



WEST BROWARD HIGH SCHOOL

Home of the Bobcats

Welcome to Marching Season 2009 - "Power & Grace"

Band Camp

The purpose of band camp is not just to practice (although there is plenty of that); band camp provides the opportunity for band members to get to know one another and form a supportive and cohesive unit. Band members spend a great deal of time together, and it is vitally important that they all work together to become the best they can be. Band camp provides the atmosphere to get the marching season off to a great start.

The camp day will be divided into music (sectional and ensemble), conditioning & marching basics, and drill. The dinner break will be in the cafeteria from 4:30-5:30. Students may not leave campus at any time during the camp day. The colorguard will follow a similar schedule and work on equipment skills and choreography when the band is working on music. The July camp for colorguard will focus on dance.

2009 Summer Schedule

Camp #1 June 8-11 from 1-9 pm (Marching fundamentals, music, flag & dance, and traditions)

NOTE: Front Ensemble (Pit) members will attend camp #1 from 10-5pm.

Camp #2 July 20-23 from 1-9 pm (Builds on material taught at Band Camp #1)

Camp #3 August 10-15 from 1-9 pm This camp is an intense week of learning and training for all band and guard members in preparation for the upcoming competition season. This is the time we need to teach the show designs the band will employ on the field during their marching show. All participating Band and Guard members are required to attend this camp unless previously cleared by the Director. Those holding jobs are expected to clear the time off so that you will be in full attendance at all activities of Band Camp. **Students who miss Band Camp #3 will be assigned alternate status.**

All new and returning members are required to attend the 3 summer band camps. In addition, the following summer rehearsals have been scheduled:

June Rehearsals

6/16, 6/23, 6/30 (Tuesdays) 5:00-8:30 pm

August Rehearsals

8/18, 19, 20 (Tue-Thur) 5:00-8:30

Once school begins (Aug 24)

Rehearsals for band & guard will be held on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 5-8:30

Rehearsals for percussion (front ensemble & battery) will be held on Wednesdays & Thursdays 5-8:30

Attendance

Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is vitally important! The band functions as a total unit, and anytime a member is absent, it diminishes the result obtained by all other band members. If you are a new member to the program, we understand that you may have vacation plans that cannot be

altered. Conflicts with any of the camps should be communicated to the Director (dean.calmer@browardschools.com) or 754-323-2642 as soon as possible. In addition, students are required to complete the absence form which can be downloaded from the web site. The Director is the only person who may excuse a student from a rehearsal.

WHAT DO I WEAR TO BAND CAMP?

- **Band** Black shorts (basketball type, comfortable, no jeans, jean shorts or long pants)
White tee shirt (logos OK) or under armor
Socks and sneakers (no flip flops, sandals or other shoes inappropriate for marching)
Sunglasses and hat
- **Guard** Blue (Bobcat blue) soffee shorts (available for sale in band store for \$9)
White tank top
Socks and sneakers
Sunglasses or hat

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING TO BAND CAMP?

FORMS (download from web site)

- Participation Contract
- Band fee #1 - \$125 (check to WBHSBPA)
- Permission form (must be notarized)
- Absence form for any summer absences

EQUIPMENT

- Your instrument/equipment
- Drill book (1" 3 ring binder with 20 clear page covers)
- Water bottle (at least $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon) filled with water or sports drink. Water for refills will be provided by the boosters. Avoid soda, juice and other drinks high in sugar.
- Dinner (more about this later)
- Pencil (sharpened of course, with eraser) & highlighter
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Dot book (3x5 spiral notebook) with a string through the spirals that you can tie around your waist
- Poker chips (6) with your name to mark your position on the field

WHAT ABOUT DINNER?

Students have 3 options for dinner.

- Bring dinner with you and leave with the band parents who will place it in a cooler and bring it to the cafeteria for the dinner break.
- Have someone drop off your dinner to the cafeteria at 4:30 (make sure your name is on it)
- **Pre order** your dinner at the **beginning** of each day and the parents will purchase and deliver to the cafeteria for the dinner break. This will be fast food and students will be given several options from a local restuarant.
- Soda, water, sports drinks, chips and cookies will also be available for purchase

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT BAND CAMP?

You **must** eat a substantial meal before camp. It is also important to have plenty to drink before you arrive. Don't start off dehydrated. Make sure you bring a substantial, healthy lunch/dinner (depending upon camp hours). You **will** be hungry. Depending on the hours of the rehearsal, make sure you have the appropriate meals planned, whether it is lunch, dinner or both.

You must use sunscreen and reapply as directed. It will be hot and you will burn without it.

Make sure you wear comfortable clothes.

Don't forget your sunglasses and hat. Sunglasses keep the UV light from your eyes and make the glare bearable when you have to look up into the sun.

Your drill book is used to hold all of your warm-ups, music and drill. Insert 20 clear page covers to hold all of the papers you will be given at rehearsals. Make sure you have pencils and a highlighter to make changes and mark your position on your drill. Your dot book can be worn around your neck or waist for easy reference.

NOTE:

Any illness/injury should be reported immediately to the band staff