

Cougar Band Update 9/22/2020

Friday Night Football - BCHS v. Gulf Coast HS

BCHS will host the GCHS Sharks on Friday, October 2nd at 7:00 PM. Every band student will receive a voucher for two tickets to the game and a parking pass. Vouchers will be distributed in class on Tuesday, September 29th. Each voucher will cost \$17.00. You will pay for your ticket voucher and receive your entry pass at the ticket booth at Cougar Stadium when you arrive for the game. Game time is 7:00 PM. Plan to arrive early. This week the Cougar Band will perform in the visitor stands only. Senior night recognition will be held during half-time.

Band report time 10/2/20 :

Tuba/Percussion – 5:30 PM

Brass – 5:45 PM

Woodwind – 6:00 PM

Auxiliary – 6:15 PM

Uniform will be practice shirt, band shorts and tennis shoes. Students are asked to purchase a black mask to use during all performances.

Students are to report to the stadium in uniform with their band water bottle and equipment.

Senior Night

All band seniors will be recognized at half-time of the BCHS v. GCHS football game. Each senior will be allowed two family members to escort them across the field as their names are read.

All family members should gather at the beginning of the 2nd quarter on the track near the visitors' concession stand. Your student will meet you there. Everyone will be lined up alphabetically and proceed to the field. Starting at the beginning of half-time the student's biographies will be read as they walk across the field with their escorts. Students will remain on the field for a group photo, while escorts may take their seats.

While there is no particular dress code, some family members like to get dressed-up for the occasion. Dress casual, seniors will be in their practice uniform and may wear their BCHS Senior crowns.

If you have any questions, please email Julie Ryon at JRyon23@gmail.com.

Rehearsal

The first marching band rehearsal of the year will be held next Tuesday, September 29th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in Cougar Stadium. CCPS considers marching band and all band classes co-curricular. All practices and performances are graded for attendance and participation. All students enrolled in a band class (online and in person) are expected to attend all scheduled practices and performances. Practice clothes and water jugs are required for each practice and performance and will be distributed during the school day on Tuesday, September 22nd. Use of CCPS instrument covers is required for all practices and performances.

We will continue to follow all CCPS Covid 19 return to band guidelines for all rehearsals and performances.

FMEA/FBA All State Band

FBA has decided that the All-State Band will be virtual for the 2020-2021 school year. Students are still encouraged to audition to be recognized as an all-state musician.

The following announcement was released by FMEA regarding the 2020-2021 FBA All-State Band:

We are excited to announce that the FMEA Professional Development Conference will be reimaged into a virtual online experience for January 2021! This decision was based on many factors with the health and well-being of our teachers, students, parents, exhibitors

We are committed to providing you the quality musical and professional development experience that you expect from the FMEA Conference, adapted into a flexible and easy to use online format you can experience in the comfort and safety of your own space.

The All-State and Honors Ensembles are an important part of the FMEA Conference and the audition process is a valuable educational experience for all of our students. Auditions for the all-state bands, choirs, orchestras, guitar ensemble, and the new Popular Music Collective will proceed as planned. Students accepted into these ensembles will be recognized for their achievement, and we are planning virtual opportunities to provide a musical and educational experience and encourage lifelong involvement in music.

More information will be available within the next several weeks, including information about program offerings, dates, costs, and all-state.

Band Fee

The band fee for the 2020-2021 school year is \$50.00. 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 their own woodwind or brass instrument will be \$50.00
- Band fee for students who rent a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument (\$50 instrument rental fee) from BCHS will be \$100.00
- Band fee for auxiliary (Dance, Flag, Rifle) students will be \$75.00 (includes equipment fee of \$25.00). We will not purchase new uniforms this marching band season.

Students are asked to drop off their band fee payments to the black band booster box/safe in the band room. Checks can be made out to the BCHS Band Boosters. Credit card payments can be made on the band website, but PayPal does require an additional service fee of \$5.00. Payments can also be mailed to the BCHS Band Boosters (BCHS Band Boosters – P.O. Box 111328 – Naples, Florida 34108)

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.

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.

Band Calendar

Currently there are three home varsity football games scheduled:

- October 2 v. Gulf Coast
- October 23 v. Palmetto Ridge
- Nov. 6 v. Lely

Full band practice for all members will be held from 6:00 – 8:00 PM on 9/29, 10/20 and 11/3.

Sectional rehearsals for all sections will be held starting the week of 9/15 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:15 – 4:00 PM.

All marching band music can be found on your class page on CANVAS. Classroom videos and play-along examples are also posted. All students (virtual and brick and mortar) will prepare the music for the football games in their band classes during the school day and will have the same memorization and performance expectations.

Students will be updated regarding after school rehearsals weekly. The updated rehearsal schedule is on the band website calendar. Calendar updates will be released when available.

See you at the game next week!

Mr. R