

PARRY McCLUER BAND HANDBOOK

Below you will find important information to help create a positive, productive and successful year for the PMHS Band. **Please take the time to read the handbook, so all students and parents can stay informed and accountable for the activities and events in our program.**

COMMUNICATION

Email: Shannon.light@bvcps.net **preferred method of communication**

School Phone: (540) 261-2127 ex. 242

Remind Text: Text @62ge6c to 81010 to join the Marching Blues Remind Messages (see page 7)

- Remind messages will be sent with performance itineraries and important information. All students and parents are encouraged to sign up for our remind class!
 - **New this year: remind messages will only be used as an announcement platform. We will instead use email or school phone calls for individual conversations.**

Facebook Page: Parry McCluer Music Department (www.facebook.com/ParryMcCluerMusic/)

- Please note that Ms. Light will not accept social media friend requests on her personal account from students or parents (unless they are BVCPS employees) until the student has graduated high school. This policy is in place to maintain a healthy boundary between teacher and students.

Google Classroom:

- Reference our google classroom for class information, assignments, playing quizzes and practice tracks.
 - Students can join using their school email address and entering the code: 17a2p4

MATERIALS

Students are responsible for bringing the following items to EVERY rehearsal:

Provided by PMHS

- Folder
- Music/drill coordinates
- Scale sheets, method book and handouts as given throughout the year

Not provided by PMHS

- Pencil
- Instrument (provided by PMHS as needed)
- Woodwinds
 - 3 reeds in playing condition
 - Cleaning swab
 - Cork grease
 - Neck strap (saxophones only)
- Brass
 - Valve/rotor oil
 - Slide grease

GRADING

***Students must meet ALL of the requirements to receive full credit in each category**

Daily Participation: (25%)

- Grade components (applicable to in school and after school rehearsals):
 - On time
 - Prepared with the aforementioned materials
 - Following all school rules (this includes not using a cell phone)
 - Actively participating in rehearsal
- Marching Band Specific:
 - All members must wear sneakers during every band rehearsal

Students who are absent from school will be exempt from the daily participation grade on that day.

There are no makeup points available for the daily participation grade.

Performance Attendance/Participation: (40%)

- Performances include all football games, competitions, parades, art gallery performances and formal concerts (see calendar list in the handbook).
- Students need to wear the specified uniform for each event.
- Marching Band Specific
 - Unless given special permission, students may not eat in the stands (aside from the third-quarter snack).
 - Water is the only drink we will have while wearing a uniform.
 - All members need to be facing the field and ready to play/cheer on quick notice. Aside from the third-quarter snack, we will always stand up so that we are ready to play.
 - Following the third-quarter snack, everyone needs to be in the stands and ready to play with 3 minutes left in the third quarter.

Assessments/Assignments: (30%)

- This category includes homework assignments, playing quizzes, written quizzes and in-class assignments.
- **Playing quizzes will be due by 8 a.m. every Monday (aside from school Holidays) via Google classroom.** These assignments will ONLY be accepted if they are submitted via Google classroom. Students who do not have internet access at home are welcome to make their recordings in school by setting up a time with Ms. Light.
 - This will provide the students with weekly practice goals and frequent individualized feedback.

Final Exam: (5%)

- Will consist of rehearsal during the final exam block and performance at graduation.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT EXPECTATIONS

Performance Etiquette:

- Out of respect for each ensemble, all students are required to attend the ENTIRE performance (this applies to football games, concerts, etc.)
- Each student must be a respectful audience member while other ensembles are performing.

Marching Band Uniform:

Whenever we are in uniform, we will all wear the uniform the same way to help create a professional look....

- The band t-shirt, shorts/pants, and **tall black socks** are ALWAYS to be worn underneath the uniform.
 - No hooded sweatshirts or jeans may be worn underneath the uniform
 - Anything worn underneath the uniform cannot be visible to the audience
- Marching shoes and gloves are required.
- Other than parade days, the uniforms will be kept in the marching band storage room and are to be returned immediately following every performance.
 - Families will be responsible for paying for dry cleaning if the uniform is not turned in after the Buena Vista Christmas Parade.

Marching Band Etiquette:

- Our role is to support the football team at all times regardless of the score. We will never boo, yell at the referees, etc.
- We will take the third quarter off and enjoy a snack provided by the booster organization! If the band from the visiting team comes to our home game, we will invite them to join us. Visiting the concession stand and/or eating in the stands during the game is prohibited.
- When we see another band perform, we will be attentive and supportive. We will discuss their performance in the comfort of our own band room. **At no point will anyone express a negative comment in public about another band's performance.**

Competition/Travel Expectations:

- **All students are required to stay for the full competition event (including the award ceremony) and ride the bus to and from all performances.**
 - In the event of a serious conflict, arrangements must be made with Ms. Light in advance.

Fundraisers:

- The Music Department will hold several fundraisers throughout the year. Students will have three options for fundraisers: complete the fundraiser as outlined, donate money, or volunteer time completing music department tasks. **Whichever option the student chooses must be completed by the fundraiser deadline,** or detention will be assigned the next school day. This is to ensure that everyone contributes to the ongoing success of our program.

Late Assignments/Retakes:

- Late assignments will be accepted one class period late (with points deducted). Work that is more than one class period late will NOT be accepted. If you are absent from school, your work is due the day you return to school. Retakes (if eligible) must be completed within 2 class periods of the assignment/test being returned. Students who are absent for an assessment/in class assignment will be required to make it up during the next band period.

VARSIITY LETTER

- After successfully completing two years in the PMHS Band, students will earn a varsity letter:
 - Successful completion means there are not any unexcused absences and the student has maintained a 75 percent average or above for both school years.

CONCERT ATTIRE

- Aside from honor ensemble performances, concert attire will always be kept at school. Students will change at school before and after each concert.
- Families need to provide **formal black dress shoes** (closed toe) and black socks, if applicable. White undershirts need to be worn underneath the tuxedo. Straps should not be visible outside of the dresses.
- If a student damages or loses a part of his/her concert attire, their family will be responsible for replacing the items at the costs outlined below
 - Dress (\$60), necklace (\$12)
 - Jacket (\$55), pants (\$23), tuxedo shirt (\$15), cummerbund (\$6), bowtie (\$2)

***If you cannot provide your own shoes please indicate that on the acknowledgement page and list the size shoe you will need.**

ADDITIONAL ENSEMBLE OPPORTUNITIES

Students are highly encouraged to audition for the honor ensembles! We want as many students as possible to represent our school by performing in these select ensembles.

Below are the most recent audition fees. If a student wants to audition but cannot cover the cost, please indicate that on the honor band permission forms that are sent home as the audition dates approach.

Area Band	District Band	District Chorus
Audition Fee: \$4	Audition Fee: \$4	Audition Fee: \$7.20
Auditions: 11/6 Maury River Middle School	Auditions: 12/7 East Rockingham HS	Auditions: 11/5 East Rockingham HS
Event: 1/24 & 1/25 Bath County HS	Event: 1/31 & 2/1 Harrisonburg HS	Event: 1/17 & 1/18 Stuarts Draft HS

Music Department Important Dates 2019-2020

Pre-Season Marching Blues Events

7/29-8/2 8am-5pm Band Camp

8/2- 5pm End of Band Camp Performance/Parent Meeting at the Practice Field (behind the library)

8/5- 8:00am-9:45am BVCPS Convocation PMHS Gym (color guard will not perform)

8/5- 3:15-5pm Rehearsal

8/6- 3:15-5pm Rehearsal

Regular Season Music Department Events

Marching Blues rehearsals are Tues/Thurs from 3:15pm-5:00pm beginning 8/13 and ending 10/24

8/30- 7pm Home v. RCHS

9/2- 8am Buena Vista Labor Day Parade

***9/3**- 5-6pm *Music Booster Meeting**

9/14- JMU Band Day (all-day event)

9/17- 6pm All Central Highlands Area Marching Band Showcase PMHS Football Field

9/21- Competition at Stuarts Draft High School (time TBA)

9/27- 7pm Home v. Fort Chiswell (7th Grade Band Night)

10/12- Competition at Lynchburg City Stadium (time TBA)

10/18- 7pm Home v. Covington (Homecoming and Marching Blues Alumni Night)

10/25- 7pm Home v. Bath County (Senior Night)

10/26- Competition at Pulaski County High School (time TBA)

***11/6-** Area Band Auditions at Maury River Middle School (leave toward the end of the school day)*
Open to PMHS & PMMS Band Students

12/5- 6pm BV Christmas Parade followed by Caroling (optional) at the Ramsey Center

***12/7-** District Band Auditions at East Rockingham High School (leave early in the morning)*
Open to PMHS & PMMS Band Students

12/12- 7pm Winter Concert PMHS Gym
PMHS Band/Chorus and PMMS Bands

***1/7-** 5-6pm Music Booster Meeting*

***1/24 & 1/25** Area Band Rehearsal/Concert at Bath County HS*

***1/31 & 2/1-** District Band Rehearsal and Concert at Harrisonburg High School*

3/10- 7pm Band and Choir Preview Concert PMHS Gym
PMHS Band & Choir (showcasing our assessment music)

3/12- Concert Band Assessment at Broadway High School Time TBD

***4/14-** 5/6pm Music Booster Meeting*

***4/23-4/25-** All-State Band/Chorus in Richmond*

5/7- 7pm Spring Concert PMHS Gym (NOTE DATE CHANGE)
PMHS Band/Chorus & PMMS Bands

5/23- Graduation at VMI at 11am (NOTE DATE CHANGE)

indicates optional participation and/or auditioned ensemble

All other events are mandatory

Marching Blues Remind Messages

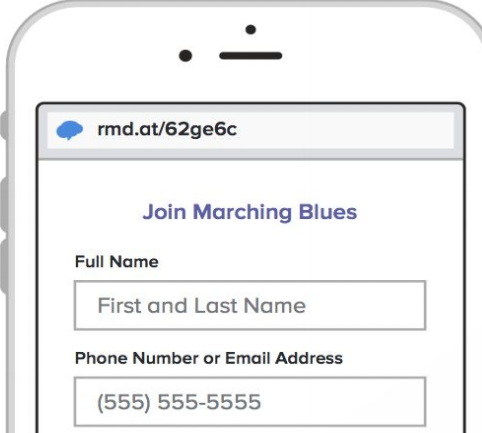
Please follow the instructions below to sign up for Marching Blues Remind Messages. This is where all event itineraries and updates will be sent. **One parent/guardian from each family must be signed up.** Students who have a cell phone are also expected to sign up.

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/62ge6c

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



The image shows a smartphone screen displaying a web browser page. The address bar shows "rmd.at/62ge6c". The page title is "Join Marching Blues". Below the title, there are two input fields: "Full Name" with the placeholder text "First and Last Name", and "Phone Number or Email Address" with the placeholder text "(555) 555-5555".

B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @62ge6c to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @62ge6c to (434) 260-8891.

** Standard text message rates apply.*



The image shows a smartphone screen displaying a text message. The "To" field contains the number "81010". The "Message" field contains the text "@62ge6c".

Student Name: _____

FAMILY VOLUNTEER FORM

“It takes a village” to run a music program and we could not be successful without the Boosters! The Parry McCluer Music Booster Organization supports the PMHS Band/Chorus and the PMMS Bands. **Membership is open to all parents/guardians.**

Below are just a few examples of the many contributions that the music boosters make. Please keep these in mind and feel free to offer any additional help that is not listed below. **We want as many parents as possible to be involved with the program.**

_____ Assist with the Central Highlands Marching Band Showcase (September 17th)

_____ Assist with preparations for the Marching Blues Alumni Dinner (October 18th)

_____ Prepare meals for competitions

_____ Uniform/concert attire fitting and hemming

_____ Bus chaperone

_____ Parade chaperone (providing students with water throughout the route)

_____ Performance field set-up

_____ Snack donation for 3rd quarter, competitions, etc

_____ Serving third quarter snack

_____ Fundraising

_____ Photography/Video

_____ Assist in applying for grants to support the music program

_____ Publicity/communication/public relations

_____ Painting/building/etc.

Other: _____

****Please return to Ms. Light by August 16, 2019****

Handbook Acknowledgement Form

Student Statement:

By signing below I indicate that **I have read the PMHS Band Handbook and understand the expectations and guidelines of being a member.** I have made note of all performance and rehearsal dates and understand that my full participation is essential to the success of this ensemble.

Printed Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Statement:

By signing below I indicate that **I have read the PMHS band Handbook and understand the expectations and time commitments of my student.** I have made note of all performance and rehearsal dates and understand the importance of my student's attendance at all events.

_____ Yes, I give permission for the PMHS Music Department to publish a photo or video of my student.

_____ No, I do not give permission for the PMHS Music Department to publish a photo or video of my student.

_____ My student has internet access at home

_____ My student does not have internet access at home

Parent/Guardian Information

Additional Parent/Guardian Information (optional)

Name: _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Return to Ms. Light by August 16, 2019