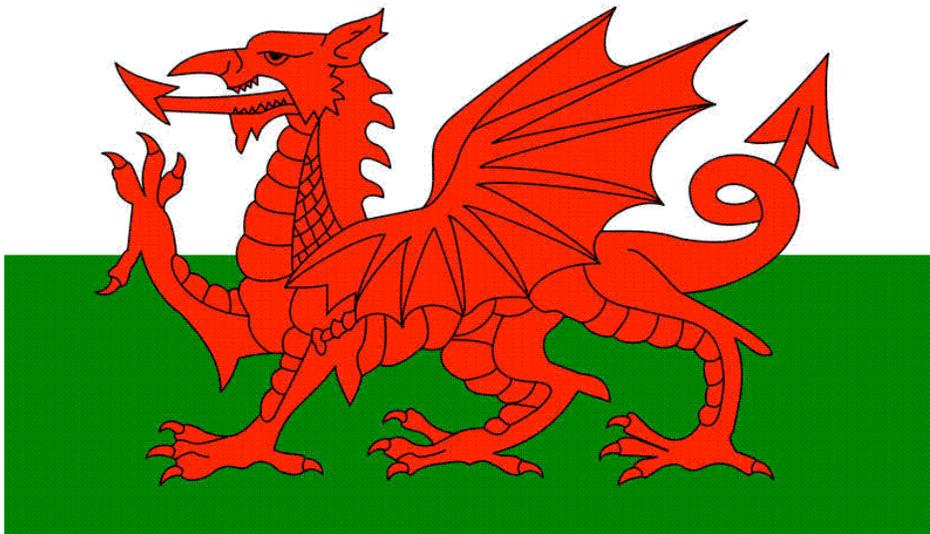


# **Bangor Area High School**

## **Marching Band**

Handbook  
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## **Marching Band**

The Marching Band is a musical ensemble comprised of woodwind, brass, percussion, color guard, and honor guard members, which is organized each spring for the duration of the following school year. For over forty years the Marching Band has paid tribute to the Welsh heritage of Bangor, PA, a slate mining town settled in 1760 by immigrants from the slate mining village of Bangor, Wales. The uniforms, marching style, and musical traditions of the Marching Band are patterned after Her Majesty's Royal Welsh Guard, a regiment of the British Army, founded in 1915.

The Marching Band has performed for the National Gymanfa Ganu twice in Harrisburg, PA and once in Ottawa, Canada, as well as for the North American Festival of Wales in Pittsburgh, PA. In 2007, the Marching Band visited Bangor, Wales during its "Tribute To Heroes" Tour across Wales, England, and Ireland, which included performances at numerous cultural and historical landmarks.

The Marching Band has performed in the National Bicentennial Parade in Philadelphia, PA; the Niagara Falls Blossom Festival in Niagara Falls, Canada; three Miss America Parades in Atlantic City, NJ; four Walt Disney World Magic Kingdom Parades in Orlando, FL; twenty Celtic Classic Festival "Showing of the Tartan" Parades in Bethlehem, PA; two Philadelphia Phillies Pregames in Philadelphia, PA; the Hershey Centennial Grande Feature Parade in Hershey, PA; two Gator Bowls in Jacksonville, FL; the Walt Disney World Magic Kingdom SpectroMagic Parade in Orlando, FL; the West Virginia Strawberry Festival in Buckhannon, WV; six New York City Veterans Day Parades in New York, NY; two King Frost Parades in Hamburg, PA; and two Scranton St. Patrick's Parades in Scranton, PA. The Marching Band was also the first band to perform at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Somerset County, PA.

The Marching Band has participated in Music In The Parks adjudications at Dorney Park in Allentown, PA and Hersheypark in Hershey, PA. The Marching Band has also participated in Festivals of Music adjudications in Montreal, Canada; Ocean City, MD; three in Virginia Beach, VA; Orlando, FL; two in Williamsburg, VA; Washington, DC; and Boston, MA. Annually, the Marching Band hosts a festival at Bangor's Memorial Park. The Marching Band also performs at football games, competitions, parades, school functions, community events, and music department concerts.

## **Eligibility/Academic Responsibility**

Any student who is in grades 9-12 is eligible to participate in the Marching Band.

All school district policies regarding academic eligibility will be followed for this organization. In order to remain eligible throughout the duration of the season, students must maintain an average of C or better in all classes. Students who fail to do so will be placed on probation and will be required to meet with the director to formulate an academic improvement plan; you will not be permitted to perform until your average returns to a C or better in all classes.

## **Summer Rehearsals**

Rehearsals will be held during the summer to learn the choreography, drill, and music for the fall field show. This show will be performed at both football games and Marching Band competitions.

Attendance is expected at all of these rehearsals. Family vacations should be organized with these sessions in mind. Please provide Mr. Hahn with a signed excuse from a parent/guardian should a conflict arise (see "Attendance" for more information).

Students' families must provide transportation to and from these summer rehearsals. Please remember to wear sneakers. Also, remember to bring a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, and water, as well as your instrument/flip folder/lyre or flag/notebook and a pencil.

### **School Year Rehearsals**

**ALL** students are expected to attend **ALL** rehearsals.

The director will attempt to work with coaches of fall athletic teams and other advisors in an effort to allow all students to participate in more than one activity. Students should make a conscious effort to split time evenly between their extra-curricular commitments.

As the Marching Band season progresses, rehearsals may be shortened and/or cancelled at the discretion of the director.

### **Attendance**

As a member of the Marching Band, you are expected to make adjustments in your schedule to participate in this organization. Both parents/guardians and students should view attendance at any Marching Band function as essential and mandatory. Please schedule doctor's appointments and/or work around our rehearsals and performances.

*\*\*\*Students will be excused from a maximum of five (5) rehearsals during the course of the season. Students will only be excused from performances at the director's discretion.\*\*\**

**Any absences (including late arrivals or early dismissals) must be cleared with Mr. Hahn in writing one week prior to rehearsal, using the official absence form. No other documentation will be accepted, including notification by email. In the event of an emergency, a parent/guardian must call Mr. Hahn.**

One (1) unexcused absence will result in a one performance suspension of the privilege to perform with the Marching Band. Two (2) unexcused absences will result in a two performance suspension of the privilege to perform with the Marching Band. Three (3) unexcused absences will result in a student being dismissed from the Marching Band.

Should a student decide to leave the organization during the course of the season, or be dismissed from the Marching Band, that student will not be eligible for that year's trip. However, he or she may rejoin the Marching Band at the beginning of the next season at the director's discretion.

### **Uniforms/Equipment**

Marching Band uniforms are provided for each student.

The uniforms are dry-cleaned several times during the season. It is the students' responsibility to maintain their uniforms in a presentable condition in between these cleanings.

Each member of the Marching Band will be held financially responsible for any damage to or loss of any school district owned property. All equipment should be put away after every rehearsal or performance.

Several items (that the students are permitted to keep) must be purchased. For Instrumentalists/Honor Guard these items include: black knee high socks, black Marching Band shoes, a maroon Marching Band polo shirt, black dress pants, and a clear Marching Band raincoat. Instrumentalists are also required to purchase an instrument lyre. For Color Guard these items include: tan color guard gloves, a black short sleeve leotard, black opaque tights, black color guard shoes, a maroon Marching Band polo shirt, black dress pants, and a clear Marching Band raincoat.

Additionally, the Slater Band Boosters (SBB) provide each member with a black t-shirt, which is to be worn underneath the uniform jacket. Only the SBB issued Cohort t-shirts are permitted for this purpose.

Jewelry is limited to stud earrings. Any other ear/facial piercings, including gauges, will be left to the discretion of the director. Facial hair, nail polish, and excessive make up are prohibited. Hair color is limited to naturally occurring hair colors.

You will not be permitted to perform if you do not have all the necessary parts of your uniform.

### **Behavior/Rules**

1. Students are not permitted to leave a Marching Band rehearsal or performance for any reason without written consent from a parent/guardian.
2. Use of a cell phone is not permitted during any Marching Band event (unless you are on a break). If you are seen using a cell phone during an inappropriate time, the director or another staff member has the right to remove it from you until the conclusion of that specific Marching Band event, at which time it will be returned.
3. During performances, always wear your full uniform, unless given other instructions by the director or another staff member.
4. Buses:
  - a. Students are not to hang uniforms from the bus windows.
  - b. Students are expected to remain seated and refrain from inappropriate behavior.
  - c. Students are to remain appropriately clothed at all times.
  - d. Students who choose to listen to music must have headphones, unless given other permission by the director or another staff member.
5. Football Games:
  - a. Students must sit with their sections.
  - b. Non-Marching Band members may not sit with the band.
  - c. Students must remain in the stands unless given other permission by the director or another staff member.
  - d. Only water is permitted in the stands (unless it is 3rd quarter break). All other drinks/snacks must be finished before the end of the 3rd quarter.
  - e. All accessories worn in the stands (hats, scarves, gloves, etc.) must either be maroon, white, or black.
  - f. Nothing other than the clear Marching Band raincoats may be worn over the uniform. If a hooded sweatshirt is worn under the uniform jacket, the hood may not be exposed.
  - g. Always be respectful of the other Marching Bands.
6. Please refrain from public displays of affection.
7. Please refrain from using profanity, tobacco, alcohol, or drugs.
8. Please remember that all Bangor Area School District policies and rules are in effect during Marching Band!

### **Consequences**

1. Students will be asked to have a conference with the director to discuss and determine appropriate disciplinary actions.
2. Students will be asked to have a conference with the director and their parents/guardians to discuss and determine appropriate disciplinary actions.

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### **Bangor Area High School Bands**

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Please be aware that when using any form of social media you are not only representing yourself, but Bangor Area High School and the BAHS Bands program as well. Information you post on any of these sites may be viewed by a third party and have a potentially negative impact for both you and the organizations with which you are associated.

**THINK** before you post!

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