IMPORTANT things on which parents and students need to focus for a successful Boardman Band experience. You can get caught up with everything else as it comes along.
 1. **Band Calendar** – Study it, know it, compare it with your personal and family schedule. Stay about two and a half weeks ahead of every rehearsal, performance, and event. **Ten-Hut Times** is also a great resource. It is a handy reference of mandatory *performances* and events. It does not include the summer practices. **We require two-weeks' notice if you need to be excused from something.** Google Calendar will let you send yourself notifications prior to events. You need to email me to ask me to share the Band Calendar with you if you use Google Calendar.
 2. **Communication** – Read my email newsletters and announcements posted in the BAND app. Contact me and ask questions, send a note, email or call when you think I should be notified of something.
 3. **Punctuality** – If you're early, you're on time. If you're on time, you're late. If you're late, you're in trouble!
 4. **Uniform and Instrument Care** – You are responsible for keeping track of everything assigned to you.
 5. **Deadlines** – Just don't miss any! Payments, permission slips, fundraisers, forms, uniforms, sign-ups... Sometimes things are beyond our control. I understand that but communicate with me so we can work it out.
- **The Band Calendar and Attendance/Grading Policy** – These will be your most helpful tools. Take some time to go over the calendar and compare it to your own personal/family/sports/etc. calendars. **Know the correct procedures for resolving schedule conflicts.** One of the most frustrating aspects of my job is dealing with students who don't bother to work out conflicts ahead of time.

You will NOT get a printed calendar. The Band Calendar posted on the home page of the website and available on the BAND app is what you should use. **Ten-Hut Times** is printed out but it doesn't include every event like the calendar does. You also have the option of getting the always-up-to-date calendar on your computer, mobile browser, and/or smart phone.

- **Verbal Announcements** – There will also be a great deal of information given via announcements in class and at rehearsals and performances. This is where the biggest breakdown in communication always happens. Students must be responsible for listening to announcements and relaying information to parents.
- **Fall Sports Conflicts**

I need to know immediately if you are playing fall sports that will conflict with Band in August. Please email or call if you will be missing any rehearsals. Excuse requests will be honored for sports practices and games, but they may affect a student's position in our performances. Students who miss too many summer rehearsals may not be able to march a permanent spot until after school starts. I would like to know in advance so I can design the show based on the students who will be there.

Students whose sporting events conflict with our weeknight performances in August should plan to meet us at the performance venue as soon as their sporting event is finished. We traditionally perform near the end of local Band Nights so there will be enough time to get there.

- **Mandatory Non-Performance Events** – There are some events throughout the school year that require mandatory student attendance even though they are not performances. The Band Car Wash and Tag Day are treated just like performances with regard to attendance. Make sure you plan accordingly.
- **Summer Practice Schedule**
 - Monday and Tuesday, July 19 and 20** – These “pre-practice” sessions are for incoming freshmen, any new upperclassmen, and Section Leaders. Take note of the Uniform Fitting sessions that will also happen on these nights.
 - Monday and Tuesday, July 26 and 27** – Full Band “mini-camp” sessions are for the whole Band. Juniors and Sophomores also have uniform sessions on these nights.

Wednesday and Thursday, July 28 and 29 – Drumline rehearsal 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Mon-Fri, Aug 2-6 – Full Band Rehearsal from 8:00 am-12:00 pm. Uniform distribution (Mon/Tue) from 12:00-3:00 pm. There may be some evening social activity this week.

Mon-Fri, Aug 9-13 – Full Band Double Sessions (8-12, 1-3). Students will need parent permission to leave school grounds for lunch. There will be some evening social activities this week.

Wednesday, Aug 11 – Band Pictures. Students show up at the stadium at 5:30 pm in uniform. Specific instructions will be given.

Monday, Aug 16 – Full Band DRESS Rehearsal, 6:00 pm-9:15 pm. This rehearsal will be at the stadium and students will be in full uniform for at least part of it.

Friday, Aug 20 – First football game!

Any absences starting on August 2 must be handled according to the **Attendance/Grading Policy**.

- **Uniform Distribution**

This could get complicated so read carefully.

Monday, July 19 and Tuesday, July 20, 4:00-9:00 pm

All incoming freshmen, new students, and anyone who thinks they need a different size will come in to be measured for a uniform. Students involved in the practice sessions those nights should come between 4 and 6 or stay after our practice to get measured. So 6-8 pm is when upperclassmen who need a new size should come.

Tuesday, July 20

Seniors who can wear the same uniform as last year can come to pick theirs up.

Thursday, July 22, 5:00-8:00 pm

Seniors can pick up their uniforms including white pants.

Monday, July 26 and Tuesday, July 27, 4:00-6:00 and 8:00-9:00 pm

Sophomores and Juniors can pick up their uniforms. Notice that distribution will be closed from 6-8 when we are practicing.

Monday, August 2 and Tuesday, August 3, 12:00-3:00 pm

Freshmen can pick up their uniforms.

- **Uniform Fees**

All band students must pay the \$50 uniform fee. New members will also need to purchase black Dinkles Marching Shoes (\$32), a summer uniform polo shirt (\$16 - same as the one for Canfield 4th of July Parade), and at least 1 Boardman Band t-shirt to wear under the marching uniform (\$6). There will be many optional uniform and merchandise items available to purchase at Uniform Distribution.

Payments for various things at Uniform Distribution go into different accounts so we ask you to be prepared to write separate checks depending on what you need. The volunteers at Distribution will tell you which items can be combined.

- **Summer Uniform**

When it's too hot or otherwise not appropriate to wear the marching uniform, everyone will wear the summer uniform:

- Band Polo Shirt
- long, solid black dress pants
- black Dinkles marching shoes
- solid black socks
- black belt

You have plenty of time to get this organized. You will not be allowed to perform with the band if you are not in the specified uniform.

- **Band Accounts and the Trip**

Uniform Distribution is a great time to make a payment toward the Chicago Trip if you are going. That payment should not be combined with any uniform or merchandise payments.

Each student has a Band Account with the Boardman Band and Orchestra Parents and maintained by me. Money can be deposited any time by mailing a check or money order to me at the school address, or sending it with the student to hand to me or slide under my office door. Every payment should be in a sealed envelope with the student's name CLEARLY PRINTED on it. Include as much information as possible on the envelope like the amount enclosed, what the payment is for (trip, Cavaliers game, fundraiser, banquet, JazzFest tickets, etc.). I'll accept cash payments this way, too, but count very carefully and write the amount on the envelope. On checks and money orders, be sure to write the student's full name in the memo line as last names on checks do not always match the student's last name.

Money comes out of the account to pay for some of the items or events you'll already know about. Accounts will also be charged after performances when a student needs a new pair of gloves or a band t-shirt and doesn't bring money to pay for it. These charges must be rectified before the next paid event. For example, suppose a student owes \$40 for tickets to a Cleveland Cavaliers game (yes, we are going to play at a game!). Suppose that student also charged a t-shirt and 3 pairs of gloves to the account during football season. Before they would be able to go to the Cavs game, they'd have to pay an additional \$15 for the charged items. A better example would be the Chicago trip. Let's say the cost comes in at \$925 per student. That same student would owe \$940 before getting on the bus to Chicago.

Although we are trying to modernize things, we still do not have a way for students and parents to check their account balance without going through me. A simple email to me at any time asking for your balance will result in a quick reply with that information.

- **Instrument Rental**

Students who can only be in band if they play an instrument owned by the school must pay \$32 per semester. That is not a band or BBOP fee so you will not pay that through me. The school office will bill you for rental by the middle of the first and third grading periods. Percussionists use school-owned equipment all year but only pay for one semester because they technically cannot bring our instruments home to practice.

Students who play multiple different instruments because we ask them to do that for jazz as an example will only pay rental for one instrument.

- **Chicago Trip**

If you've completed the required Chicago Trip Survey form, you already have most of the information you need including a tentative itinerary. Expect much more information on this including:

- Tagalong package costs
- Payment schedule (although you can pay any time)
- Credit card payment online directly to Premier Tour & Travel

- **Parent Involvement**

Go back through my previous emails, especially those labeled BBOP Meeting Recap and Band News. Scroll back through some BAND app posts, too. I mentioned a few things about ways for parents to get involved as committee chairs and chaperones. The Car Wash information in this mailing includes opportunities for involvement. As it seems in any group, there will be a relatively small number of parents who do everything. They all started the same way. They signed up for something. As soon as they proved to be great volunteers, they started being asked to do other things. The ones who will get to chaperone performances and trips worked their way up to that privilege. Remember...they all started the same way.

- **Any Questions?** – The Boardman Band is much more intricate than can be explained in even twice as many pages. Please don't hesitate to call if you have any further questions or need clarification on anything. The feedback I get from your questions will help me to build a better Band and program. If we all work together, we can raise the standards and redefine "A Tradition of Musical Excellence".

Boardman Spartan Marching Band - 2021 Season Ten-Hut Times

Ten-Hut time is the exact time everyone needs to be in position and ready to play. The building is open at least 45 minutes before the listed time and uniform people are at school 30 minutes before each listed time. Students who need uniform or instrument help must get there in enough time to take care of their problems and still be in position by Ten-Hut. **Remember: If you are early - you are on time. If you are on time - you are late. If you are late - you are in trouble. These are all MANDATORY events and performances.**

Day	Date	Event	Ten-Hut Time	Where to be, What to wear	Approx. Return
Mon.	8/16	Dress Rehearsal <small>(wear street clothes, bring uniform)</small>	5:30 PM	Stadium in street clothes*	9:30 PM
Fri.	8/20	Mooney Game (Home)	5:00 PM	Attendance fronts in uniform	9:30 PM
Sat.	8/21	Howland Band Night	5:30 PM	Attendance fronts in uniform	10:15 PM
Tue.	8/24	Boardman Band Night '21 <small>(wear street clothes, bring uniform)</small>	5:30 PM	Stadium in uniform	9:30 PM
Fri.	8/27	Chaney Game (Away, Rayen)	5:30 PM	Attendance fronts in uniform	9:45 PM
Mon.	8/30	Fitch Band Night	5:30 PM	Attendance fronts in uniform	10:00 PM
Fri.	9/3	Jackson Game (Away)	4:30 PM	Attendance fronts in street clothes*	10:30 PM
Fri.	9/10	Howland Game (Home)	5:30 PM	Attendance fronts in uniform	9:30 PM
Tue.	9/14 <small>Rain date - 9/15</small>	Band Show for Elementaries	8:15 AM	Stadium in uniform	10:35 AM
Fri.	9/17	East Game (Home)	5:30 PM	Attendance fronts in uniform	9:30 PM
Sat.	9/18	Jackson Band Night	4:30 PM	Attendance fronts in street clothes*	11:00 PM
Fri.	9/24	Benedictine Game (Away)	4:30 PM	Attendance fronts in street clothes*	11:00 PM
Sat.	9/25	Band/Orchestra TAG Day	9:00 AM	BPAC in uniform	12:00 PM
Fri.	10/1	Harding Game (Away)	5:00 PM	Attendance fronts in uniform	10:00 PM
Sun.	10/3	Oktoberfestival	11:15 AM	Attendance fronts **Summer Uniform	2:30 PM
Fri.	10/8	Ursuline Game (Away, YSU)	5:00 PM	Attendance fronts in uniform	9:45 PM
Fri.	10/15	Fitch Game (Homecoming)	5:30 PM	Attendance fronts in uniform	9:30 PM
Fri.	10/22	Canfield Game (Senior Night)	5:30 PM	Attendance fronts in uniform	9:30 PM
Sat.	10/23	DeBartolo Commons Show	1:00 PM	Attendance fronts in uniform	3:30 PM
Sat.	10/30	"IN CONCERT" rehearsal	3:00 PM	BHS Gym street clothes*	9:30 PM
Sat.	10/30	Band Feed	5:45 PM	BHS Cafeteria	9:30 PM
Sat.	10/30	"IN CONCERT"	6:30 PM	Band room in uniform	9:30 PM
Sat.	11/20	Santa's Parade at Mall	10:30 AM	Southern Park Mall Summer Uniform	11:30 AM
Sun.	3/13/22	St. Patrick's Day Parade	12:00 PM	Band room in uniform	2:00 PM
Mon.	5/30/22	Memorial Day Parade	8:00 AM	Parade block in uniform	12:00 PM

* For some away games and performances, the students will be permitted to wear street clothes for attendance and the bus ride. You must wear something over which you can put your band uniform because you will change on the bus and are not permitted to remove anything before putting the uniform on. Extra care must be taken to make sure you have all your uniform parts in your garment bag for these performances.

**The Summer Uniform is Band Polo, black pants, Dinkles.



The **Boardman Band & Orchestra Parents, Inc.** and **Handel's Home-made Ice Cream & Yogurt** are teaming up to raise money for the Boardman Band. This is the official kickoff of the Band's Handel's Pint Card Sale.

Band students and parents are to pre-sell cards redeemable at any Handel's location for a pint of their famous ice cream. Contact family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. Collect \$5.25 (Handel's regular retail price) for each card they want. Turn in the money and total number of cards you need to Mr. Ruggieri by **Monday, July 26**. You keep track of your individual orders. Cards will be distributed to you at the Dress Rehearsal on Monday, August 16. Deliver cards to your customers as soon as you get them. It's that simple!

Handel's will then donate a portion of the total collected back to the Band which will help lower the cost of this year's student expenses. We love this kind of fundraiser because the sale price of the cards is the same as the regular retail price.

Give them as gifts!



Cards are valid for one year from the distribution date.



Tally Sheet

Return this sheet along with payment to the Band Office.
 Make checks payable to BBOP, Inc. Be sure that student's name is on the memo line of ALL checks turned in.

You can turn your order in at Uniform Distribution, or any Band rehearsal from now until July 26.

No orders will be accepted after
Monday, July 26

Student's Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Total Number of Cards	\$5.25 Each	Total
	x \$5.25 =	

Cards will be given to students on Monday, August 16.
 Make sure you have the correct number of cards. Get them to your customers as soon as possible.

The Boardman Band and Orchestra Parents present



The Boardman Band and Orchestra Car Wash

Saturday, August 7, 2021

9am to 3pm

Boardman High School North End Driveway



ALL Band and Orchestra students are expected to participate by selling at least 5 coupons. Lots of students are needed to wash and dry cars in four 90-minute shifts. Some parents are needed to supervise. Drumline will perform at times throughout the day.

STUDENT AND ADULT SIGNUP

<https://signup.com/go/TihYoVv>

There are separate signups for students and adults. Be sure to choose the correct one. The adult shift times overlap the student times slightly so we have parents there for setup and teardown, and to ensure smooth shift transitions. Contact your director if you cannot find an available signup spot.

PLEDGES

Every student needs to sell 5 coupons at \$5.00 each. There are 10 on the attached page in case you need more. Money can be turned in at any summer Band event or given to the adult shift supervisor at the car wash.



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Saturday, August 7, 2021
9am – 3pm

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