



## TIMBERLINE HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

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Dear Band Student and Parents,

Greetings! Welcome to Timberline Band! This letter is to inform/remind you of:

### 1. **Band Camp (and related info)!!**

By now, you have received this information from your student's band director or from me about our upcoming Band Camps! **It is imperative that we have 100% attendance for band camps**, so please (if you have not already) set these dates aside this summer, and plan to have your student in attendance. Also, keep an eye on the website ([www.timberlinebands.com](http://www.timberlinebands.com)) regularly for updates, music to work on over the summer, and for other important announcements!

### 2. **Fall Calendar!!**

Attached to this letter is next year's fall calendar. Please read it very carefully, and mark each date into your own calendars! This calendar is available on the website ([www.timberlinebands.com](http://www.timberlinebands.com)) in both list view and a Google calendar. If you would like me to share the band student calendar with your Google account so it will appear automatically, please email me from a Google account that you would like to use and I will be happy to do so!

### **BAND CAMP! (HELD IN TWO SESSIONS):**

**AUGUST 1-2: INCOMING MEMBERS, NEW TO MARCHING, & LEADERS** – 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM - @  
THS – Band Room/Rehearsal Field

**AUGUST 5-9: FULL CAMP for ALL BAND MEMBERS, New & Returning** - 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM @ THS  
– Band Room/ Rehearsal Field

We will be producing a complete, thematic, choreographed show that integrates wind, percussion, guard and movement to create a dynamic and thrilling marching show! **It is VERY important that we have 100% attendance for these camps!** We have a short season with much to learn. This will be our opportunity to become familiar a team, learn marching and maneuvering, and to work on and memorize the show music. **Please plan summer vacations and events around these important camp times!** Lunch will be 60-90 minutes at midday, and students can pack lunch, or head across the street for many lunch options. Those planning to do this should bring lunch money. **This year ALL LEADERS will have a special camp day on July 31<sup>st</sup> from 11AM-3PM @ THS.**

Sometimes new students experience anxiety over marching band because they only have their marching experience from Junior High to think back on. **Marching Band at Timberline will be unlike anything your student has ever experienced!** Our instructional staff at Timberline is THE finest in Idaho, and your student will learn many new and exciting concepts. Worry not, we'll provide all the training needed for a great season. We will meet **with instruments, and we will play on the first day of both camps!** Be sure to come prepared every day of camp with all of the materials below. There are a few things that are important to know about marching band. First, **marching band is part of concert band**, and all students enrolled in concert ensembles at Timberline participate in marching band. Second, **marching band is an athletic activity!** Like sports, we start in the summer and our fall show goes

through October. It is very important that students show up with the following materials **every day at band camp, and at every evening rehearsal:**

- **Athletic/Tennis shoes** – no open toes, sandals/flip flops, or heels. Runners or cross trainers are best
- **Water** – preferably in a large (half gallon minimum) insulated bottle
- **Hat, Sunglasses, and Sunscreen** – SPF 30 or higher
- **Comfortable Clothing** – suitable for movement!
- **Instrument, Sticks/Mallets** (for percussionists)
- **Drill Sheet** – Will be provided, **Music** – Will be provided, **Pencil**
- **A Great Attitude!**

#### **Trips and the “Band Donation”**

Like any large group school activity, band has many costs. I work diligently to keep costs down each season. **Like last year, this year will be different from years of the past.** Again this year, **we are asking all families (through fundraising or direct donation) to contribute \$250 per semester to the band general fund.** In the past, these have been known as “band fees” and are the only way we can afford to make this entire program function. **We will be taking one out-of-state trip this fall to compete in a marching band festival,** and we can only succeed with this if we have 100% student participation, as well as funding! This is always one of the top favorite activities in a band student’s experience! Aside from this, the donation will cover our t-shirts, marching shoes, music, equipment, composition costs, and instructional staff. One of the best ways to help with funding, other than the direct donations we rely on, is fundraising! **We will start fundraising over the summer, and all students are eligible and encouraged to participate!** Keep an eye open for emails and website updates with all the information your family needs for fundraising opportunities! **We ask that all students reach the \$250 through a combination of donations and/or fundraising by August 23, 2019.** If you have any financial or other concerns, please contact me – we will always make it work so that your student can participate, and **money will never prevent a student from participating in band at Timberline High School.** Please make checks out to Timberline High School with “donation” in the memo. All donations are tax credits! This is a great way to offset the costs of the band donation.

#### **Rehearsals and Performances**

Once school begins, we will have regular, evening rehearsals. Rehearsals are **Tuesdays from 3:30 to 6:00 PM, and Thursdays from 4:30 to 7:00 PM (same as last year).** In some cases, Thursday’s rehearsal moves to Wednesday for football games taking place on Thursdays (see calendar attached) and we have a couple Friday and Saturday rehearsals or games as well. All rehearsals will be at the school unless otherwise indicated. Students are expected to be **on-time** (which means early!) to all rehearsals and have all necessary equipment upon arriving, including all of the items mentioned above. There are 5 home football games where the band will perform, both in the stands and on the field for half time. There will also be 4 competitions and/or rehearsals on Saturdays this year. **If you foresee any conflicts with and rehearsals or performances (for sports, school activities, or otherwise) please get in touch with Mr. Rodriguez ASAP.** We can often make arrangements so students can still participate, but advanced planning is critical. **NOTE: As the days get shorter, rehearsals get earlier. Please consult the calendar carefully!**

#### **Percussion and Colorguard**

Colorguard and Percussion both require many skills that students have not used previously. Because of this, there will be a number of rehearsals (brief, but educational and fun) over the summer for percussionists and colorguard members. By now you have been in touch with your guard or percussion instructor. Keep in touch with your section and your instructor for updates on summer rehearsals and events. Summer rehearsal dates will be set based on students’ availability, so the first meetings are essential! **Colorguard Auditions for this year are May 13-15 at THS!** **Percussion Training/Auditions are May 21-23 at THS!** Please contact the proper instructor for more information.

Coming off our most successful year, (Mel Shelton District-III Marching Band Competition SWEEPSTAKES CHAMPIONS!) I am so looking forward to seeing your students August for our camps! **Please check the website regularly for updates!** And, as always, let me know if you have any questions or concerns. GO WOLF PACK!

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## THS Bands Schedule for 2019-2020

All home football games are scheduled at Dona Larsen Park – we meet at Timberline and then depart. Call times will be announced as we approach the event! District tournament and state tournament games for football and basketball will be scheduled as TBA. All rehearsals and performances are expected and count toward the student's final grade. If you have a sports involvement or if another conflict arises, you must clear your absence well in advance with Mr. Rodriguez! Early and regular communication are critical. Dates MAY change (in most cases not) and as much notice will be given as possible.

### July

Tuesday July 9 – Boise Summer Music Games (not mandatory, but strongly encouraged!) – Eagle HS, 6:45 PM – Featuring the World Champion Drum Corps, “Blue Devils”!

### August

Wednesday July 31 - LEADERSHIP TRAINING (All Selected Leaders)  
11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. THS Band Room

August 1-2 \*ALL NEW MEMBERS (and Leaders) MINI BAND CAMP\* (camp 1 of 2)  
10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. THS Band Room/Field – Required for new members & leaders

August 5-9 \*ALL BAND STUDENTS BAND CAMP!\* (camp 2 of 2)  
8:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. THS Band Room/Field – FOR ALL MEMBERS!! (New members will attend all 7 days of camp)

Mon. 8/19 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL! (no band events)

Tues. 8/20 – First Evening Rehearsal 3:30 – 6:00 P.M.

Thurs. 8/23 – Evening Rehearsal 4:30 – 7:00 P.M.

Tues. 8/27 – Evening Rehearsal 3:30 – 6:00 P.M.

Thurs. 8/29 – Evening Rehearsal 4:30 – 7:00 P.M.

SATURDAY 8/31 – Home Football Game Performance 11:00 AM - THS vs. Mt. View. Meet @ THS, Call time TBA!

### September

Tues. 9/3 – Evening Rehearsal 3:30 – 6:00 P.M.

Thurs. 9/5 – Evening Rehearsal 4:30 – 7:00 P.M.

SATURDAY 9/7 – Home Football Game Performance! 11:00 AM – THS vs. Capital. Meet @ THS, Call time TBA!

Tues. 9/10 – Evening Rehearsal 3:30 – 6:00 P.M.

Thurs. 9/12 – Evening Rehearsal 4:30 – 7:00 P.M.

Tues. 9/17 – Evening Rehearsal 3:30 – 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY 9/18 – Evening Rehearsal 4:30 – 7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY 9/19 – Home Football Game Performance 7:00 PM THS vs. Centennial (Homecoming), Meet @ THS, Call time TBA!

Saturday 9/21 – THS Golf Scramble Fundraiser - Warm Springs Golf Course – Schedule TBA, selected volunteers

Tues. 9/24 – Evening Rehearsal 3:30 – 6:00 P.M.

Thurs. 9/26 – Evening Rehearsal 4:30 – 7:00 P.M.

FRIDAY 9/27 – Home Football Game Performance 7:00 PM THS vs. Borah HS, Meet @ THS, Call time TBA!

SATURDAY 9/28 – First Competition!! US Bands Invitational in Caldwell - Schedule TBA – ALL DAY EVENT

### October

Tues. 10/1 – Evening Rehearsal 3:30 – 6:00 P.M.

Thurs. 10/3 – Evening Rehearsal 4:30 – 7:00 P.M.

FIRDAY10/4 - SATURDAY 10/5 \*\*OVERNIGHT Competition Trip\*\* (return home late Saturday PM) –  
Bridgerland Band Invitational - LOGAN, UT!

Tues. 10/8 – Evening Rehearsal 3:30 – 6:00 P.M.

Thurs. 10/10 – Evening Rehearsal 4:30 – 7:00 P.M.

SATURDAY 10/12 - Band Rehearsal Day! 11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Tues. 10/15 – Evening Rehearsal 3:30 – 6:00 P.M.  
Thurs. 10/17 – Evening Rehearsal (NEW TIME to save daylight) 3:30 – 6:00 P.M.  
**FRIDAY 10/18 – Home Football Game Performance 7:00 PM THS vs. Skyview (Senior Night), Meet @ THS, Call  
time TBA!**

**SATURDAY 10/19 – Competition – Treasure Valley Festival of Bands Performance – Ridgevue HS -ALL DAY  
Event**

Tues. 10/22 – Evening Rehearsal 3:30 – 6:00 P.M.  
Thurs. 10/24 – Evening Rehearsal (NEW TIME to save daylight) 3:30 – 6:00 P.M.  
**FRIDAY 10/25 – FINAL Evening Rehearsal 1:00 - 4:00 PM (ADJUSTED TIME DUE TO NO SCHOOL)**  
**SATURDAY 10/26 – D-3!!! All Day Competition Event @ BSU. ALL DAY EVENT!**

#### November

Thurs. 11/7 – D-3 Banquet! Cafeteria 6:00 PM  
Sat. 11/? - BSU Honor Marching Band (Selected Volunteer Students Only)

**ALL BASKETBALL PEP BAND DATES ARE “TBA” AND WILL BE ADDED AS SOON AS THEY ARE  
KNOWN!**

#### December

Mon. 12/2 - All City Jazz Night (Jazz Band Only) – 7:00 P.M. Capital High School  
Fri. 12/6 – District III Jazz Festival (Jazz Band Only) – All Day Event - Capital High School  
Thur. 12/12 and Fri. 12/13 - THS Choir/Orchestra (with select band students) Holiday Concerts - 7:00 P.M.  
THS Auditorium

#### January

Tues. 1/28 Combined Concert with Junior Highs and Silent Auction Fundraiser! - 6:30 PM - THS  
Auditorium/Cafeteria  
Thurs. 1/29 - Sat. 2/1 - All State Honor Groups (selected students) – NNU in Nampa

#### February

Thurs. OR Fri. 2/5 OR 2/6 - BSU Concert Band Clinic (all bands except jazz)- Daytime at Boise State University  
Morrison Center  
Friday 2/7 - BSU Honor Band Rehearsals and Performances (Selected Students Only)

#### March

Wed. 3/4 - District III Solo Festival - Daytime, Boise State University Morrison Center  
Mon. 3/30 – All City Jazz Night (Jazz Ensemble Only) - 7:00 PM, Boise High School Auditorium

#### April

4/1-4/3 - Jazz Ensemble Gene Harris Jazz Festival Performance (will be one of these days) - BSU Student Union  
Building with possible EVENING PERFORMANCE  
Tues. 4/14 - All Bands Festival Concert Performance!! 7:00 PM, THS Auditorium  
Wed. 4/15 or Thurs. 4/16 - D-III LARGE GROUP FESTIVAL PERFORMANCES (Wind Symphony and Concert  
Band)! Daytime, RIDGEVUE HIGH SCHOOL - Nampa, ID

#### May

Sat. 5/2 - State Solo Competition – Post Falls, ID - Selected Students Only  
Tues. 5/7 - Band and Orchestra POPS! Concert! 7:00 PM, THS Auditorium  
Mon. 5/11 - Music Week School Night Dress Rehearsal - Afternoon, Taco Bell Arena, Selected Students Only!  
Tues. 5/12 - Music Week School Night Performance! - 7:00 PM, Taco Bell Arena, Selected Students Only!  
Thurs. 5/14 - Band Picnic and Awards! Ivywild Park, 5:30 PM  
TBA - THS Graduation (ALL Concert Band AND Wind Symphony Students) 6:30 PM Call Time, Taco Bell Arena