

BLAINE HIGH SCHOOL

2007

MARCHING BENGALS



REGISTRATION

HANDBOOK

Welcome to the 2007 Marching Bengals!

Another exciting season is about to begin and now is the time for you to be a part of it! This handbook is designed to give you the information you'll need to become a member of the Blaine High School Marching Bengals.

The Marching Bengals are widely regarded as one of the finest groups of young people at Blaine High School. Being a part of this group is an honor and a privilege. Many students who have graduated from Blaine say that one of the greatest things they ever did during high school was join the Marching Bengals. The friendships formed and the memories gained last a lifetime!

Registering for the Marching Bengals is a big commitment which deserves serious consideration. Please read through this information carefully and discuss it with your parents. Once you sign up, we begin to prepare for the fall with you in mind!

We welcome you into the band! Get ready for an awesome experience!

If you have any further question about this activity, please feel free to contact Mr. Kolles at 763-506-6677.

Sincerely,

Mr. Shawn Kolles

Mr. Andy Tye

Mr. Matt Shervey

Directors- Marching Bengals

Blaine Marching Bengal Performances

The Blaine High School Marching Bengals perform at many field show competitions throughout the region. Other performances have included: the Minnesota State Fair, Valleyfair and college half-time show entertainment. The Marching Bengals plan an exciting trip every three to four years in addition to the fall schedule. In the spring of 2003, the Marching Bengals were invited to perform at the Walt Disney World Magic Kingdom. Just recently, the Marching Bengals were selected to perform in the 96th annual National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C.

The Marching Bengals are also an integral part of each exciting Bengal Football season. We perform during the halftime show at home football games and travel with the team to play-off and prep-bowl events. In order to earn maximum letter points, post season attendance is required.

Membership

The Marching Bengals are made up of four components: **Woodwinds, Brass, Drumline, and Colorguard.**

Colorguard

The colorguard portrays the visual and emotional elements of the music by using flags, rifles, props and dance. Colorguard members do not need to be enrolled in any of the music programs at Blaine in order to participate. However, the musical skills of timing and rhythm are involved in the use of colorguard equipment and movement. Musical training reinforces these skills!

- Colorguard is open to all students.
- You do not need any prior experience to tryout for colorguard. If you are coordinated, and are willing to make a commitment you can be a part of this group.
- You can earn a band varsity letter in colorguard at BHS.

Drumline/Colorguard Rehearsals

Being a member of the colorguard and percussion sections of the Marching Band requires an extra time commitment. This extra work helps to ensure a successful program in the fall. The dates labeled as “Drumline/Colorguard” rehearsals on the schedule are important rehearsals where students learn music and work for the fall field show production.

Fees

All Members

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| District Student Activity Fee (payable week of Aug. 20-24) | \$234.00 |
| T-Shirts - Includes “Show” & “Blazin’4th” | \$20.00 |

Winds and Drumline only

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| Shoes | \$40.00 (1 pr. Black & 1 pr. White) |
| Uniform Dry Cleaning | \$15.00 |
| School Instrument User Fee (for use of: Mellophone, Tenor Sax, Baritone, Tuba and Percussion Instruments) | \$25.00 |

Colorguard only

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| Guard Uniform and Shoes \$50.00 of which is due at registration | \$125.00 |
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Payments:

Fees are due registration night - Tuesday, May 1st.

Fundraising

Student fund raising opportunities at Blaine High School are presented throughout the year for all Marching Bengal members. Students will have the opportunity to earn money for their individual account, and will also be required to participate in a full-group fundraiser at the National Sports Center. The money raised by full-group fundraising will be used to support the Marching Bengals program.

Blaine Band Booster Organization

If you are a parent of a participating student, then you are a vital member of the Blaine Band Boosters!

Members of this organization provide much of the support needed to operate the band in a efficient and professional manner. The support of this group allows the staff to concentrate on teaching which is crucial to the success of our band. No contribution or effort is too small!

Uniform Fittings

We will fit on registration night on May 1st. We will try to open uniform fitting on Tuesday, May 15, 22, 29 from 6-9pm. In the event that you cannot attend the uniform fitting, please contact Mr. Kolles at 763-506-6677.

Attendance Policy

Your punctual and regular attendance is the key ingredient to success! **Students who cannot attend “Heat Week” are not eligible to participate in the fall marching program.** You should approach Marching Band with the same attitude you would any athletic activity. Students must report to school by 11:15 am of a regular school day to be eligible to participate in after school extracurricular activities at Blaine High School. Students will not be eligible to participate in after school extracurricular activities if they arrive to school after 11:15 am. This policy does not pertain to doctor, dentist, or field trip situations.

Rehearsal/Performance - Attendance: Good rehearsal attendance is crucial to the performance success of our group. Each member has an equally important function in our production. When a performer is missing, we cannot function at 100%. Schedule appointments and work around the regular rehearsal and performance schedule. If a students misses the rehearsal before a performance, he or she may not be eligible to participate in the performance. Excused absences must be approved by the band director. **Communicate early and clearly with the directors, staff and leadership team before the absence occurs.**

Lettering Policy

By attending all rehearsals and performances, a member of the Marching Bengals can receive letter points that can be applied towards a varsity letter. The total number of points needed to acquire a varsity letter in band is 15. Students may earn a varsity letter in band in one year and being a member of the Marching Bengals can help you achieve this goal. Here is a description of the letter points available to members. **Summer Marching Band letter points will be awarded to students who complete the Fall Marching Season. Dropping out of marching band after the summer parade will forfeit the points earned.**

Marching Band - Fall Season (Aug. - Nov.) 1 - 5 points

(4th season double points)

In order to earn maximum letter points, post season attendance is required. (post season is Bengal Football playoff games beginning - Late Oct - Nov.)

Summer Marching Band (2 rehearsals and parade) 2 points

(4th season double points)

Section Leader 1 point

Drum Major 2 points

The Blaine High School Marching Bengals are governed by the Minnesota State High School League Rules and Regulations. Any incident of chemical or substance abuse or harassment is absolutely not tolerated. The Marching Bengals have a zero tolerance policy on chemical or substance possession.

