



Ballard High School Performing Arts

P.O. Box 17774, Seattle, WA 98127

www.ballardperformingarts.org

June 15, 2018

Dear BHS Band Members and Parents,

I hope you are reflecting on the success and accomplishments of this current school year while anticipating a restful and relaxing summer. Plans are already well under way for next year and I am looking forward to the exciting musical opportunities that lie ahead!

As is tradition at Ballard, the first weekend of the new school year is our annual Band Camp which will once again be held at Camp Seymour near Gig Harbor. Buses will pick up students and chaperones at Ballard High School at 4:30 pm on Friday, September 7 and will return them around 3:00 pm on Sunday, September 9. This is a required activity for all band and percussion students. Band camp is the only time during the year where students receive intensive field and parade marching training and practice. New students will learn how to march in the Ballard style and continuing students will be able to improve their marching skills. Band camp is a great way for us to start off the school year as we prepare for the home football games, the Leavenworth Autumn Leaf Festival Parade on September 29, and the Homecoming halftime show which will take place on Saturday, October 6.

Band camp is also a time where freshmen and new students to Ballard will get to know the people in their sections as well as the rest of the members in the band. The camaraderie among band members is just part of what makes Ballard's Award-Winning Band program so special and many students will leave this weekend having made some of their best friends that will be with them throughout their high school career!

The Ballard Marching Band has a reputation as one of the best bands in the state and it is a reputation we are proud to uphold. I am excited to begin the 2018-2019 school year and I look forward to working with you as we continue the strong tradition of musical excellence in the Ballard High School Band!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Michael James'.

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Camp Seymour Marching Band Camp

September 7, 8 and 9, 2018

Registration due July 1, 2018

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Please select one of the following:

_____ Enclosed is full payment in the amount of **\$180**

Payment may be made in cash or check (**Payable to: BPA**) or by credit card on our website at www.ballardperformingartsboosters.org (No processing fees charged)

_____ I will need financial assistance to attend band camp and will apply for a partial scholarship.
Form is included in packet and must be returned by July 1, 2018

Let us know if you have any special dietary needs.

Parent/ Guardian Name:

Parent/ Guardian Signature:

_____ I am interested in being a chaperone for band camp. There is NO charge for chaperones to attend camp. Please contact me at:

(Phone/email): _____

Please contact Jen Witeck at Jennifer.witeck@gmail.com with any questions or if you want to be a chaperone.



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Camp Seymour Band Camp Rules September 7-9, 2018

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1. Be at the right place at the right time...ON TIME!
 2. Absolutely no alcohol, tobacco products, drugs, or weapons of any kind. You will be sent home at your parents' expense if you violate this rule. School consequences will also apply.
 3. All school policies and procedures apply while on this trip.
 4. Never go anywhere alone! Always be in groups of three or more.
 5. Respect all chaperones. If they ask/tell you to do something, you need to do it.
 6. Do not be late to rehearsal. Early is on time, on time is late!
 7. Students are not permitted to bring inappropriate toys (for example stink bombs, lighters, look-alike weapons, squirt guns etc.).
 8. Dress appropriately at all times. The itinerary may specify appropriate clothing for different occasions.
 9. Respect all camp rules/policies. Take care of your cabins. Do not shout or be loud after lights out.
 10. No one is allowed in the cabin of a friend of the opposite sex. Meet each other in the common areas of the camp.
 11. At curfew, only those staying in your cabin should be there. Room checks will occur.
 12. Don't do anything stupid! Use your brain and think ahead.
 13. Always remember that you are representing yourself, your family, and the Ballard High School Bands. Treat each other with respect and behave in the best possible manner at all times.

I have read the rules for Band Camp and understand that I will be responsible for the cost if my student is sent home because of a serious rule violation.

Student _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Please return this form with the registration form due on July 1, 2018.