

Hello Bearcat Regiment Band & Guard Members and Parents!

I wanted to say hello to everyone and hope that you all are having a great summer. As you are aware, marching season is just around the corner! I am excited for what the upcoming year holds for us all!

Summer Marching Band starts Monday, July 30th from 7:30am – 4:00pm!

Remember Administrative Days are as follows –

Monday, July 30 - 4:00pm - 7:00pm – Senior & Junior Students

Tuesday, July 31 – 4:00pm – 7:00pm – Sophomore & Freshman Students

These times do not necessarily mean that your student will be there an additional 3 hours after practice. It is a possibility though. If they get through the line fast, they will be free to leave.

At Admin Days, students will have the opportunity to try on uniform pieces (shorts, dri-fits, polos, etc), will have their marching uniform issued, pay band fees, and parents can join Band Boosters. *Be sure to put this on your calendar now!* **ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND THEIR ADMINISTRATION DAY, BAND AND GUARD. PARENTS ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO ATTEND, BUT IT IS NOT NECESSARY. IF YOU HAVE CONFLICT ON YOUR ASSIGNED DAY, YOU MUST COME THE OTHER DAY. WE MUST GET ALL STUDENTS THROUGH IN THESE ALLOTTED DAYS.**

Mr. Paul will send out more information about this and Summer Band later.

Are you or do you have contacts with a tailor or seamstress?

We are looking to possibly have one at administration days to look at all students when they try on marching uniforms to determine if they need alterations. It is very important that we have all student uniforms fit the proper way. A professional would be best at this. If this is you or you know someone that has their own business, please let me know so that I can speak with them.

CHAPERONES

I would like to introduce the chaperones for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. All of these chaperones will have been background checked and fingerprinted by the

school district before the season starts to assist at all functions and travel with the Bearcat Regiment students. All of the chaperones will have completed training and have been certified in First Aid/AED/CPR. We also have a Registered Nurse that will be serving as a chaperone with us this year.

The chaperones for the 2018-2019 school year are as follows:

Chris & Jenny McBrayer – Lead Chaperones, Chris is also Equipment Lead.

Lucy Bobalik – in charge of feeding the Bearcat Regiment

Janet Marshall

Ken & Katie Breaux – Percussion Parents (Ken is also an RN.)

Barry & Mary Tatum – Mary is also our Uniform Rep

Vearl & Schae Durrington

Eric & Jennifer Grimm

Danny Bean

Heather Lowe – Colorguard Rep

Stephanie Williamson

It is of our utmost concern to ensure the safety of all students in our care. If you have questions or concerns, please let me know

THINGS YOU CAN DO NOW

WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Mrs. Lowe is also the Publicity Officer for the Aledo Band Boosters. She has been working on the new and improved website and hopes to have it up and running very soon! Be sure to watch for her email when it is ready to view.

Be sure to LIKE our Regiment pages on social media!

- Aledo Band Boosters <https://www.facebook.com/Aledobands>
- Aledo Jazz Band <https://www.facebook.com/AledoJazzBand>
- Aledo High School Colorguard <https://www.facebook.com/AledoHSColorguard>
- Aledo High School Colorguard <https://www.instagram.com/aledohscolorguard>
- YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/jakealbin123>

This page may change. If so, please watch the website for a new link when available.

This is a great source for information from updates, upcoming events, marching exercises, new movements, pictures, recognitions, fundraisers, and so much more! Please LIKE and share these pages with your friends and family!

MEDICAL FORMS

Please go ahead and complete the Medical form for the upcoming school year. Please refer to the link below to access the forms. This form must be updated every year, or more, if needed.

Every student must have one on file before the first day of Summer Band which is July 30th.

<https://goo.gl/forms/L7FEHojHSzHb58MG3>

REMIND 101

The Bearcat Regiment uses REMIND to get information to students. This has worked very well for us in the past. We ask that all students join REMIND.

Aledo HS Band travel – text @ahsbandt to 81010

- This REMIND will come from myself, Mrs. McBrayer. This will be any information from the directors that needs to get to the students quickly. Parents are more than welcome to join this also, but it is not necessary.
- **ALL**, band and guard, students will need to join or rejoin this REMIND. It has been wiped clean from last year.

There will be another REMIND from the student representative to join at a later date.

FOOD SERVICES

If you haven't already done so, please email Lucy Bobalik at jandlb@sbcglobal.net if your student will be needing a vegetarian meal, gluten-free meal, or has any food allergies for the upcoming school year. *Mrs. Bobalik is always looking for help serving the students.* This is a great way to get involved and meet other Regiment parents. Please let Mrs. Bobalik know if you are interested. Please refer to her email for further details.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY & CHARMS CALENDAR

We will also be in need of Prop Parents again this year. Prop Parents are parents who are willing to meet us at games and contests. Your sole job would be to possibly help unload/load props to/from the truck, assemble props if necessary, and to help push the props on/off the field during halftime/performance times. You get to watch the show from the sidelines! Contest entry for you will be free with a badge from us! If this is something you would be interested in helping out with, the Regiment needs you! There will be a lot of props and it takes many hands to get these set up quickly! Before volunteering, please check the Charms calendar. Follow the link below, enter the

school code – aledohsband - click on the public calendar at the bottom.

<https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/calendar.asp>

Please make sure that you can attend games, away and home, and contests. Please also understand that you will be meeting us at the location, you will not be riding a bus. You will also have to complete a background check online and be cleared by the district. If this is something that you would like to do, please email me and I will pass your name along to Mr. Albin. Thank you in advance! Our students love parent help! This is a fabulous way to get involved and to meet other parents.

I hope that you and your student are excited about the 2018-2019 marching season and school year! It is a lot of hard work, but the payoff is so rewarding!

Please don't hesitate to ask questions or let me know if you have any concerns about anything. If I don't know the answer, I will do my best to find out. I absolutely love working with the Regiment and can not wait for the upcoming year!

Thank you,
Jenny McBrayer

The possibilities for their success are endless and more than you can
“IMAGINE”.