

## Ridgeland High School Band

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# WARNING

**THERE IS A GROWING VIRAL EPIDEMIC CAUSING EXTREME READING PROBLEMS IN THOSE WHO CONTRACT THE CONDITION.**

**PLEASE INOCULATE YOURSELF NOW AGAINST THIS DREADED AILMENT TO AVOID THE INCONSIDERATION THAT THIS DISEASE CAUSES.**

Here is your summer info pack. Please notice that some procedures in regards to fees have changed. Make sure that you read carefully and respond. **IF YOU DON'T PLAN TO BE IN THE BAND, PLEASE NOTIFY ME NOW.** Check our website **TITANBAND.ORG** often for info.

**Let's clarify attendance.... Rehearsals and performances are required parts of this class. If you are not willing/able to meet the requirements of the class, please let me know now so that we can have your schedule changed. There are many of you who are involved in a great many wonderful and worthwhile things outside of school, but church trips, work, family vacations, horse shows, select teams, etc. will not be excused. Admittedly, this is a harsh policy, but is necessary in the interest of treating everyone as equally as possible. If at any time one does not agree with a decision, please feel free to call Mr. Boozer.**

**PLEASE DO STUFF NOW...DON'T WAIT...TIME ALWAYS CATCHES UP WITH US!**

### THINGS TO DO RIGHT THIS MINUTE

1. Put horn in shop for repair...**ESPECIALLY** woodwinds. If you wait, it won't get fixed.
2. Brass players, give your horn a bath. You won't believe what's growing in it.
3. Upgrade your instrument. No high school student should be playing on a beginner horn.
4. Order your Korg CA 30 Tuner and either a Korg CM-100 microphone Pickup or a Peterson TP-1 pickup. **Do it now...**you may have a problem with back orders.
5. Take the enclosed calendars and post them somewhere **prominent**. They're not perfect, but they're pretty close.

### TO DO JULY 1

Send in colored forms and band camp check of \$60. Use the envelope provided. These forms and the money should be in my hand by July 11. **Postmarks after July 11 will incur a \$10 per week surcharge.** You may send

forms and money in BEFORE July 1. Checks should be made to RHS Band Boosters. As always, if there are problems, you will need to let me know.

## TO DO JULY 27

Come get your school-owned instrument 9:00 a.m. until NOON (EXCEPT percussion). **You must have valve/slide oil and slide grease, which can be purchased from me for \$2 each.** Call me on my cell phone if you need another time to meet me for your instrument (601-540-8392). You may call me earlier, even in June, to see if your instrument is ready.

## TO DO AUGUST 3

1. Be at band camp. **CHECK THE DAILY SCHEDULE.** Make sure you read carefully. **GUARD, NO HORN NEEDED UNTIL SCHOOL STARTS.**

**WE will need parents for uniform issuing and sewing during band camp. Please indicate on the Parent Form if you can help. All rehearsals will be at Ridgeland High School.**

**YOU MUST WEAR TENNIS SHOES TO BAND CAMP.**

We will be changing PERFORMANCE shoe styles this year. **Returning band members *may* use the shoes that you had last year if they still fit and look okay OR you may purchase the new style.** You may NOT use tennis shoes. Again, several *MILLION* of you left your shoes here at the end of the previous year and they have been placed on the ever-growing Shoe Mountain (The guy from Dirty Jobs is *again* coming to do a special on it). Color guard members will change shoes. We will order them as a group on shoe day. Info to follow.

**In this mailing is a recording and your music for the two tunes of next year's show. There are 2 recordings of the full band and also each individual part. Look on the front of your envelope by the zip code to see what part you are playing. You will be expected to have the music memorized by Friday, Aug 7.** Percussion parts are still being written and will be sent out when they are finished.

**Friday will also be pass-off day for MARCHING SKILLS, GUARD ROUTINES, and ALL PERCUSSION**

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**DO NOT SIGN UP FOR OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>  
ACT.**

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**This is a trip year and details of this trip are currently being put together.** Every effort will be made to keep trip costs as reasonable as possible while still affording us the opportunity to travel AND compete in a quality experience. We will fund-raise ad nauseam during the year. A monthly payment plan will begin in October.

# RIDGELAND HIGH SCHOOL BAND

## PARENT AVAILABILITY FORM

Dear Band Parents,

Your help is needed: Each year the parents of band students help raise money by volunteering in the **concession stand** at home football games. This year the Band dues of **\$100** will be reduced by **\$20** per student as a direct result of your willingness to work with any of the jobs listed on the back of this sheet. One only needs to work once, but the full time obligation must be met. One work session covers the price break for every student a family might in the high school band. A typical evening in the concession stand requires 10-15 people per shift.

Volunteers for concessions, chaperoning away games and competitions, driving buses, and working the grill at home games are needed to continue our program's success. Every parent should take part in this effort to support your child by being available to work at some time during our year.

This form only states your availability. You will be called individually, as needed for each event according to the information you provide on this form. We will make every effort match your availability, but may call you for a time that you have not indicated so see if a personal schedule might have changed.

You may, of course, refuse to help with any of the listed areas. In which case, your band fee will remain \$60 for band camp and \$100 due on September 1. If you work, we will refund any monies due to you.

Please also tell us where you are employed and give us that phone number as you might be able to help us based on your work.

Please return this form and **all forms** along with your band camp check in the enclosed envelope by July 1.

Parent Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Does anyone in your home sew? \_\_\_\_\_

Is anyone in your home a carpenter or welder? \_\_\_\_\_

What other talent does a family member possess that they might be willing to share?  
(please list)

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Please indicate where you are willing to help.

Band Camp \_\_\_\_\_ (altering uniforms, uniform fitting)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (setting up a phone tree to call parents/students as needed)

Mailing \_\_\_\_\_ (assisting in mail-outs)

Fundraising \_\_\_\_\_ (assisting in collecting money, distribution of products)

Color Guard \_\_\_\_\_ (cutting out, sewing flags, hair & make-up for performances)

Cooking \_\_\_\_\_ (cookouts at games, on trips)

Bus Driver \_\_\_\_\_ (agreeing to get Class B passenger endorsement, attend bus school, drive to games and contests. Band Boosters will pay for the successful completion of license requirements)

**Please indicate (X) your availability for the fall marching season**

August 28	Clinton (H)	_____
September 4	Terry (A)	_____
September 11	Kosciusko (H)	_____
September 18	OPEN DATE!!!	NONE
September 25	Canton (A)	_____
October 2	Lanier (A)	_____
<b>October 3</b>	<b>CONTEST @ Southaven</b>	_____
October 9	Pearl (H)	_____
<b>October 11</b>	<b>CONTEST @ PEARL</b>	_____
October 16	Callaway (A)	_____
October 23	Neshoba Central (Homecoming)	_____
<b>October 24</b>	<b>STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>	_____
October 30	Yazoo City (A)	_____
November 6	Provine (H)	_____



## RIDGELAND BAND GUIDELINES

To aid in the smooth performance of all aspects of the RHS Band, parents and students are expected to read and follow all of the guidelines herein set forth. When there is a question, parents should *first* contact a director *before* attempting to contact the principal or other members of the administration. If satisfaction is not achieved, then the parent is encouraged to work his/her way up the chain of command.

In all areas, the Ridgeland High School Band will encourage students and parents to think of the group before thinking of the individual. Students and parents will be consistently encouraged to think “**WE before ME.**” It is hoped that this philosophy will be apparent throughout these guidelines.

**PERFORMANCES** are part of the requirements for the Band course. Students are expected to attend all performances. At the least, the first unexcused absence will result in the student receiving a grade for the grading period of no higher than a 70, and may result in the immediate dismissal from the program. The second unexcused absence will result in the student being removed from the program.

In the case of **conflicts with performance dates**, students are expected to give priority to that which was scheduled first. There will also be an earnest attempt to give priority to performance/games in relation to their relative importance. State MHSAA events will be given priority over district events. District events will be given priority over local events. Performances/games will be given priority over rehearsals/practices. Students will not be penalized for these absences provided the student informs the director/coach as required by his or her activity. Students are given a calendar, in-class announcements, mail-outs, and posted announcements that should give adequate notice of required band events. Additionally, the school has a calendar of events posted in the office to which all activities are to be posted. The directors should be notified as soon as possible as to any problems that may arise.

Students will be present for all **rehearsals**. Students who miss the band class will have their membership in the RHS band reviewed for possible dismissal. **High school athletes and cheerleaders** who are also band members are expected to attend rehearsals and performances. Conflicts with regularly scheduled rehearsals shall be resolved by the student by attending half of both practices. When conflicts arise, priority should be given to that which was scheduled first.

"Skip Days" are not approved for any reason. Students who chose to take advantage of these nonexistent vacations will be assessed 10 points from their average for the grading period. This unexcused absence may be "made up" by practicing an additional hour after school in the band hall in the presence of one of the directors. Unexcused absences may result in the student being removed from the program. Preschool rehearsals are included in this policy.

Classes, rehearsals, and performances go forward **rain or shine**. *Please* do not call asking for special information. Students will be notified as to changes as soon as possible.

**Transportation** is provided for all out-of-town events. If a student misses the bus, that student is expected to meet the band at the performance sight in time to meet the obligations of the event.

Students may return from football games by alternate means provided that face-to-face contact with one of the directors or the designated band parent and the student is signed out. Further, students may be released to their

parents **after the completion** of games and *some* competitions. Students who do not return with the rest of the band are still responsible for their equipment.

Students are expected to be **on time** for all obligations. After school detention may be given for those with an unexcused tardy.

Students are expected **at all times to follow the direction of any adult** connected in any way with the Ridgeland Band Program. Chaperone instructions are to be respected and followed at all times.

Parents should be prepared to meet students immediately after their responsibilities are completed upon their return from any trip. Students who are not picked up within 30 minutes of our arrival on the RHS campus will be taken to the police department where they will wait for their parents.

Band students are expected to **take care** of all materials issued to them. Students will be held responsible for any and all damage sustained to their materials during the time period for which it is issued to them.

Students are expected to keep **uniforms** in like-new condition. Uniforms should be cleaned regularly and shoes should be polished. Should the uniform become lost or damaged, students will be expected to replace that uniform part.

When in public, the **uniform** should be worn completely and correctly with all appropriate buttons fastened, etc. Appropriate clothing may be worn under the uniform, provided that it does not cause incorrect fit of the uniform, and is not seen. **Black, calf-length socks are to be worn with the uniform.**

**Earrings, nail polish, and other jewelry** will not be worn with the uniform. Regardless of how new the ear ring and its procedure, students will not be allowed to wear them with the uniform.

**All hair**, real or otherwise, must be maintained as to fit under the uniform helmet.

Students should keep all **moneys and valuables** on their person at all times. Theft is an ongoing problem both at school and when traveling. Do not bring large sums of money and/or other valuables of any kind to school or trips.

High school band students are expected to have **instruments** suitable for use in a *high school band*. Beginner instruments will sound like a beginner band. A list of approved instruments is available from the directors. Have a director check any used instrument before purchase. Percussionist will have, at a minimum, 1 pair concert snare sticks for concert season.

Students are expected to have their instrument in good playing order at all times. **All** individually-owned brass instruments should be washed and lubricated before the first day of band camp. All slides, valves hand slides (trombones) must move freely.

Students should present instruments to directors **before** taking the instrument to be repaired. Often a director can perform simple repairs and save the cost of a repair. **Parents are advised to make use of a qualified and reliable repair technician. Cutting corners will prove to be costly in the long run. When in doubt, ask a director.**

Students are expected to have all **materials** necessary for class with them at the beginning of class.

Students will be given a **test** at the end of the first semester to determine their seating and band for the concert season. This test is largely a review of material taught to them and reviewed most everyday since the junior high school years, and therefore, should not be extremely difficult. Every student is expected to take and pass this test. Those who do not pass, must retake the entire test and earn a passing grade by the end of the first semester. Students who do not take the test or do not earn a passing grade within the required time period, will be dismissed. Students will be allowed to replay the test for a better grade and challenge to improve their seating position.

Students must maintain their **eligibility** and are responsible for going to summer school to make up credits needed.

**Cooperation** in these areas will help insure that the Ridgeland Band Program continues to grow and prosper.

# RIDGELAND HIGH SCHOOL BAND EMERGENCY HEALTH FORM

CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ EMERGENCY PHONES \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONES \_\_\_\_\_  
(CONT'D) \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL(s) \_\_\_\_\_

IN AN EMERGENCY THAT ENDANGERS THE LIFE OR HEALTH OF THE ABOVE NAMED STUDENT, PERMISSION IS HEREBY GRANTED FOR PROPER MEDICAL ATTENTION TO BE ACQUIRED AND ADMINISTERED.

PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE CHILD SENSITIVE TO INSECT BITES? \_\_\_\_\_

DOES THE CHILD SUFFER FROM  
ASTHMA? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE CHILD ALLERGIC TO ASPIRIN? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE CHILD ALLERGIC TO PENICILLIN? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE CHILD ALLERGIC TO  
SULFA? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE CHILD TAKING REGULAR MEDICATION? \_\_\_\_\_

IF SO, WHAT? \_\_\_\_\_

ARE THERE ANY OTHER HEALTH FACTORS OF WHICH WE NEED TO BE MADE AWARE?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION:

COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_

POLICY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_

POLICY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

# GUIDELINES FOR MAKES AND MODELS OF INSTRUMENTS SUITABLE FOR RHS BAND MINIMUM EXPECTATIONS

The instruments listed here are an important step above the beginner horns with which most students begin Sixth Grade band. We ask students to *at least* move up to a “mid-line” so that the high school band sounds less like a sixth grade band, and more like the more mature players that they all should be. The directors certainly applaud any desire to buy an instrument from the “professional” category, but do not require an instrument from this category.

The difference in levels of instruments (generally, Beginner, Mid-line, and Professional) involves the increased level of craftsmanship and quality of the more expensive instruments. The more advanced instruments are tremendous aids in allowing students to play better “in-tune” with one another, which is a **key component** to successful band programs.

The models listed are models that the directors know to be of quality. If the parent has a question about another instrument, please call the High School Band Director.

**All instruments are NOT created equally...please ask before you spend your money.**

- FLUTE YAMAHA YFL361H, SOLID SILVER HEAD JOINT, OPEN-HOLED  
This horn has a solid silver head joint. In general, the more silver in the flute, the better the instrument, such as the Yamaha YFL461H.
- CLARINET YAMAHA YCL450N  
This is the wooden clarinet with nickel-plated keys that students were asked to purchase as a beginner. The Yamaha YCL650 is a “professional” line instrument. **A plastic clarinet is not appropriate for high school use.**
- ALTO SAX YAMAHA YAS475. This instrument allows the student to play better for the full range of the instrument. The Yamaha YAS62II is the “professional” model instrument.
- TRUMPET The Bach 180S37, is the “professional” level instrument that **most** high school-aged trumpet students seek to have.  
YAMAHA YTR4335GS and KING 2055T "SILVER FLARE" are 2 makes of instruments that are of a “mid-line” quality.
- TROMBONE YAMAHA YSL 448G, BENGE 165F are 2 makes of instruments that are of “Mid-line” quality. The Bach 42BO and Benge 190F are “professional” level instruments that most high school-aged trombone students seek to have. A large bore instrument with an “F” attachment is desired.

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL.

# BAND CAMP

August 3-7 (8:00 A.M.-4:30)  
AUGUST 10-11 (3:00-6:00 P.M.)

PRESCHOOL REHEARSALS AND BAND CAMP ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT BAND ACTIVITIES OF THE YEAR. ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ALL CAMP SESSIONS UNLESS EXCUSED WELL IN ADVANCE BY THE DIRECTOR. **THOSE NOT ATTENDING CAMP ARE NOT ASSURED A SPOT IN THE MARCHING SHOW.** THESE DATES WERE GIVEN TO YOU VERY EARLY AND ALL CONFLICTS SHOULD HAVE BEEN RESOLVED BY THIS TIME.

## \*\*\*DAILY SCHEDULE August 3-7 YOU MUST WEAR TENNIS SHOES

8:00-10:00 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE WIND PLAYERS, BRASS AND WOODWIND, splitting inside and outside time  
*ALL GUARD AND PERCUSSION*  
10:00-NOON **ALL PLAYERS splitting inside and outside time**  
12:00 - 1:30 LUNCH. Make arrangements to leave campus.  
1:30 - 3:30 HORN LINE- INSIDE REHEARSAL (SECTIONS AND ENSEMBLE)  
GUARD AND PERCUSSION - IN SECTIONS  
3:45 - 4:30 ENSEMBLE

**\*\*\*THURSDAY FISH FRY, PARENT PERFORMANCE AND MEETING 6:00**

## UNIFORM FITTING

Be here to check out **uniform** at **MONDAY 8:00 a.m.** Seniors and Juniors, **TUESDAY 8:00 a.m.** Sophomores

**AUGUST 10-11 YOU MUST WEAR TENNIS SHOES.** *You will need your paint can.*

3:00-6:00 P.M. LEARN DRILL AT RHS

## CAMP SUPPLIES

INSTRUMENT WITH **Korg CA 30 Tuner** and either a **Korg CM-100 microphone Pickup** or a **Peterson TP-1**

PLAYING SUPPLIES (REEDS, OILS ETC)

LYRE, AVAILABLE AT MUSIC STORE OR LOCATIONS LISTED ABOVE

PENCIL

**3 RING BINDER WITH 10 CLEAR PLASTIC PAGES**

**1 can BRIGHTLY colored spray paint (to paint your marching spots on grass)**

WATER COOLER

SUN STUFF – Sun Screen, Hat, Sunglasses

ANY MUSIC MAILED OUT

## TUNER INFORMATION

TUNER: KORG CA30

MICROPHONE PICK UP: Korg CM 100 or Peterson Clip On Pickup

Can be ordered online [WWW.WoodwindBrasswind.com](http://WWW.WoodwindBrasswind.com) (800-348-5003) or [WWW.InterstateMusic.com](http://WWW.InterstateMusic.com) (877-213-2580)

Or any music store.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN JULY 1

# UNDERSTANDING OF CLASS EXPECTATIONS

1. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS PACKET INCLUDING THE BAND CAMP SCHEDULE, REHEARSAL SCHEDULE, AND PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE.
2. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS CLASS AND HOW GRADING IS EFFECTED BY UNEXCUSED ABSENCE.
3. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE EXPENSES INVOLVED IN THIS CLASS, INCLUDING THE FACT THAT THIS IS A TRIP YEAR. **ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE A PART OF THIS TRIP.**
4. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THAT STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL EQUIPMENT ISSUED TO THEM AND THAT THEY ARE LIABLE FOR REPAIR/REPLACEMENT COSTS FOR ITS LOSS OR MISUSE
5. I UNDERSTAND THAT GRADES WILL BE DETERMINED BY A COMBINATION OF PLAYING ASSIGNMENTS AND ATTENDANCE.
6. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THAT ALL WIND PLAYERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING THEIR INSTRUMENTS IN GOOD WORKING ORDER

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN BY THE JULY 1. YOUR SIGNATURE SIGNIFIES YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE ABOVE AND ENCLOSED MATERIALS AND YOUR AGREEMENT TO ABIDE BY SAME.

PARENT \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_

## **LIONS ALL-STATE BAND**

**If you were sitting in the top several chairs of your section in the Symphonic Band, then you SHOULD be auditioning for the MISSISSIPPI LIONS ALL-STATE BAND. You should see me for a solo, set up a lesson time with me, or better yet, get private instruction, and GET TO WORK!!! The Ridgeland High School Band should have multiple members in this prestigious organization.  
Lions Band auditions are in November this year.**

## **PRIVATE INSTRUCTION**

**Please allow this continuation of encouragement for students to acquire private instruction....**

**If the Ridgeland High School Band is to reach its potential, there must be a strong interest in private instruction. There are many excellent teachers in the Jackson area that are reasonably priced and offer quality instruction. The Ridgeland High School Band *should* have as many students in the Mississippi Lions All-State Band as Madison Central, Petal, Pearl, Clinton, or any of the other top bands in our state, but will only be able to achieve such distinction by having students enrich their musical study through outside help. Several students have taken this step and are already showing the benefits. If help is needed, we'll be happy to assist you in finding the right teacher. *While it will never be a requirement of membership in our band program*, please consider private instruction as a way to help students achieve and the entire band excel.**

## **Summer Camps**

**There are a variety of summer music camps available. Below are some websites for those who might be interested.**

**<http://www.usm.edu/band/music/allsouth.php>  
at USM for guard and drum major**

**<http://www.johnwooten.com>  
USM percussion camp**

**<http://www.msstate.edu/org/band/>  
band camp.**