

Hello, Blanchard HS Band Parents!

This letter includes some reminders of info for upcoming events as well as some new information. Remember that all rehearsals are **voluntary**, so if you have concerns about anything, it is fully your decision to keep your student from participation. Our only request is that if you choose to keep your student home, please let us know so we are aware of the situation.

We are getting the calendar for the year put into **Cut Time**. All of the same information is on our google calendar, so you can follow the Blanchard Bands calendar in google if you choose. This is a great time to make sure you can log into Cut Time and update any changes to your information (your student should do the same on his/her account).

We also encourage you to log into **eNotes** and update the classes that you subscribe to. This is especially important for incoming freshmen - you need to be sure and choose to get information from the HS Band, as you are likely currently enrolled in a MS band. If you didn't use eNotes last year, we highly encourage you to do so. We use it (only via text message) to communicate reminders to parents and students. To log in or sign up for eNotes: https://www.blanchard.k12.ok.us/enote_portal_login

Information for upcoming events:

Guard clinics start Friday, July 17th (12:30-4:30pm) at the HS band room.

Percussion clinics start Monday, July 20th (12:30-4:30pm) at the HS band room.

Summer Band starts Monday, July 27th (2pm-10pm) at the HS band room.

For **entering the band room each day** we will have a daily protocol (listed below) that we will use starting with guard and percussion clinics. It would be of GREAT help if we could have parents help us with that during our full Summer Band dates (starting July 27th). We think 2 parents per day would be the ideal number and we would need help from 1-2:15pm each day. You would not have to volunteer every day unless that is your choice. Those volunteers would need to wear masks while interacting with the students. If you are able to help, please sign into Cut Time and sign up.

You will also see sign ups during Summer Band for evening snacks. We will send more information about how you can help with that later, but know that we'll need help getting donations of snacks and distributing them each evening for the kids.

The daily protocol to enter the band room (this is where we need parent assistance during Summer Band):

- There will only be one entrance and that is the door to the main band room (the one with the steps).
- Outside of the band room (possibly just inside the door if the heat is oppressive) will be a tent and a table set up where your student will:
 - Have their temperature taken and documented
 - Answer COVID-19 screening questions for documentation

- Ensure that he/she has a large water container labeled with his/her name and a face covering (the school will provide a disposable mask for students who don't have one)
- Students will need to wear a face covering into the band room every day and keep it on until otherwise told
- The first time your student comes to the band room, he/she needs to have the attached waiver signed. If you have done this electronically, we will have a record of it. If you are unable to return it electronically or print it for your student to bring in, we will have hard copies at the door and you will need to make sure you sign it before your student is allowed to enter the band room.
- Students should be wearing (or have) athletic clothing and footwear.
- Students should also have dinner (or a plan for how he/she will get dinner).
- We also recommend a hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen.
- If someone is dropping a student off, he/she needs to wait until the student has been given clearance to enter the band room before leaving so that if a student does have to leave it can happen immediately.

Please contact us directly with any and all of your questions and concerns. We know that there is a lot going on and that this is an unusual time. We know that every family's situation is unique. We are available to listen, talk, answer questions, explain processes - anything that you need. We look forward to working with you and are very excited to play music with our awesome kids again soon!

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