

Interboro Marching “Buccaneer” Band

Mark Peltz
Director

April 16, 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to one of the finest marching bands in Delaware County. We are only a few months away from completing a unique ending to the school year. We are planning to begin marching band rehearsals in August as usual, however, this is subject to change based on school district and state directives related to Covid 19. As we move forward, part of this important process focuses on the recruitment of our new members. Clear communication with you, the parents, will ensure all students enjoy a rewarding experience.

The Interboro High School Marching Band has a long-standing tradition of excellence. The marching band performs at varsity football games, participates in local parades, and at many regional venues. The band has performed all over the East Coast. Additionally, each year the band takes an annual trip. Most recently, in February the Band performed in Disney World Florida. For 2021, the band is planning to travel to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee and visit The Great Smokey Mountain’s National Park, as well as a performance in “Dollywood.” Tentative dates are April 10-15, 2021.

Marching Band is open to all high school students and select middle school students. Middle school students must excel on their instrument and maintain a good academic record.

The Interboro Music Boosters strive to keep the participatory costs to a minimum. The Tentative 2020-2021 band fee is \$110.00 (**not due till August**). The band fee pays for marching band T-shirts, instructional costs and materials, refreshments, and our annual “Band Spirit Day” at the conclusion of band week. Please carefully review the summer marching band schedule, the rehearsal schedule and the marching band attendance policy. Attendance is expected at all rehearsals and performances as outlined below. The only exception is if you are vacationing with your family during the summer marching band program or if you participate in a school district sport. Band week is required! **Drum Line-** Our Marching Band Drum Line will start virtual rehearsals with Mr. Bussone in May.

Please view the Band Promo Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LVhdTt6-M9w&feature=youtu.be>

Marching band attendance Policy:

Please review the policy carefully. The full band rehearses only 8 times during the fall. Most of our rehearsals take place during the month of August.

- Because of our limited rehearsals, attendance is required at all rehearsals and performances unless you are ill.
- The only exception is if you are vacationing with your family during the summer marching band program, band week is mandatory.
- **Band week attendance is required** – I have attached a tentative summer and fall schedule. Band members that participate in Interboro School District sports are excused when schedules conflict.
- Overnight band trips are optional.
- Your child’s participation in any band event or function is at the discretion of the band director and school administration.
- **The Memorial Day Parade is a required event.** Band members that do not participate in the Memorial Day Parade will not be permitted to participate in marching band the following year.
- The Band Week letter and permission slips are sent via e-mail in early July.
- **2020-2021 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE IS ON THE NEXT PAGE!! PLEASE READ!!**

If your child is interested in participating, please complete and return the “New Marching Band information Sheet” and return the form to Mark Peltz at: mark.peltz@interborosd.org Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Phone# 610-809-2692.

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Tentative 2020 Spring/Summer Marching Band Schedule

2020 Spring Virtual Drum Line Rehearsal with Mr. Bussone		
Date	Time	Function
Tuesday, May 5th	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Virtual Drum Line rehearsal
Tuesday, May 12th	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Virtual Drum Line rehearsal
Tuesday, May 19th	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Virtual Drum Line rehearsal
Tuesday, May 26th	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Virtual Drum Line rehearsal
Tuesday, June 2nd	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Virtual Drum Line rehearsal
Tuesday, June 9th	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Virtual Drum Line rehearsal
Tuesday, June 16th	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Virtual Drum Line rehearsal

2020 Summer Marching Band Program		
Summer attendance Policy in effect: you are expected to be at rehearsal unless you are vacationing with your family – work is not excused unless you are full time during the day.		
Tuesday, August 11th	10:30am – 12:30pm & 6:00pm – 9:00pm	Full band rehearsal
Wednesday, August 12th	10:30am – 12:30pm & 6:00pm – 9:00pm	Full band rehearsal
Thursday, August 13th	10:30am – 12:30pm & 6:00pm – 9:00pm	Full band rehearsal
Tuesday, August 25th	6:00pm – 9:00pm	Full band rehearsal
Wednesday, August 26th	6:00pm – 9:00pm	Full band rehearsal
Thursday, August 27th	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Volley-ball-athon
Tuesday, September 1st	6:00pm – 8:00pm	Full band rehearsal

Band Week - All Mandatory Rehearsals		
2019 Band Week Schedule	2018 Band Week	Mandatory
Mon -Thur. August 17th – 20th	9:00am – 12:00pm & 6:00pm – 9:00pm	Full band rehearsal – HS Band Room
Thursday August 20th	4:00pm – 6:00pm	Band Pictures
Thursday August 20th	6:00pm – 8:00pm	Show Preview Night!!
Friday August 21st	8:00am – 4:00pm	Band Picnic – TBA

2020 Tentative Fall schedule		
Date	Meet Time	Function
Friday September 11th	5:00pm	Home game vs John Bartram HS
Friday September 18th	5:00pm	Home Game vs Chester HS
Friday September 25 th	5:00pm	Away Game @ Unionville HS
Friday October 2 nd	5:00pm	Home Game vs West Chester Rustin (Homecoming)
Friday October 9th	5:00pm	Home Game vs Chichester HS
Friday October 16th	5:00pm	Away Game @ Academy Park HS
Friday October 23 rd	5:00pm	Home Game vs Avon Grove HS
Saturday October 24th	10:30am	Media Halloween Parade
Friday October 30 th	5:00pm	Away Game @ Penn Wood HS
Friday November 6 th	????	Possible Playoff Game
Wednesday November 11th	9:00am	Media Veterans Day Parade
Friday November 13 th	????	Possible Playoff Game
Thursday November 26 th	8:00am	Thanksgiving Game with Ridley - TBA

TENTATIVE MARCHING BAND TRIP DATE
April 10-15, 2021 - Pigeon Forge Tennessee

New Marching Band Member Information Sheet

Student Information

First Name:
Last Name:
Grade level for 2020-2021:
Instrument you play or color guard:
Your adult tee shirt size:

Student Information

Street Address
Town/City
Zip

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent Name:
Parent email:
Parents email:
Parent phone number:
Parent phone number:

Please email the requested information to Mr. Peltz: mark.peltz@interborosd.org