



Ted Rausch
Band Director

120 Education Lane
Portsmouth, Rhode Island 02871
Tel (401)683-2124 / Fax(401)683-6404

June 6, 2022

Dear Marching Band member:

Hello everyone! As band members, we need to get a head start on the upcoming school year and most importantly, the marching band football season. As the summer starts to begin, I wanted all families to be aware of the upcoming events that take place in August. The first official “band” event will be on Wednesday and Thursday, August 10th & 11th. These will be two full music rehearsals from **9:00am-12:00noon** for ALL students.

Next, is the important week of Band Camp, which runs from **WEDNESDAY, August 17th** through **WEDNESDAY, August 24th**. There is no camp on Saturday and Sunday, August 20 and 21st. Camp runs from **9:00am – 3:00pm**. On Wednesday, August 24, camp starts at **2:00pm** and ends at **6:00pm**, with our cookout and show starting at 6pm. I can’t stress enough the importance of this week. We will spend time learning new music, reviewing how to march, learning the half-time show, and building the strong bond that exists in **your** program. Each student should have received these dates at the close of the school year. I ask that students with work conflicts please arrange your schedule to attend this important week, and yes, you have to go. Also remember to bring a bagged lunch/dinner each day and plenty of water.

On **WEDNESDAY, August 24th**, there will be the annual family cookout. The cookout this year will be after band camp in the evening. We will have our annual end of camp performance on the varsity field for ALL parents, families, and friends starting at **6:00pm**. This is a great time to “showcase” what we have learned so far during camp and to give a preview of this year’s show. After the performance, we invite everyone to stay for our cookout. The *Music Boosters* will be sponsoring the cookout and **all family members are invited to come!!!!**

This year’s band program continues to flourish. We are expecting over 75 students between the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Color Guard, and Dance Team. Both Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble are combined for Marching Band. Students enrolled in Wind Ensemble or Symphonic Band are automatically enrolled in Marching Band. You will find that our marching band is different from other schools, as we do not compete. I try to offer different performance opportunities each year so that students can take part in unique opportunities.

There are several forms that we are going to ask that each family complete and return to PHS. Some are included with this letter. The others are found on our website and will also found in our **BAND HANDBOOK**. **ALL FORMS WILL NEED TO BE TURNED IN BY THE END OF BAND CAMP**. The list of forms is included on the backside of this letter.

You may have noticed that we have placed a great deal of information on our website. I ask that all students please go to our “Marching Band” link page. Once our show is completed, you can download ALL of our recordings AND watch the video animation of the year’s show. Please check back to see the updates that get added. All important dates and calendars are placed on the website also. Our web address for the Music Department is: **www.portsmouthmusic.org**.

We also ask again that any new parents and students please have their email registered so that we may have a complete email database to send out our information throughout the year. This is very important as we will use the email list serve to send out information regarding the trip, concerts, rehearsals, cancellations, fundraising, and reminders. The registration link is found on our website and the Music Boosters website.

In addition to email, we also use the **BAND APP** almost exclusively. I have included directions with this packet on how to download the app and to register. All marching band information will be sent out with the Band App.

I look forward to seeing you again during band camp and I am looking forward to this year’s band season. I know it will be a fun and challenging year for all of us!! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to send me an email: **rausche@portsmouthschoolsri.org**

Sincerely,

Mr. Rausch

Turn over for our Band Camp Reminders....



BAND CAMP 2022 REMINDERS!

1. Email Distribution System! All parents **and** students need to register by the end of band camp to receive ALL information regarding our program will be sent: DATES, TIMES, SPRING MUSIC TRIP, CONCERTS, REHEARSALS, GENERAL REMINDERS, ETC.! If you registered last year, you do not need to register again.

*Please register online by going to www.portsmouthmusic.org OR scan the QR Code at the bottom!

(Your email will ONLY be used for the purpose of the PHS Music Program. We will not use your email in any other way for any other distribution system. This is solely under the control of Mr. Rausch and the PHS Music Boosters)

2. The PHS Music Boosters work for and on behalf of all music students (band, chorus, color guard, etc.) and faculty at PHS. Efforts of the organization are aimed at the enrichment of these programs, through logistical support, financial support, and other means. (www.portsmouthmusicboosters.org).
3. **BAND APP:** Please see the instructions for how to register using our Band App. This will be used as one of our main sources of information. Information can be sent out more efficiently and quicker using this App. It is also available in free web version, by going to: band.us
4. **BAND CAMP:** Remember to bring the following items:
 1. **Shoes (not sandals).** We will be practicing on pavement and grass on field marching.
 2. Sun-Block!!! Yes, you can use SPF 100!
 3. Pencil!
 4. Plenty of water. You will have the availability to refill water at school.
 5. Hat for sun protection.
 6. Bagged lunch. We will have a 45 minute lunch/dinner break each day. I encourage all students to remain on property during lunchtime.
 7. Please PRINT OUT THE DRILL CHARTS FOR THE SHOW and bring them with you to camp each day. Make sure your name is on them! Drill charts can be printed out by going to our website and following the "Marching Band" link. You can then print out the three sets of charts that go with each piece of music. The charts are in PDF format. **Charts will be available in early August.**

****Please make sure you complete the following forms and return by the end of band camp****

- Medical Treatment Form (Included in Handbook)
- Uniform Use Agreement Form (Included in Handbook)
- Uniform Order Form (Included in Handbook)
- Student Commitment Letter (Included in Handbook)

AUGUST DATES

AUGUST 10 & 11

9am-12pm Marching Band Rehearsal at PHS. Music will be handed out for students to keep and to get ready for band camp.

AUGUST 17, 18, 19 9am-3pm

BAND CAMP

AUGUST 22, 23, 24* 9am-3pm

BAND CAMP. On Wednesday, August 24th, we will have our annual Family Cookout and Marching Band Show! Camp starts at 2pm that day. The show will start at 6:00pm with a cookout immediately following. All family and friends are invited!

AUGUST 31 7:20am

First Day of School

AUGUST 31 5-8:00pm

Marching Band Rehearsal



Student & Parent
Registration Link