



## BARRON COLLIER HIGH SCHOOL COUGAR BAND

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### Cougar Band Update 8/8/20

To all BCHS Cougar Band students and parents,

This morning we received updated guidelines for all marching bands moving forward as they prepare for the upcoming football season. This is an ever-evolving process and new information has been coming out daily. This communication comes as of August 8, 2020. No practices, rehearsals or auditions are allowed before the first day of school on August 31<sup>st</sup>. The first scheduled rehearsal for the BCHS Cougar Band will be Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM. Please see the updated band calendar for all tentatively scheduled rehearsals and performances. We have also moved the BCHS Band Boosters pickup day for students to Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Students will be able to pick up and purchase additional practice clothes, drop off payments and check to see if all required paperwork has been completed. We will send out a reminder with additional information, time and location closer to the date. All required paperwork must be completed by the first day of school. We have every intention of having a marching band at BCHS this school year. The band calendar will be updated when the football season is announced. Our band classes (Jazz, Percussion, Auxiliary and the two concert bands) will be offered during the school day. We are also offering a virtual band class and a virtual auxiliary class for those students who chose one of the CCPS virtual Classroom Connect options. Please share this information on your social media to reach as many BCHS students as possible.

I hope the information below will help answer the many important questions and concerns that parents have sent to me the last few days. Please contact me ([robinb@collierschools.com](mailto:robinb@collierschools.com)) if I can provide any other information.

CCPS has been working with local health officials, individual school administrations and all CCPS high school band directors to determine what options are available for the marching band season.

For the health and safety of all staff and students:

**All CCPS marching band rehearsals, camps, meetings and auditions are postponed until August 31st, 2020**

**Please remember that everything is subject to change based on CDC, State of Florida, Collier County and CCPS guidance. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.**

## **FBA All-State (winds/percussion)**

<https://fba.flmusiced.org/all-state/all-state-information/>

Please see the information on the link above if you plan on auditioning for the FBA All-State Band this school year. Due to Covid-19 there are many changes that you should be aware of:

- All-State Auditions will be held virtually this year via the HeartOut App. HeartOut authenticates and verifies that an applicant's performance is "live" and unedited by only allowing applicants to record themselves online and in real time. By eliminating recording manipulations often seen in the industry, HeartOut upholds the safety and protection of a performer's authentic talent when recorded into the app with the latest privacy standards. The HeartOut app will need to be downloaded onto a student/parent phone for use.
- The HeartOut App has an unlimited trial run feature so students can get acquainted with how it works, so they can hear the sound quality in order to adjust their phone placement, etc. Students will be allowed 3 opportunities to record their audition. Once all 3 are recorded, the student can select their best and MUST press SUBMIT.
- How to use the HeartOut App - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rj\\_-Jbsq72Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rj_-Jbsq72Y)
- Audition submit window:
  - Sept 25-26 - 11/12 Symphonic Band Audition
  - Sept 27-28 - 9/10 Concert Band Audition Window
- Deadline to sign up to participate is September 16<sup>th</sup>.
- If you would like to audition and do not have access to the music, please email Mr. Robinson ([robinb@collierschools.com](mailto:robinb@collierschools.com))

## **Auditions**

Auditions for drum line and flag, rifle and dance teams will be held once we return to school. There will always be a spot for every student that wants to participate in the BCHS Cougar Band. Returning students are not required to audition and will maintain their current placement. Students that are new to the program are encouraged to schedule Band 1 (percussion), Dance Techniques 1 (Flag/Rifle and Dance Team) with their guidance counselor. Please share this information on your social media to reach as many BCHS students as possible.

- If you are new to the band program and are interested in the dance team, please contact Ms. Jordan Lamb ([lambj@collierschools.com](mailto:lambj@collierschools.com)) or Mrs. Lori Oliver ([lori@naplesperformingartscenter.com](mailto:lori@naplesperformingartscenter.com)) for more information and audition details.
- If you are new to the band program and are interested in the flag line or rifle line, please contact Ms. Jordan Lamb ([lambj@collierschools.com](mailto:lambj@collierschools.com)) or Ms. Caitlin Early ([earlyc@collierschools.com](mailto:earlyc@collierschools.com)) for more information and audition details.

## **Band Fee**

I have asked the BCHS Band Boosters to continue to lower the participation band fee to \$100.00 per student for the school year. There is an additional maintenance and replacement fee for students who need to rent school owned instruments and auxiliary equipment.

- Band fee for students who own their own woodwind or brass instrument will be \$100.00
- Band fee for students who rent a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument (\$50 instrument rental fee) from BCHS will be \$150.00
- Band fee for auxiliary (Dance, Flag, Rifle) students will be \$125.00 (includes equipment fee of \$25.00). We will not purchase new uniforms this marching band season.

The band fee will include one pair of shorts and one shirt per student. Additional shirts and shorts can be purchased (limited supply available). Performance Sweat suits will not be purchased this school year.

The band fee will return to \$325.00 for the 2021-2022 school year.

Currently we are planning on having Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> as a pickup day for students. Students will be able to pick up and purchase additional practice clothes, drop off payments and check to see if all required paperwork has been completed. We will send out a reminder with additional information, time and location closer to the date.

Band fee payments can also be made at the scheduled pickup date. Please do not mail payments to the BCHS Band Boosters P.O. Box.

Students will also be asked to participate in at least one fundraiser during the school year.

Please note: **IF** the season is shortened in any way or performances cancelled the band fees will again be lowered and adjusted accordingly. The amount will not go up for the 2020-2021 school year.

**What does the band fee cover?** Uniform cleaning and maintenance, instrument and auxiliary purchase and maintenance, FBA competition fees (All State, District 18 Solo and Ensemble, District 18 Jazz Band, District 18 Concert band and FBA State events) music for marching, concert and jazz band, marching band field drill, additional band and auxiliary staff, event transportation, and other costs that are needed throughout the season to run and maintain a high school band program with over 250 students.

**What school owned instruments are available for rental?** We can only provide the following instruments for use: oboe, bassoon, tenor sax, bari sax, bass clarinet, French horn/mellophone, euphonium/baritone, and tuba/sousaphone. We have been told that CCPS is making plans to provide all band programs with enough instruments to prevent students from having to share school owned instruments.

**Why is there a percussion rental fee?** This percussion fee helps to cover the cost of marching sticks, drumheads, mallets, and all percussion equipment. New snare drums and quint toms have arrived. We hope to have all new percussion equipment by the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year.

## CCPS Classroom Connect

Students who choose the CCPS Classroom Connect option will also be able to participate in band at their home school. You can come to BCHS during your assigned band period or you can take a virtual band or auxiliary class. If you chose this option, you should have received an email from me yesterday. Please respond indicating if you are attending your class daily at BCHS or you want to enroll in a virtual band/auxiliary class. Students will be expected to attend all after school rehearsals and performances. Please contact me with any questions ([robinb@collierschools.com](mailto:robinb@collierschools.com))

## Paperwork

**Please continue to submit all required paperwork. All paperwork must be completed by the first rehearsal on September 1<sup>st</sup>.**

The following documents are required to participate in marching band:

- **Proof of Medical Insurance**
- **EL2 – Pre-Participation Physical Form**
- **EL3 – Consent and Release from Liability Certificate**
- **Assumption of Risk and Liability to Coronavirus/COVID-19 Form**

The BCHS Cougar Band uses [HOME CAMPUS](#) to download and sign all required paperwork and forms.

Instructions on how to register:

- Go to [www.athleticclearance.com](http://www.athleticclearance.com) ([HOME CAMPUS](#))
- Choose FL then watch the tutorial video BEFORE creating your account.
- Click on the “register” link. Fill in your first and last name, email address and choose a password. Click Submit. You only need one account per family and siblings are registered from the same account. Your information will be saved from year to year.
- Log in to your account by using the code that pops up.
- Click on the “Start Clearance Here” button to start a clearance.
- Select the Year: 2020-2021, School: Barron Collier (region 3) Sport: Select Band from the drop down menu - Click Submit. You may add other sports at the end of the registration process.
- Fill in all required information on this page and click Save.
- Uploads for Physical Form, Proof of Insurance, and original Birth Certificate (**not required for Band**): You will need to scan each of these documents and save to your computer. Two uploads are labeled for you. When uploading forms use the “choose file section” **NOT** the “choose from documents library” section. Please use “Additional Forms” to upload your birth certificate (**not needed for band**). You must have all three of these documents on file to be cleared. Physicals are valid for 365 days.
- Once all information has been inputted on a screen, click Save.
- Fill out the Medical History (Step# 2) – Add additional details in the box provided for “yes” answers then click Save.

- Fill out the Parent/Guardian Info (Step# 3) – As personal situations differ; you may choose “N/A” for one of the parents if you live in a single parent household. You will also need to add an additional emergency contact.
- Step# 4: Signature Forms. This step is broken up into two sections (parent and student). The parent/guardian is to read the forms on the right side of the screen and electronically sign them by typing their name on the left side of the screen. The student should do the same for the forms listed under the “student” section.
- After you have completed this step, a confirmation letter will generate.

**Where can I see all other dates for games, rehearsals, and performances?** All of our dates are posted on our band calendar, which is available on our band website: [www.bchsband.org](http://www.bchsband.org).

For the latest information, visit these social media platforms:

Band website – [www.bchsband.org](http://www.bchsband.org)

Follow us on Twitter @BCHSCougarband

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***Mr. Robinson***