

Bulldog Band & Color Guard Handbook 2011-2012



RHS Marching Band
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Welcome to the Rutherford High School Bulldog Band!

What is expected of you- Marching Band is a very special and unique experience that we are able to provide to the students of RHS. It requires a high level of musicianship, teamwork, responsibility and discipline. It is also a very unique activity that does require a fairly high degree of physical activity. It is expected that students prepare themselves mentally and physically for the demands of the activity.

A positive attitude is a must. As long as the member gives 100% effort he/she will improve their skills and become a cherished member of the band/guard. The members of the band/guard will never be knowingly asked to do something that they cannot do or that will put them in harms way. In return we ask that members follow instruction and strive to improve every day.

As long as this trust is maintained between the staff and members, marching band will become a wonderful and fulfilling experience for all involved!

- Every member of the Marching Band and Color Guard **MUST** have a physical before they will be allowed to practice; this is school policy.
- Practice is held two evenings a week from 5:30-8:00pm (Tues/Thurs) until championships
- Most Fridays & Saturdays in Sept – Nov we have football games and competitions that run into the late evening, these are mandatory. We have a college visit weekend infused in the schedule so please plan accordingly.
- Attendance at all rehearsals and performances are mandatory. Three unexcused absences will result in the member's removal from the group for the remainder of the season, no exceptions.
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The following information should answer any questions you may have about the operations and policies of the Rutherford High School Marching Band. If there are any questions feel free to email me. jkin@rutherfordschools.org

Physicals All members of the Marching Band and Color Guard need to have a physical. There are two ways to get a physical. One way is by the school doctor (This means free to you). **8th grade physicals will be held on Thursday June 9th from 3-4:00pm in the RHS Nurses office. All forms must be filled out before the physical. Current HS Student Marching Band Physicals will be held of June 15th in the nurses office at 1:30 pm.**

Please contact the athletic office 201 438 7675 if you need more information. The physical forms are included with this packet. You and your parents must both sign this form. Second, you may go to your personal physician instead. If you choose to go to your own physician **that expense is borne by you, not the school**. If you don't get a physical you cannot practice or attend Band Camp, so be sure to get this done well before camp.

Other Sports You can do Marching Band and other sports during the fall season! We will be rehearsing primarily in the evening so there will not be a time conflict. I have a very good relationship with the athletic department so any conflicts that do arise can be resolved easily. Please contact me with any and all sports conflict concerns.

Band Camp

One of the most important events during the fall season is BAND CAMP. This year it will be held at Rutherford High School from Monday, August 29th through Friday, Sept 2nd from 8:30am-9pm (8:30am- 3:30 on Friday). There is a small fee of \$40.00 to cover food, paper goods, and drinks for the entire fall season. If you join you will receive a list of what you need for band camp but the following three are very important. Please wear a hat, sunscreen, and athletic sneakers.

No Sandals. Please reference the band camp schedule and information sheet in this handbook for any more information or contact Mr. Kinne.

Uniform

You will be asked to sign a uniform contract and are required to follow all of the rules of maintaining the uniform set forth in the contract. **In addition to the uniform all members are required to purchase marching shoes if they have not already done so. The cost is usually around \$30.00.** This is handled in September. In all situations, if finances are ever an issue, please discuss the matter privately with Mr. Kinne. All issues will remain confidential and will be resolved accordingly. The band will never turn away a member for financial difficulties.

Performance Days

I will announce the time we are to meet on performance days as far in advance as possible. Please refer to the website for and up to date calendar. We travel on school and charter buses throughout the season. Students are responsible for transportation to and from the RHS for home games. In case of inclement weather DO NOT ASSUME CANCELLATION UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, always check the calendar on the band website.

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Conflicting Schedules

The tentative rehearsal and performance calendar for the fall is enclosed in this packet. Every effort has been made to include everything on this schedule. The reason you receive this in advance is so that you can clear these days of any and all conflicts. We are all dependent upon everyone to be at all events.

Membership Contract On the last page is the official Membership Contract for the 2011-2012 season. Please fill this out and return it as soon as possible. If we know you're joining Marching Band we can be sure to write a spot in for you. For further information please contact Mr. Kinne jkin@rutherfordschools.org or 201 438 7675 ex. 2225.

We hope you consider Marching Band as a part of your music education. We take pride in representing Rutherford wherever we go and we would love for you to join us!

Rutherford High School Band

Membership Contract, Fall 2011

DUE ON OR BEFORE JUNE 15th 2011

Name _____ Grade (in fall 2011) _____

Address _____

Parents Name(s) (Please include last name if different from above.

Phones: Home/Cell _____ Work (indicate whose #) _____

*Email is our Primary source of communication. **Please print clearly with appropriate capitalizations***

Valid E-Mail Address _____

Parent Valid E-Mail Address _____

Marching/Concert instrument (if you play more than one, indicate in order of preference)

_____ I need to borrow an instrument from RHS? Yes / No

_____ I have read and understand the rehearsal and performance schedule; I will negate any conflicts with work, vacations, ECT.

_____ I can't be at band camp but I want to join Marching Band.

Reminder: Attendance at all rehearsals and performances are mandatory. Three unexcused absences will result in the member's removal from the group for the remainder of the season, no exceptions.

I _____ will attend all rehearsals and performances for the 2011-12 marching season and agree to the attendance policy above.

Student Signature _____

I give my son/daughter permission to attend all marching band events, rehearsals and performances and travel on school busses and charter busses for the 2011-12 school year.

Parent Signature _____

All About Band Camp

The term “Band Camp” has been popularized in movies and media in many ways. Unfortunately, most portrayals have been negative and false. Band Camp is really a session of intense practice lasting over a consecutive number of days usually no longer than a week. Band Camp is essential to a successful season in many ways:

- It provides the most efficient and productive learning environment for the nature of the activity.
- It allows students to work as a team, gain the trust of their peers and learn the process of rehearsal edict and ethic.
- It allows freshmen and new students to gain some new friends, be part of a group and make memories before school is even in session.
- Most of all it is a great experience that allows us to be a “Band” in the truest sense of the word, which is always our mission.

2011 Band Camp is: **Monday thru Friday Aug 29th-Sept 2nd 8:30am to 9pm (8:30-3:30 on Friday)**

It is essential that all participating members be present for all of camp. In extreme cases we can work with a student that has to miss some or all of camp but it places that student at a serious disadvantage. Please see Mr. Kinne if there are any conflicts.

If you look to the Camp Schedule you will see that our days are mix of hard work and fun! Please also note that food is not always provided so students are responsible for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner. Band Camp also takes place in August where the temperature can vary greatly. Please be prepared for all weather and conditions. We will be outside as much as possible. Athletic Sneakers, Sunscreen and a Hat are mandatory items that must be worn on the field.

Some students, especially freshmen, can feel a bit overwhelmed at camp. This is very normal. Freshmen are the most important members of the band in that their dedication and determination are what gauge the success of the group. A lot is asked of our newest members in a short amount of time. The key to success in this group is that a new student **Must Never Give up!** As long as they give 100% and stick it out they WILL be great! It just takes time. Everyone in the band was new at some point and no one has ever been great at it right away.

Finally we encourage all parents, especially new ones to attend our Friday performance at 3:00pm. This is our first show of the year and it's dedicated to the parents. At this performance we will provide details on how to become involved in our support organization **The Rutherford Music Boosters.**

Please feel free to contact Mr. Kinne with any questions or concerns at:
jkin@ruthersfordschools.org or 201 438 7675 ex. 2225

Hope to see you all at Camp!!!!
Sincerely,

Jonathan M. Kinne
Director of Bands
Rutherford High School

Rutherford Bulldog Marching Band Camp Info/Ten Schedule 2011

Monday 8/29rd

8:30 Arrive
9:00 Intro meeting in band room
9:45 stretch
10:00 Marching/Drill reh.
12:00 lunch
1:00 Mandatory FUN!!! (Tba)
2:00 Drill Rehearsal
5:00 Dinner
6:30 Music/ Guard Reh
9:00 Dismissed

Tuesday 8/30: Wacky Hat Day!

8:30 Arrive/8:45 Stretch
9:00 Marching/Drill
12:00 lunch
1:00 Mandatory FUN!!! (Tba)
2:00 Drill Rehearsal
5:30 Dinner
7:00 Music/Guard Reh
9:00 Dismissed

Wednesday 8/31 Section Pride Day:!!

8:30 Arrive/8:45 Stretch
9:00 Marching/Drill
12:00 lunch
1:00 Mandatory FUN!!! (Tba)
2:00 Drill Rehearsal
5:30 Dinner
7:00 Music/Guard Reh
9:00 Dismissed

Thursday 9/1 Show Your Talent Contest!!!

8:30 Arrive/8:45 Stretches
9:00 Marching/Drill
12:00 lunch
1:00 Talent Contest!
2:00 Drill Rehearsal
5:30 Dinner
7:00 Music/Guard Reh
8:30 Dismissed

Friday 9/2: First Performance of 2011

8:30 Arrive/8:45 Stretches
9:00 Marching/Drill
12:00 Lunch
1:30 March Off!!!

3:00pm Performance

Relax, Breathe, You Made It!!!!

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Tentative Fall Schedule

See website calendar for Summer Rehearsals and up to date schedule

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Band Rehearsal Two evenings a week (Tues/Thurs) 5:30-8:00am

- **Band Camp M-F, Aug 29th – Sept 2ndth 2011 8:30am-9:00pm (Friday ends at 3:30)**
- **Friday 8/27 Camp Performance (Location TBD) 3:00pm**
- Friday 9/9 7:00PM @ [Waldwick High School](#)
- Friday 9/16 7:00PM @ [Garfield High School](#)
- Friday 9/23 7:00PM vs. [Elmwood Park High School](#)
- Sat 9/24 Contest [Pequannock High School](#) Pompton Plains,
- Sat 10/1 1:00PM vs. [Glen Rock High School](#)
- Sat 10/1 Contest [Montville Township High School](#) Montville, NJ
- Friday 10/7 2:00PM @ [Lodi High School](#)
- Sat 10/8 WEEKEND OFF (College Visits)
- Friday 10/14 7:00PM vs. [Weehawken High School](#)
- Sat 10/15 Yamaha Cup Meadowlands Stadium!
- Friday 10/21 7:00PM @ [Secaucus HS](#) [Event Info](#)
- Sat 10/22 Contest [Morris Knolls High School](#) Rockaway, NJ
- Friday 10/28 7:00PM vs. [Pascack Hills High School](#)
- Friday 11/4 7:00PM vs. [Pequannock Township MS / HS](#)
- Sat 11/5 USSBA New Jersey State Championships - 2A Union, NJ

This is a tentative schedule. All information is subject to change. Note that performances may be added or deleted as needed. Times are approximate and will be defined as the information becomes available. Please refer to the Music Department website at <http://www.rutherfordschools.org/rhs/rhsband/index.html> for an up to the minute schedule. For directions and times to games see the athletic schedule.