

Marching Bengals

2017 Handbook



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2017 Blaine Marching Bengals – Ask to join this **Closed Group** for info and updates.
Blaine High School Marching Bengals – Like this **Page** for announcements to the general public.
Blaine Band Boosters – Join this **Group** for parent information.

remind

We will collect students cell phone numbers and use an app called remind to send updates to students. We started using this in 2016 and it was a huge help!

Blaine High School

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Activities Registration

-Registration is open! Students need to register before July 30th to make sure you can practice Day 1. Failure to register with District 11 by this date means you will not be able to participate until you do!

-All Marching Bengal students must have a sports physical on file with the Activities Office before they may register online.

-Incoming 9th Graders may need to register at Blaine High School in person. I have been told they should have online access, but it has not worked in previous years.

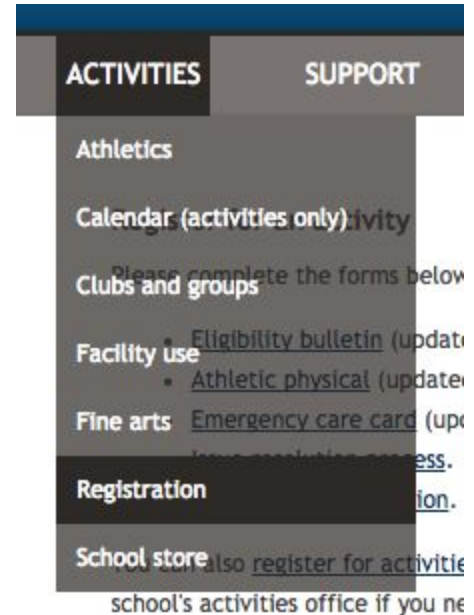
-All Marching Bengal students must register and pay for the Blaine Athletic and Fine Arts Activities fee online

1. Go to www.anoka.k12.mn.us/bhs
2. Hover over the "ACTIVITIES" tab near the top
3. Click on "REGISTRATION"
4. Click on "REGISTER FOR ACTIVITIES ONLINE"

Log in to your A-H Connect Account (REQUIRED). If you do not have an A-H Connect login and password, contact the district at 763-506-4357.

4. Choose Activities/Transportation.
5. Register for Summer Marching Band.

-The district fee of \$240 is due at time of registration whether in person or online. Students who qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch pay less. The fee needs to be paid before the student may practice with the band.



Parent Contact/Health Forms

-Fill out Tonight! Needs to be turned in ASAP!

-Each Marching Bengal needs to fill out our Parent Contact Form as well as a Health Form. These are different than the one you fill out for the district. You may have to enter some of the same information twice.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY:

The Blaine Marching Bengals and all of its members, staff and volunteers are required to adhere to the District 11 Zero Tolerance Policy:

USE OF TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, WEAPONS, OR ANY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE IS PROHIBITED. THE ANOKA SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY AND ABIDES BY THE MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE GUIDELINES AS WELL AS THE ISD #11 SECONDARY HANDBOOK.

Attendance Policy

- Practice begins at the listed time and we practice until the end. This means you need to be set up and ready to go and also pickup our practice space. Expect to arrive 10-15 minutes early to everything we do so that you will have adequate time to: set up your instrument, get music out, change clothes etc... Also expect to stay a few minutes late to clean up the band room and put your things away.

- Attendance at all scheduled rehearsals and performances is crucial for our success. This is a fundamental part of your membership in Marching Band. Because the band is more than just a collection of individual performers, it is necessary that we rehearse and perform as a unified group. Problems with individual attendance seriously limit our ability to be consistent and strive for excellence. If WE are to be successful, YOU must be there. Your peers show up every day and expect you to do the same – be good to all of us!

- Excused Absences: **In order for an absence to be excused an email needs to be sent to marchingbengals@gmail.com by a parent.** Excused absences are illness, family events (including church) or curricular school events. Advance notice is always appreciated. Without properly notifying Mr. Paquin, students run the risk of an unexcused absence even for a legitimate reason. Please email Mr. Paquin even if your students misses the school day as coaches do not have access to daily attendance.

- Unexcused absences include work, homework, personal choice to not attend and spur of the moment conflicts. We work hard to publish the season calendar in advance, it is your job as student and family to **plan ahead**, request off of work, get your homework done and come to rehearsals!!

An unexcused absence will result in being pulled from performing as well as loss of a letter point. It will be Mr. Paquin's decision and he will inform you. Always plan on performing until you have been told otherwise. Three unexcused absences may result in removal from the band.

- Transportation: All students must ride the school transportation to shows/parades and back to BHS unless special arrangements are made with the director.

How to register an absence or tardy:

- To register an absence or tardy in advance please send an email to the Director (**marchingbengals@gmail.com**) with the word ABSENCE or TARDY in the subject line along with the date of the absence or tardy and name of the student.

- The Director may respond via email to confirm the reason and date if there are any questions. If the absence is straightforward it may be filed without a response.

- Please make attendance issues known as far in advance as possible.

- Students from all sections must register their known conflicts with Mr. Paquin, not just their section coach.

- Failure to properly follow this procedure may result in **unexcused absences** and consequences.

What to bring to rehearsal (Yes - EVERY Rehearsal)

- Instrument
- Flip-folder and Lyre
 - Music
 - Drill charts
 - Dot Book
- Backpack/bag
 - WATER!!
 - Extra sweatshirt
 - Rain Gear/poncho/garbage bag (for instruments)
 - Extra socks
 - Sun block
 - Bug spray
 - Band-aids
 - Extra reeds/valve oil
 - Sunglasses
 - Hat
- TENNIS SHOES
- Shorts/athletic pants (NOT jeans)

What to bring to Performances

Failure to bring all parts of the uniform may result in being pulled from performing.

- Instrument
- Music, lyre, drill, dot book
- Black marching shoes
- BMB shirt and shorts
- Schedule shirt
- Extra water
- Post parade clothes and shoes
- Snack
- Cash for post parade/field show snacks
- Deodorant (Spray is not deodorant, just don't bring it)

Awards

Lettering – Blaine music students receive letter points for extra-curricular and co-curricular music activities. Because of the time commitment and level of responsibility associated with the summer and fall marching band, students attending all summer and fall rehearsals and performances will receive 10 letter points (20 in your fourth season), Drum Majors receive an additional 4 points, Section Leaders receive an additional 2 points.

Students receive their first band letter at 15 points and a new level for every 15 points thereafter.

----- **For Staff Use Only** -----

Finances

The fees for the Marching Bengals are itemized as listed below:

Season Fees:	\$\$\$	Checks Payable to:	Check number	Due Date
Wind Section				
Student Fee (No summer season)	\$60	Blaine Band		06/30/17
Student Fee (marched Summer 2017)	\$25	Blaine Band		06/30/17
Shoes (must own 1 pair)	\$40	Blaine Band		06/30/17
Percussion Section				
Student Fee (No summer season)	\$90	Blaine Band		06/30/17
Student Fee (marched Summer 2017)	\$55	Blaine Band		06/30/17
Shoes (must own 1 pair)	\$40	Blaine Band		06/30/17
Color Guard				
Uniform fee (No summer season)	\$65	Blaine Band		06/30/17
Uniform Fee (Marched Summer 2017)	\$25	Blaine Band		06/30/17
Everyone - Optional				
Extra Show Shirts (indicate which size) Size(s):	\$15	Blaine Band		06/30/17
Extra Gloves (Indicate Size)	\$5	Blaine Band		06/30/17

Fundraising

Fundraising is a standard part of High School activities. Our fundraising efforts will help minimize the cost of band related activities; all students are expected to participate in fundraisers for the band.

Rehearsal - Performance Schedule

The spring rehearsal schedule is very inconsistent due to the overwhelming amount of activities which need space at BHS as well as music and theater performances. Please make sure to use the attached calendar to follow the rehearsal schedule.

*Performances and Rehearsal Schedules are subject to change
If dates/times are changed, you will be informed ASAP*