

# Boerne Middle School North Band Program

Meet the Teacher Night 2022-2023

## Overview

Welcome, and thank you for attending tonight's Meet the Teacher Night. It is always exciting to see parent involvement. We have put together a handout to hopefully answer as many questions as possible for you, and to also act as a handy "quick reference guide" for important information regarding the band program. At the bottom of this handout you will find our contact information. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

## Website



Our website is an easy way to check for dates, important reminders, and handouts. You may access the BMSN Band website by visiting the Boerne ISD home page at [www.boerneisd.net](http://www.boerneisd.net) and navigating through the tabs. You may also enter this URL: <http://BMSNBAND.WEEBLY.COM>. You may also scan the QR code if you have a smart device, and it will take you directly to the band website.



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## Google Classroom/CutTime

Google Classroom is an important part of our program. There will be many important reminders, assignments, and videos posted. Cut Time is our data and communications tool for band. Email reminders and info will be sent through CutTime and will probably arrive as [noreply@cuttime.com](mailto:noreply@cuttime.com). Please check your junk mail and "whitelist" this address if it considers it spam.

## Important Dates

The following dates are set as of now, but are subject to change. We make every effort possible to not change our scheduled dates. Other dates may be added as performance opportunities arise.

### Beginner Band Dates

- OCT 4-5 – FUNDRAISER KICKOFF - during class
- DEC 5 – BMSN BEGINNER BAND CONCERT – 6:00PM – BMSN AUDITORIUM
- MAY 1 - BEGINNER BAND SPRING CONCERT - 6:00PM - BMSN AUDITORIUM
- MAY – SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST (date pending)
- MAY 12 – FIESTA TEXAS TRIP

### Symphonic and Honor Band Dates

- SEPT 30- FALL PEP RALLY - DURING SCHOOL DAY - STUDENTS ONLY
- OCT 4-5 – FUNDRAISER KICKOFF - during class
- OCT 11 - BMSN SYM AND HONS BAND PERFORM AT BMSN 8TH GRADE FOOTBALL
- OCT 26 – BMSN BAND 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE HALLOWEEN CONCERT AT BMSN AUD. (6:00 PM)
- NOV 4 - 8TH GRADERS JOIN BHS BAND AT HOME FOOTBALL GAME
- NOV 11 - HONORS BAND PERFORMS AT BMSN VETERANS DAY CEREMONY
- NOV 12 – SOUTH TEXAS HONOR BAND AUDITIONS @ BMSS
- DEC 6 – BMSN SYMPHONIC AND HONORS BAND CONCERT – 6:00PM – BMSN AUDITORIUM
- JAN 28 - REGION CLINIC/CONCERT (FOR MEMBERS OF THE STHB, BASED ON NOV AUDITIONS)
- MAR 6 – PRE-UIL CLINIC – SYM/HON ONLY (WITH OTHER SCHOOLS AT CHAMPION HS)
- MAR 29 – UIL CONCERT AND SIGHTREADING – SYMPHONIC AND HONORS - DURING SCHOOL AT CHAMPION HS
- MAY 8 – SPRING CONCERT – BMSN SYM AND HONS BANDS – BMSN AUD 6:00PM
- MAY – SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST AT BMSN - DATE PENDING
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### **Sectionals (Symphonic and Honors Band Only)**

Sectionals are very important to developing musicians, as we are not able to see every student every day. Sectionals give the opportunity for more individualized help based on the needs of the students and the instrument they play. Sectionals will be scheduled in the Fall for Region Band Audition Music and in the Spring for UIL Contest Selections.

### **Beginning Purple and Grey Band**

All beginner band students will be divided into either the purple or grey band. These groups will be formed so the beginners can practice together as a full band (we cannot fit all of them in the band hall at the same time). These groups will meet once a week during study hall. This will begin early October. Please make sure your student brings their instrument to school that day (as they may not have regular band class that day).

### **Practice/Instruments**

Practice is a very important part of becoming a good young musician. Instruments should be taken home after school after being used in class. It is very important for students to play at home, especially on the days they do not have band class. Please encourage practice at home by asking students to “play a song for me” or “what is your next playing test over.” Thank you for facilitating practice at home.

### **Private Lessons**

We believe private lessons are a major factor in the development of all musicians at every skill level, from beginner to professional. In an effort to make lessons most accessible, students are allowed/encouraged to take lessons during band class. They may also schedule lessons before and after school. Lessons are usually for 30 minutes, at a rate of \$20-\$25 per lesson, depending on the instructor. This rate is based upon our instructors being degreed and extremely proficient in their area of expertise. The private lesson instructors can focus on the individual needs of the students and help them excel. This is especially helpful for those students planning on auditioning for all region bands. Private lessons are also a great way for a beginning band student to get more individualized help to build a strong musical foundation. The instructors that have been selected to work with our students are some of the best in Texas, with incredible experience and resumes. Please refer to the Private Lesson Instructor Contact letter for more details and contact information for our lesson staff. **We look forward to rebuilding our private lesson program after a year and a half of not having private instructors able to come onto campus. We are working on an awesome line up of professional instructors for your students!**

### **Instrument Repair and Supply Vendors**

**High School Music Service** – San Antonio – (210)349-2775 – [www.hsmusicservice.com](http://www.hsmusicservice.com) – Instruments, Repairs, Supplies

**Sarli Music** - Boerne – (830)537-4081 – Instrument repair

**Hillje Music** – Boerne – (830)331-1053 – [www.hilljemusic.com](http://www.hilljemusic.com) – Instruments, Repairs, Supplies

**Alamo Music Center** – San Antonio – (210)525-1010 – [www.alamomusic.com](http://www.alamomusic.com) - Instruments, Repairs, Supplies

**Music & Arts** - San Antonio - (210)340-0953 - [www.musicarts.com](http://www.musicarts.com) - Instruments, Repairs, Supplies

**RBC Music** – San Antonio - (210)736-6902 – [www.rbcmusic.com](http://www.rbcmusic.com) - Band Books and Sheet Music

**Woodwind and Brasswind** – mail order/internet company for supplies – [www.wbw.com](http://www.wbw.com)

### **Band Shirts/Uniforms**

**FOR ALL BAND MEMBERS:** Our band T-shirts are in the making for this year and are required of all members. These shirts are used for informal performances. The shirt normally costs less than \$10. More information will be available when the artists finish the design. There is a possibility that our shirts will be donated by a sponsor this year. Are you interested in sponsoring our shirts?!?

**FOR SYMPHONIC AND HONORS BAND ONLY:** Our formal band uniform consists of our black band polo (same every year, 8<sup>th</sup> graders do not need to purchase a new one). This is worn with khaki slacks and black belt, black shoes, and black socks. Polo's should be tucked in. The polos usually run about \$20 dollars.

### **Jazz Band and Drum and Fife**

We offer the opportunity for our students to participate in a jazz band and Drum and Fife Corps program. This is an afterschool “club” situation and is at no extra cost to the student. Jazz is geared towards more advanced players and drum and fife is offered to any of our members. Be on the lookout for more information, as our normal schedules have changed with the pandemic.

### **Greyhound Band Boosters**

This organization supports our Greyhound Band from 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. As a band parent, you are automatically considered a band booster parent, and there are no fees or dues associated with the organization. In order for the Boosters to assist us with the many things they do, they need our help. Please watch your email for important opportunities to help our wonderful organization.

### **Contact Information**

Please feel free to contact us at the following email addresses or phone numbers.

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