



Dear Parents and Students,

I can't believe that we are coming to the end of the school year and in the band world already looking to next year. The high school band had a very successful year. The band program was awarded the Indiana State School of Music Association's All-Music Award for the third time. This award is given to band programs that received "Gold" ratings or the highest ratings in the area of marching band, solo and ensemble contest, jazz band and concert band. The Marching Band was a state finalist this year placing 10th. With this kind of success we are looking forward to next year. It is time for us to start looking at the marching band program and those who want to be involved in it.

We have a new exciting opportunity for next year's 8th graders to become part of the BNL Marching Band during their 8th grade year. This new opportunity was approved by the NLCS School Board Thursday, May 24 and we have permission to start the enrollment process. This quick process will be important for us to have accurate information from you concerning your participation in the BNL Marching Band next year. We do have a short time to complete this as our first rehearsals are next week. We would love to have you participate in those morning rehearsals, but understand if this late notice would make that difficult. If you need to miss one, or both of the rehearsals on May 31 and June 1 simply send an email to Mr. Jones at jonesji@nlcs.k12.in.us or make a note of it on your enrollment form.

The marching band travels and performs all across Indiana. The band marches in local parades, performs at BNL Varsity Football Games, and competes in field show competitions. The friendships, memories and experiences last a lifetime. The Marching Band rehearses sparingly over the summer and three times a week once school begins in the fall.

As always, marching band rehearsals occur outside the normal school day and don't interfere with the normal flow of the school day. We have members from every class, activity, sport and club at BNL. We plan our rehearsals to accommodate a wide variety of students and student activities. With that in mind, the band rehearses on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 8:45 pm and then again on Fridays after school until 6:00. NLCS will provide transportation for all the 8th graders from the middle schools to BNL on Friday afternoons. During the summer we have rehearsals just before the July 4th parade to prepare for the parade and have band camp at BNL to learn the show we perform in the fall. Band camp is a 2 week process. The first week the band rehearses in the morning from 8-noon. The second week the band rehearses throughout the day from 8-5. Band Camp weeks are 6-16 to 6-20 and 6-23 to 6-27.

It takes many hours to plan for our season, especially as we look at instrumentation and instrument needs. The most critical area for which we need accurate information is the total number of participants in each section (how many flutes, trumpets, etc.) This is especially important when Mr. Berger designs the visual part of our show (the marching formations) this summer. When one person does not follow through with their original commitment to marching band it creates major problems for everyone.



I know the big question is how much does it cost to be a part of marching band? The band fees for the 2018 marching season are \$275.00. This fee is essential for the band to function this season. We are aware that the cost seems to be high, but the fees are used to defray costs during the marching season.

These fees help cover: show design, the cost of having the marching drill charted, music copyright permission fees, percussion music, the writing of the color guard equipment work and dance, staff members, uniform cleaning, contest entry fees, materials for props, gloves, summer instrument repair, feeding the band at contests and home football games, and other expenses.

We are thankful for the money the school gives us, but it is not enough to run the band department, so the Boosters must charge a fee and fundraise to cover the cost of running the band program.

Please make every effort to pay fees in a timely manner. Many of the costs of the marching season occur in the planning stages of the season. Your timely payment of your fees will help us to properly plan for the correct number of students. We are asking for you to return your commitment form with a \$25.00 non-refundable down payment to your director by Wednesday, May 30. This \$25.00 payment will be the first installment towards the \$275.00 band fee leaving you \$250.00 left to pay. You can also bring the down payment and form with you to the rehearsals on May31 or June 1.

Fees may be paid all at once or in \$56.25 installments from June through September. All payments are due by the 8th of each month. Return the commitment form and a check made payable to the BNL Music Boosters to your director or bring to the rehearsals on May 31 or June 1. During the summer months of June, July and August payments should be sent to the P.O. Box below or turn it in to the band box in the high school band office (don't send or give payment to the staff or band directors at school during the summer). Payments can be done on Paypal from our website. If there is a financial problem please contact our treasurer to set up a different payment schedule. Our Treasurer is Becky Delphia her email is: boostertreasurer2015@gmail.com

Don't let financial difficulties be the reason your child cannot participate in band.

BNL Band Boosters

PO Box 351

Bedford, Indiana 47421

If you have any questions feel free to email me at jonesji@nlcs.k12.in.us

Sincerely,

Jim Jones

BNL Band Director

COMMITMENT FORM

Name _____ Grade _____ School _____

Instrument _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____

Parent email address _____

Shirt size _____

_____ Yes, by checking here and signing below, I am making my commitment to be a member of the
BNL Marching Stars for this summer and the 2018-2019 school year.

Please check one: _____ yes I will be in the 4th of July parade.

_____ no I will not be in the 4th of July parade

_____ 7-digit NLCS # _____
(required)

Student's Signature

Parent's Signature

Student's Name _____

Circle which payment plan you would like to use: A) Pay remaining \$250.00 (after the \$25.00 deposit)

Full payment is due Sept. 8th or sooner

B) \$62.50 installments from

June through September

Payment is due by the 8th of each month

PAYMENT SLIP #1

Due by Friday, June 8th

Please mail slip with payment

STUDENTS NAME _____

Amount \$62.50

Send to:

BNL Band Boosters

PO Box 351

Bedford, Indiana 47421

Make checks payable to: BNL Music Boosters

PAYMENT SLIP #2

Due by Sunday, July 8th

Please mail slip with payment

STUDENTS NAME _____

Amount \$62.50

Send to:

BNL Band Boosters

PO Box 351

Bedford, Indiana 47421

Make checks payable to: BNL Music Boosters

PAYMENT SLIP #3

Due by Wednesday, August 8th

Please mail slip with payment

STUDENTS NAME _____

Amount \$62.50

Send to:

BNL Band Boosters

PO Box 351

Bedford, Indiana 47421

Make checks payable to: BNL Music Boosters

PAYMENT SLIP #4

Due by Saturday, September 8th

Please mail slip with payment

STUDENTS NAME _____

Amount \$62.50

Send to:

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PO Box 351

Bedford, Indiana 47421

Make checks payable to: BNL Music Boosters



We are so excited to officially announce an exciting opportunity for next year's 8th graders

8th Grade Students are invited to march with the

BNL Marching Stars

Perform at Parades, BNL Varsity Football Games, and Field Show Competitions.

Make new friends and gain experiences to help prepare for BNL high school.

Return to school next fall with new abilities and stronger on your instrument

Walk in to your freshman year ready to hit the ground running.

Fall rehearsals are Tues. & Thurs 6 – 8:45 and Friday after school until 6.

Bus transportation provided for Friday after school rehearsals.

Summer Band Camp

Cost \$275

Season ends October 20

For more information talk to your middle school director

Or contact Mr. Jones at jonesji@nlcs.k12.in.us



