



WEST BROWARD HIGH SCHOOL

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Performance Ensemble Participation Contract

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All students/families are required to participate in 3 mandatory fundraisers (wreath sale, golf tournament & Premier guard show). You may opt out of this requirement by paying \$200.

There are additional fees required for 2nd semester participation.

Concert Band	\$200 (waived for students participating in Indoor Percussion or Winterguard)
Indoor Percussion	TBD (optional participation)
JV Winterguard	(colorguard students are required to participate in
A Winterguard	one of the winterguard groups - fees are set in November).
Varsity Winterguard	

This contract must be signed by both parent and student and returned with the first payment of \$200 to secure a spot in the 2011 Marching Show. By signing this form, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agree to abide by the policies & financial responsibilities outlined in the handbook. Please read each section carefully so that you fully understand what is expected as a member of the West Broward Band Program.

Student Name

Parent Name

Student signature

Parent Signature

Date

Musically Yours,
Dean Calmer
Director, West Broward Performance Ensemble

West Broward High School "Performance Ensembles"
PERMISSION and INSURANCE STATEMENT
WEST BROWARD HIGH SCHOOL BAND

_____, Birth date ____/____/____
(print student name) month / day / year

is hereby granted permission by _____
(print parent/guardian name)

to participate in all Band and school-approved Band activities during the 2011-2012 school year. I authorize my child to accompany the Band on local or out-of-town events using school board-approved transportation. I further authorize the school Band Directors or the sponsor/instructor(s) to obtain, through a physician of his or her choice, any emergency medical care that may become reasonably necessary for my child as a result of practice or performance participation. This includes any activity occurring on field trips and/or on-campus activities.

I/we are also aware of day to day risks that are involved in extra and co-curricular participation, and will not hold The School Board of Broward County, West Broward High School, or individual directors and/or sponsor/instructors responsible for any injuries that may be sustained from participation.

Insurance Information

****ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR INSURANCE CARD OR POLICY****

We have medical insurance with: _____ Policy #: _____
(name of insurance company)

Address: _____ City/State: _____ / _____ Zip: _____

Out Family physician is: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____ / _____ Zip: _____

We do not have a family physician. I/We do not have medical insurance, however, I/We will pay any and all medical bills for emergency care of my child.

***** If neither of the above is checked, this form is invalid, one or the other MUST be checked. *****

Sign in the presence of a NOTARY:

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Phone (Home) _____ Phone (Work) _____ Phone (Cell) _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Do not fill in below this line. To be filled in by Notarizing Agent.

Notarization:

State of Florida, County of _____, Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of

_____, 20____. Notary Signature: _____

Seal:

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I submit the following information as it applies to my child:

1. Allergies to: food, medications, insect bites, etc. Yes ___ No ___

If yes, explain: _____

3. Special medical problems. Yes ___ No ___

If yes, explain: _____

4. Prescribed medications.(such as inhalers, etc.) Yes ___ No ___

If yes, explain: _____

5. Date of last Tetanus shot: Unknown ___ Known, date _____

6. Alternate person to contact if I am unavailable:

Name : _____ Phone _____

Relationship _____

As required by School Board Policy No. 5304, which will cover my child in the event of injury, I will assume the full responsibility for the payment of doctor and/or hospital bills for the treatment of any injury my child might suffer while participating in these activities. If any change occurs in this insurance policy, I am responsible to notify the school's Principal or Board Director.

Activities covered under this Permission Form include ALL on-campus rehearsals and performances.

Special Events:

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|-----------------|---|
| 6/13-16/2010 | Band Camp #1 1-9pm |
| 7/11-14/2010 | Band Camp #2 1-9pm |
| 8/15-18 & 15-20 | Band Camp #3 1-9pm |
| 9/1/10 | Football (H) McArthur @ Cooper City |
| 9/9/10 | Football (H) @ Cooper City |
| TBD | All State Auditions |
| 9/17/10 | Rehearsal 10-5 pm (possible) |
| 10/1/10 | Competition – Flanagan Invitational |
| 10/15/10 | Competition @ John I Leonard HS, Greenacres, FL |
| 10/21/10 | Football (H) Cypress Bay @ Cooper City |
| 10/22/10 | Rehearsal 10-5 pm |
| 10/28-31/10 | Bands of America Regional, Atlanta, GA (Georgia Dome) |
| 11/4/10 | Football (H) Everglades @ Cooper City (possible senior night) |
| 11/5/10 | Competition Santaluces Invitational |

*Activities not listed will receive special permission forms prior to the activity.



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Welcome to the West Broward Performance Ensemble

In three short years, the West Broward Performance Ensemble has established a trend in performance excellence and is recognized as one of South Florida's premier programs.

The following information has been compiled to answer the frequently asked questions of new members. The complete handbook can be viewed on the band web site at wbband.com. (available in May)

WHICH BAND/GUARD DO I SIGN UP FOR AT REGISTRATION?

Placement of students in the correct class will be done by the Director

- Band students should register for Band 1
- Percussion students who did not participate in Middle School band should register for Percussion 1
- Percussion students who participated in Middle School band should register for Percussion 2
- Colorguard students should register for Beginning Guard
- Advanced students will be placed in the appropriate class by the Director following audition

Participation in band/guard is a full year commitment. The year is divided into 2 seasons: all members (winds, percussion, guard) participate in marching band from May – November. In December, the band divides into 3 groups: winterguard, indoor percussion and concert band. Once the school year begins, schedule changes out of the program are difficult. Students with conflicts (school or community activities or sports) should schedule a conference with the Band Director as soon as possible.

During marching season, the term "band" refers to the entire ensemble which includes winds, percussion and colorguard.

HOW DO I JOIN MARCHING BAND?

All Students enrolled in a band, colorguard or percussion class are automatically in the Marching Band

New members are invited to attend the first rehearsals for the 2011 season on:

May 24	5-8:30 (Current & new wind, percussion & guard members) 7pm – New band parent meeting in band room
May 31	5-8:30 (Current & new wind, percussion & guard members)

BAND CAMP

Band Camp is a required component of the band program. It is necessary to learn the music and drill during the summer in order to be ready for football games and competitions when school begins.

2011 SUMMER BAND CAMP SCHEDULE

All new and returning members are required to attend the 3 summer band camps.

Camp #1	June 13-16 from 1-9pm
Rehearsal	June 21 from 5-8:30
Camp #2	July 11-14 from 1-9pm
Camp #3	August 8-11 and August 15-20 from 1-9pm

ARE THERE REHEARSALS AFTER SCHOOL?

During marching season, after school rehearsals are the only way that the entire band can practice together. Marching is not done during class time. Practices will be held two days a week (5:00-8:30) during marching season which ends November 5th. Extra rehearsals (camps) are held on some Saturdays, especially before Marching Band Competitions.

WHAT IS THE ATTENDANCE POLICY?

Attendance at rehearsals and performances is important! The band functions as a unit, and anytime a member is absent, it diminishes the result obtained by all other members. If you are new 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 as soon as possible. . (dean.calmer@browardschools.com) or 754-323-2642 . Absences during the summer should be emailed to Diane Hauck at the address below. 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 IS THE COST OF PARTICIPATION IN BAND/GUARD?

The band program is funded primarily by the members. Band fees are necessary to cover the cost of instructors, camps, rehearsals, music, show design, flags & props, entry fees, uniforms, instrument rental and equipment transport. Each spring, a budget is developed based on estimated operating expenses for the upcoming season. The total budgeted amount is then divided by the number of participating students to determine the cost per student.

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The West Broward High School Band Parent Association (WBHSBPA) agrees to supplement the income generated by fees through 3 major fundraisers: Annual Golf Tournament, Frasier Fir Wreath Sale and the SFWGA Premier Show.

Each member is required to do his fair share and participate in all 3 of these fundraisers or pay the **\$200 OPT OUT** fee.

Fair Share Fundraising Requirements:

- Annual Golf Tournament: Solicit local area businesses and friends for Auction Items or Golfers
- Frasier Fir Wreath Sale: Sell 3 wreaths
- SFWGA Premier Show: Donate 4 hours of your time the day of the event

Additionally, the WBHSBPA provides many fundraising activities to allow families the opportunity to raise money to cover individual fees. Many students raise the entire cost of the program through fundraisers. Credits earned through fundraising may be applied toward fees and trips but not for personal use items (clothing, equipment). Families experiencing financial hardship will need to speak with the band director. **No one will be denied participation because of financial hardship as long as steps are being taken to fulfill the obligations.** HOWEVER, if fees are not paid as scheduled, a student may be removed from the marching line and placed on alternate status until the outstanding balance is brought current. Such payment arrangements include, but are not limited to a firm commitment to staff the concession stand at the Bank Atlantic Center. Any student officer who does not have their band fees current may be removed from their leadership position at the Band Director' discretion.

CONTACT INFORMATION

BAND DIRECTOR	DEAN CALMER
BAND OFFICE	754 323 2642
EMAIL	dean.calmer@browardschools.com
BAND MANAGER	DIANE HAUCK
EMAIL	dmhauck@yahoo.com

BAND WEB SITE wbband.com

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

To begin receiving weekly newsletters from the Performance Ensemble, send your email address to Cheri Markcity, band parent president, at ficheri@yahoo.com



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Welcome to Marching Season 2011

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), 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.

2010 Summer Schedule

Camp #1 June 13-16 from 1-9 pm (Show music, marching fundamentals, flag & dance, and traditions of the Performance Ensemble)

Camp #2 July 11-14 from 1-9 pm (Builds on material taught at Band Camp #1)

Camp #3 August 8-11 and 15-20 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 arrange for the time off. **Students who miss Band Camp #3 will be assigned alternate status.**

In addition to the band camps, the following summer rehearsals have been scheduled:

May Rehearsals

5/24, 5/31, (Tuesdays) 5:00-8:30 pm

6/21 (Tuesday) 5:00-8:30

Once school begins

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

Attendance

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2011 MARCHING SEASON INSTRUCTORS

Dean Calmer - Director

Music/Visual

Marcos Martinez
Dwight Parsons
Pedro Ramos
Luis Mora
Adriel Rodriguez
Edgar Rubio

Percussion

Emmanuel Markakis
Eric Levy
Johnathon Jadvani
Anish John
Matt Swift

Guard

Daniel Riley
John Williams
Michael Rosales
Tamara Skroch
Yuri Samuel
Brittany McMillan

WHAT DO I WEAR TO BAND CAMP?

- Band Black shorts (basketball type, comfortable, no jeans, jean shorts or long pants). Girls may wear black soffeas
White tee shirt (no logos permitted), tank or white under armor shirt
Socks and sneakers (no flip flops, sandals or other shoes inappropriate for marching)
Sunglasses and hat
Gloves (available for purchase at camp for \$4) Percussionists do not wear gloves
- Guard Black soffee shorts
White tank top over sports bra
Socks and sneakers
Sunglasses and hat
Gloves (available for purchase for \$15)

Guard members must have a flag bag (\$40) before flags will be issued.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING TO BAND CAMP?

FORMS (download from web site)

Participation Contract
Band fee #1 - \$200 (check to WBHSBPA)
Permission form (must be notarized) There will be a notary at band camp drop off.
Absence form for any summer absences
New member information form

EQUIPMENT

- Your instrument/equipment
- Flip folio for your particular instrument
- Drill book (1" 3 ring binder with 20 clear page covers)
- Insulated water jug (at least $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon) filled with water or sports drink. Avoid soda, juice and other drinks high in sugar. Students will not be allowed to go to the water fountain during water breaks on the field.
- Dinner (more about this later)
- Pencil (sharpened of course, with eraser) & highlighter
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Dot book (3x5 spiral index card notebook) with a string/shoelace through the spirals that you can tie around your waist

WHAT ABOUT DINNER?

Students have 3 options for dinner.

- Bring dinner with you and leave with the band parents who will place it in the refrigerator 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 and pre pay for dinner at the beginning of each day. This will be a catered meal which includes entree', salad, bread, beverage and dessert. Soda, water, sports drinks, chips and cookies will also be available for purchase during dinner

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.

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

Additional Required purchases

New band members are required to have the following items (available in band store). Gloves are required for camp. The other items are needed by the first performance. Vipers should be purchased by August since sizes may need to be ordered.

- Poncho (\$4)
- Gloves (\$4)
- Band duffel (\$25)
- Viper black marching shoes (\$38)
- Under armor shirt worn under marching uniform (black, short sleeve, round neck)
- Flip folio & lyre (instrument specific - available at local music stores)

New Colorguard members will need to purchase the following items for camp:

- Flag bag (\$40)
- Gloves (\$15)
- White electrical tape (\$1)

Colorguard members will need the following for the first performance:

- Poncho (\$4)
- Guard duffel (\$25)
- Show shoes (\$28)

Optional items for guard

- Rifle \$35
- Warm up \$75

Some things freshmen should know about band and guard from former freshmen.....

- You need to bring and drink lots of water, especially during marching season.
- Eat a good breakfast every morning.
- Know how to wisely manage your time for homework/studying on top of rehearsals
- Early is on time, on time is late, and late is unheard of.
- Listen to your section leader and don't be scared to ask questions.
- You make new friends and learn life lessons.
- Make sure to practice, especially parts that you don't know.
- Have a little patience with first learning to march – the more you practice, the easier it gets.
- We work very hard, but it is worth it.
- You have to take things seriously, although we like to have fun, there are times where you need to focus.
- You have to be very prepared prior to practices, shows, games and competitions. This means have your instrument, music, equipment, and anything else you need in advance.
- Upperclassmen don't bite. We promise. We are here to help you learn and be your friend.
- Marching and playing at the same time isn't hard at all. At first it seems overwhelming, but soon, it becomes second nature.
- When in doubt, lay out when it comes to playing. On the other hand, don't be scared to play out if you know the music well.
- Don't be shy! We are a big family. We work together, and we play together.
- Have fun!