

BEAVERCREEK HIGH SCHOOL

BAND & COLOR GUARD

STUDENT & PARENT

INFORMATIONAL HANDBOOK

2007-2008

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HOW TO USE YOUR NEW 2007-2008 BEAVERCREEK HIGH SCHOOL BAND & COLOR GUARD HANDBOOK

1. **Please read all materials carefully. It is YOUR responsibility to know the expectations of the various groups. A number of changes have been made, so even veteran members need to review all the materials carefully.**
Watch for *NEW* as you go through the book. These will highlight major changes being put into place.
2. Students are asked to share all information found in this **Beavercreek Band & Color Guard Handbook** with your parents. The 2007-2008 book is geared to the entire instrumental music program, which consists of a number of different organizations and ensembles.
3. Keep this book all year, along with other band materials, i.e. drill book, music book, etc.
4. This information has been put together to give each band & color guard member and their parents a constant set of guidelines to help them in the everyday operation of the band. This book has evolved over the years into a extensive manual to help your band experience be **educational, organized, and enjoyable.**
5. Return all completed applications and medical forms to the high school band office at mini camp or your first rehearsal. These forms can be obtained from the band office and from the band web site. **NO STUDENT CAN REHEARSE WITH THE BAND OR COLOR GUARD WITHOUT A MEDICAL FORM BEING ON FILE. THIS INCLUDES MINI CAMP, AND ALL SUMMER REHEARSALS.**
6. **On-Line Materials.** All materials are available on-line at:
www.beavercreekband.org
We will continue to use the web site more and more to aid in communication between the director and the 320 plus students and their families. Please check the web site often for updated information.

Beavercreek High School

Instrumental Music Department

*Marching Band, Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Varsity Band,
Jazz Ensemble One, Jazz Ensemble Two, Percussion Ensemble, Pep Band, Fall Color Guard, Winter Color Guard*

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Dear Perspective Beavercreek Band Member:

WELCOME to the Beavercreek High School Band Program. I would like to **Congratulate You** on being interested in membership in an organization such as The Beavercreek High School Band and Color Guard. I have spent my life around students, and one of the things I have seen very clearly is that kids are a reflection of who they hang around. I am very proud of the kind of kids that the B.H.S. Band attracts. If you are the kind of student who wants a challenge, and one who is willing to work hard to obtain your goals, then you will find this coming year to be one of fun, excitement, friendship, organization, and learning. You will develop a deep sense of pride in yourself, and our band "Family."

As I start my 21st year here at Beavercreek High School, and my 29th year of teaching I am reminded of many things. I remember that I will be attending my 50th week of band camp, and about my 560th contest. **I am very excited about the 2007-2008 school year as we continue to fine-tune how we do things in the Beavercreek High Instrumental Music Department.**

To help you through the season, I have assembled this handbook with as much information as is available at this time regarding the band's performances, practices, rules and both general and specific expectations.

First, it is important that each prospective member and his or her parents read through all the materials carefully. If you have questions at any time, please feel free to ask for help from Mr. McCullough, any staff member, or a member of band leadership team.

Again, CONGRATULATIONS!

This season will again be designed with a "no nonsense," "Quality not Quantity" rehearsal and performance schedule, which I know will be very exciting. Returning members will notice number of changes that I hope will make band and guard an all new exciting experience. In addition to some of the greatest music we have ever played, we will be taking some really exciting new trips as well as returning to some of our favorite old shows. Picture being part of the **GREATEST Beavercreek High School Band and Guard ever to take the field or stage.** That is exactly what we plan to do this year! **It all starts with a fantastic Led Zeppelin Show in the fall, and then follows that up with great concert, jazz, and winter guard seasons!**

By taking time to read this book you have taken the first step towards a **GREAT EXPERIENCE** with a firm footing, and are about to embark on a year that will be remembered for the rest of your life.

The Beavercreek High School Band program has a proud history and **YOU** are now a part of its **exciting future.** In 2006-2007 the Beavercreek High School Marching Band won straight Superior ratings at the Ohio Music Education Association State Championships for the eighteenth year in a row. The Varsity Band, Concert and Symphonic Bands along with the top ensemble The Wind Symphony performed a concert series which received rave reviews and large crowds. The Wind Symphony premiered a new work by Jay C. Rees in May. The Jazz Program which included two ensembles hosted their seventh annual "Beavercreek Weekend of Jazz" which featured the legendary Stanley Clarke and his band, and The Rob Parton Jazz Tech Big Band. But if you think that was great, wait until you hear about Weekend of Jazz 2008! In April the marching band went on a 9 day performance tour in Florida which can only be summed up as a "Wow" experience.

For all of these reasons, and many more, I know that the 2007-2008 Beavercreek High School Band will be the best ever, and **'YOU' can be a part of it.**

THIS WILL TRULY BE A YEAR TO REMEMBER!

Douglas L. McCullough

Douglas L. McCullough
Director of Bands

THE BHS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Varsity Band: Open to students grades 9-12. Will perform at various concerts as listed on the schedule. Students receive credit for this ensemble. This ensemble can be scheduled with directors permission only. **Most Freshman will enter the Beavercreek High School Band Program through this ensemble.**

Concert Band: Open to students grades 9-12. Will perform at various concerts as listed on the schedule. Students receive credit for this ensemble. This ensemble can be scheduled with director's permission only.

Symphonic Band: Open to students grades 9-12. Will perform at various concerts as listed on the schedule. Students receive credit for this ensemble. This ensemble can be scheduled with director's permission only.

Wind Symphony: Open to students grades 9-12. Will perform at various concerts as listed on the schedule. Students receive credit for this ensemble. This ensemble can be scheduled with director's permission only. **This ensemble will be a small select "Wind Ensemble" style musical group.**

NEW* AUDITIONS FOR ALL 4 OF THE ABOVE CONCERT BANDS WAS BY TAPED AUDITION IN APRIL. STUDENTS ADDING BAND CLASSES AFTER APRIL SHOULD CONTACT MR. McCULLOUGH TO SETUP AND AUDITION. AUDITION MUSIC CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE BHS BAND OFFICE.

Jazz Ensemble (s): Open to students 9-12 by audition. Auditions are held in November, and rehearsals are held before and after school. The ensembles perform at various concerts and at college jazz festivals. This top ensemble is also the feature group at graduation each year. Instrumentation is: 2 alto saxes, 2 tenor saxes, 1 bari sax, 4-5 trumpets, 4-5 trombones, piano, bass, guitar, and drum set. Each ensemble rehearses 2 days a week before school at 7:00-8:00a.m. or after school 3:30-4:45pm (December-May) Students in Jazz ensembles must be available for all performances because no parts are doubled.

Winter Guard(s): This ensemble of color guard performers competes from January until mid April. It is open to grades 9-12. This ensemble performs at local, state and national competitions.

Winter Percussion: This group is open to students in grades 9-12. The ensemble performs in the Winter and Spring. It is highly suggested that all Beavercreek Percussion students in grades 9-12 perform in this ensemble due to the high level of percussion education that will take place. Rehearsals will start after marching band season **Mr. McCullough will direct this ensemble in 2007-2008**

**THE BHS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT
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THE BHS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT (cont.)

Marching Band:

Open to students 9-12 who play woodwinds, brass, or percussion. The Season starts with a summer practice schedule and ends with performances in early to mid November. This ensemble is an excellent way for students to experience the very best in “Musicianship”, “Teamwork,” “Pride,” and the “Rewards of Personal Accomplishments.” *Students in this group must be in Varsity Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, or Wind Symphony, and will receive credit.*

This ensemble can be scheduled with director’s permission only.

Color Guard:

Open to students grades 9-12 who want to be part of the marching band color guard. Placement auditions will be held.

THE BEAVERCREEK MARCHING BAND & GUARD (What Are They Really All About?)

The main emphasis of the band program is on musicianship, showmanship, pride of accomplishment, tradition, spirit, loyalty, and especially citizenship.

It is the pride of a job well done and the accomplishments achieved that make the sacrifice worthwhile. It is possible by setting your schedule up in a wise manner to have a successful band season and still maintain a high scholastic standing. The success of the organization will lead to success in the individual and visa versa.

The BHS Band & Guard Uniform is designed to depict the these aspects of the group. See the back cover for details.

DESCRIPTION OF THE MARCHING BAND ORGANIZATION

The Beavercreek Marching Band is made up of students in grades 9-12 and consists of the following 4 elements:

1. The Wind Section: made up of both brass & woodwind players
2. The Percussion Section: made up of both drums and melodic percussion instruments, an electric bass and an optional keyboard.
3. The Color Guard: made up of flags, rifles, sabers, and dancers which when combined add visual support to the music.
4. The Drum Major: This student is in charge of much of the daily operation of the band as well as many hours of work behind the scenes. This student also conducts the band during the shows.

**All of the above named sections perform and practice together under one name,
*The Beavercreek High School Marching Band***

CAN I MAKE IT IN MARCHING BAND? AM I GOOD ENOUGH?

The answer is **YES!** Each year some students choose not to try to be in the Marching Band because they don't think they will make it. This is just not true. Anyone can not only make it, but do well. Each year these same students see the marching band in the fall, hear about the marching band excitement, and wish they had gotten involved, but by then it is too late.

PLEASE REMEMBER: NOT JUST THE BEST MAKE IT IN BAND, ANYONE WHO WILL TRY WILL MAKE IT! *When you join the band; "I don't care how much you know, I only want to know how much you care."*

**The Beaver Creek Band Is All About "Effort"
Not Just "Results"**

BEAVERCREEK H.S. BAND HISTORY & REPERTOIRE

The Beaver Creek High School Bands pride themselves on playing the very best of band literature all during the year as well as utilizing unique and exciting show concepts for their Marching Band & Color Guard Programs.

Marching Band:

87-88 Divergence of Jazz
88-89 Cartoons
89-90 Chicago
90-91 Blood Sweat & Tears
91-92 Beatles
92-93 Chuck Mangione
93-94 Carlos Santana
94-95 Gloria Estefan
95-96 Crosby Stills Nash & Young
96-97 Steely Dan
97-98 Carlos Santana
98-99 Stevie Wonder
99-00 Earth, Wind, & Fire
00-01 Phil Collins
01-02 Sting
02-03 Santana Part 2
03-04 Fleetwood Mac
04-05 Sting Part 2
05-06 Beatles Part 2
06-07 U2

Wind Symphony:

Music by composers such as Holst, Shostakovich, Bencrisutto, Tull, Holsinger, and Grainger, Sousa

Symphonic Band:

Music by composers such as McGinty, Kopetz, Court, Claude T. Smith, and Reineke.

Concert Band:

Music by composers such as Mahr, Hultgren, Sayre, Shaffer, Nelhybel

Varsity Band:

Music by composers such as Mahr, Hultgren, Sayre, Shaffer, Nelhybel

Jazz Ensemble(s) :

Music by composers such as Doug Beach, Jeff Jarvis, Mark Taylor, Sammy Nestico, Stan Kenton, Maynard Ferguson, Pam Watson, Roger Holmes, John Berry, Chuck Mangione, Tom Kubis,, etc.

BEAVERCREEK H.S. BAND HISTORY & REPERTOIRE (Cont.)

Winter Guard:

- 1988 Life Cycle of A Tree
- 1989 The Greek Mythology of Day & Night
- 1991 Rhythm of The Saints by Paul Simon
- 1992 Rhythm of The Guard by Paul Simon
- 1993 Shadows In The Rain by Sting
- 1994 Here I am by Lyle Lovett
- 1995 Tropical Jazz by Dave Weckel
- 1996 Colors of The Wind by Vanessa Williams
- 1997 What would you say? by The Dave Matthews Band
- 1999 Disco Sounds of Gloria Estefan
- 2000 Jr. Varsity=That's Right Your Not From Texas by Lyle Lovett
Varsity= Faces by Earth, Wind and Fire
- 2001 Jr. Varsity= Virginia Woolf by The Indigo Girls
Varsity= Festival Variations by Claude T. Smith
- 2002 *The winter guards were inactive for one year in 2002.*
- 2003 Music by Pete Escovedo
- 2004 Music by The Doobie Brothers
- 2005 David Grey's "Babylon"
- 2006 Tom Jones
- 2007 *Winter guard did not compete (Participated in the Florida Tour)*

Winter Percussion Ensemble:

As a marching percussion ensemble under the direction of Douglas McCullough this ensemble won numerous awards including being State Champions, and both Regional and National Finalists. Past music has included selections by Spyro Gyra, Carlos Santana, Paul Simon, Miami Sound Machine, Aram Khahaturian, and the Allman Brothers Band. In 2001 The BHS Percussion Ensemble became a concert ensemble under the direction of Jim Leslie concentrating on the best of standard percussion literature as well as studying the proper technique of all the various percussion instruments. This group is open to all band percussionists starting in December and going until May. Plans are being made for this ensemble to perform at both the OMEA State Convention, and the Percussive Arts Society International Convention.

Mr. McCullough will be heading up the percussion ensemble again in 2007-2008.

NEW Beaver Creek High School Bands

2007 Spring & Summer Schedule

published January 5, 2007, revised May 15, 2007

For All Band & Guard Members:

- May 23** **Marching Band -Band Student & Parent Meeting 7:00-8:30pm**
Complete Handbooks & Performance Schedules will be provided at this meetings
- June 2** **Marching Band - Mini Camp**
8am-10:00am all new musicians & auxiliary members along with leadership team
10:00am-12:00noon all members new & old / parent demo at noon.
- July 5** **Marching Band - Rehearsal 6-9pm**
- July 10** **Marching Band - Rehearsal 6-9pm**
- July 12** **Marching Band - Rehearsal 6-9pm**
**All students will need to make a membership commitment at this date*
- July 17** **Marching Band - Rehearsal 6-9pm**
- July 18** **Marching Band - Rehearsal 6-9pm**
- July 19** **Marching Band- Rehearsal 6-9pm**
- July 24** **Marching Band - Rehearsal 6-9pm**
- July 25** **Marching Band - Rehearsal 6-9pm**
- July 26** **Marching Band - Rehearsal 6-9pm**
- July 30** **Marching Band - Rehearsal 1-4pm / 6-9pm**
- July 31** **Marching Band- Rehearsal 1-4pm / 6-9pm**
- Aug. 1** **Marching Band - Rehearsal 1-4pm / 6-9pm**
- Aug. 2** **Marching Band - Rehearsal 1-4pm / 6-9pm**
- Aug. 3** **Marching Band - Rehearsal 1-4pm / 6-9pm*precamp parent show at 8:00pm**
- Aug. 6*** **Band Camp at H S 8am-11pm (meals will be served at HS)**
- Aug. 7*** **Band Camp at H S 8am-11pm (meals will be served at HS)**
- Aug. 8*** **Band Camp at H S 8am-11pm (meals will be served at HS)**
- Aug. 9*** **Band Camp at H S 8am-11pm (meals will be served at HS)**
- Aug. 10*** **Band Camp at High School 8am-8pm (meals will be served)**
(Parent Show at 6:00pm - Beaver Creek High School Stadium)
** some rehearsals this week will be held at Welcome Stadium.*
- Aug. 14** **Marching Band - Rehearsal 6-9pm**
- Aug. 15** **Marching Band - Rehearsal 6-9pm**
- Aug. 20** **Music Parents Meeting 7:00pm HS Band Room**
- Aug. 21** **Marching Band -School starts / study hall 3:30-4:30pm / Rehearsal 4:30-6:30pm**
- Aug. 22** **Marching Band - study hall 3:30-4:30pm / Rehearsal 4:30-6:30pm**
- Aug. 23** **Marching Band - study hall 3:30-4:30pm / Rehearsal 4:30-6:30pm**
- Aug. 24** **FIRST PERFORMANCE (Away Football Game vs. Carroll)**
- Aug. 25** **Marching Band photo button pictures taken at High School (Time TBA)**

ALL students both NEW and OLD are expected to attend ALL Summer rehearsals unless they are out of town. Work is not an excused absence. All students must attend band camp.

Starting August 28 the band will rehearse Tues., Wed., and Thur. 4:30-6:30. A mandatory study hall will be held 3:30-4:30 on each of those days. The after school auxiliary rehearsal schedule may differ slightly from the band schedule.

***NEW* Beavercreek High School Band
Tentative Performance Schedule Request
revised as of 5-18-07
2007-2008**

August 24	Away Football vs. Carroll
August 31	Home Football vs. Fairborn
September 1	Northmont Band Premier (MSBA)
September 7	Away Football vs. Wayne
September 8	Featured Band at Festival of Bands/ Ohio University in Athens, Oh. or OMEA Contest at Troy High School
September 9	Concert at Popcorn Festival
September 14	Home Football vs. Lebanon
September 15	Norwin Band Contest in Pittsburgh, Pa. PFBA
September 16	Tentative performance in Pittsburgh Pa.
September 20	Homecoming Parade
September 21	Homecoming Game vs. Trotwood
September 28	Home Football vs. Centerville
September 29	Kenowa Hills Contest, Grand Rapids Mi. WMBA
September 30	Standstill Concert in Frankenmuth, Mi.
October 5	Away Football vs. Fairmont
October 6	The Ohio State University Band Contest - Columbus OMEA
October 12	Away Football at Springfield South
October 13	Kettering Band Contest OMEA
October 19	Home Football (Sr. night) vs. Springfield North
October 20	Colerain Band Contest MSBA
October 26	Away Football vs. Xenia
October 27	Centerville band Contest
November 3	Host Midstates Championships (MSBA)
November 4	OMEA State Championships OMEA
November 12	MB at Ferguson Concert
November 13	MB at Ankeney Concert
December 20	HS Band Holiday Concert 7:00pm
February 2	HS Solo & Ens. Day (all day) location TBA
February 7-9	OMEA Convention in Cincinnati
Feb. 21	HS Band Winter Concert
March 6-7-8	Weekend of Jazz
March 15-24	Spring Break
May 12	HS Band Spring "New Music & Pops Concert"
May 16	HS Band Banquet

Dates that are not known at this time:
Pep band dates * all in gym
recital nights (2) *we use band room
Winter Guard Contests * not at Beavercreek
Jazz Ensemble Events * not at Beavercreek

2007-2008 MARCHING BAND REPERTOIRE

The contest music for the 2007-2008 Beaver Creek High School Marching Band is the music of **Led Zeppelin**. We have played many crowd pleasing shows in the past but this one may prove to be the popular one yet. Music was arranged for The Beaver Creek High School Marching Band by Prof. Jay Rees Director of Bands at The University of Arizona in Tucson Arizona and Mr. Doug McCullough from Beaver Creek High School. This will be their 15th year to collaborate on a BHS Marching Band Show.

Music for the Season includes:

"Led Zeppelin Show"

Good Times, Band Times / The Ocean / Heartbreaker / Black Dog / Rock & Roll / Achilles Last Stand / Stairway To Heaven

Beaver Creek Band warm-up packet

Beaver Creek Fight Song

Beaver Creek Alma Mater

America The Beautiful

Burning Down The House by The Talking Heads

The Hand That Feeds by Nine Inch Nails

Frankenstein by The Edgar Winter Group

Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap by ACDC

Gone Daddy Gone by The Violent Femmes and recorded by Gnarles Barkley

Better Now by Collective Soul

All Percussion Arrangements will be done by July 5.

Students must provide a 3 ring binder with plastic pockets for all music. The student's name must be on this binder. They must also provide a small pocket size card spiral notebook to record drill positions and music coordinates, This "drill book" will need a string in order to wear it around your neck at all drill rehearsals. It is each student's responsibility to keep his or her music and drill book in good condition and in their possession. Lost items waste time, and we do not have time to waste.

Drill Design

The 2007-2008 Drill Design will be written by Mr. Douglas McCullough. Mr. McCullough has been the drill writer for Beaver Creek along with a number of other bands around the country for the past 31 years.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALL BEAVERCREEK BAND & GUARD MEMBERS

Responsibility to yourself:

You owe yourself the benefit of **TRYING**.

TRYING to play your best, **TRYING** to march your best, **TRYING** to perform your guard routine the best you can. **TRYING** to get along with others.

TRYING TO BE THE BEST PERSON YOU CAN BE!

Your job is always to help contribute to the success of the group and NEVER take away from that success!

Responsibility to Each Other: (This Is The Only Way To Have Teamwork)

Getting along with each other in our complex society is indeed a difficult task by itself. You have the obligation and responsibility to respect the rights of others. Antisocial behavior will only breed that same thing in others and bring unwanted trouble into the band. **Excessive talking, rumors, bad manners, etc. are all examples of antisocial behavior.**

Please respect the rights of others both in and out of rehearsal, **and treat others as you wish to be treated.**

YOU ARE EITHER PART OF THE SOLUTION OR PART OF THE PROBLEM! THINK CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU ACT OR SPEAK!

THERE WILL BE NO INITIATION OF ANY KIND. THIS KIND OF BEHAVIOR ONLY DESTROYS TEAMWORK.

CHALLENGES FOR 2007-2008

SOME NEW & SOME OLD

All of these topics will be covered in detail at band camp

1. **THE 2007-2008 BANDS WILL MEET DEADLINES!**
We will be trying some new things to help with this age old problem.
2. Work hard when it is time to work - **AVOID WASTING TIME.**
3. Be sure to understand and follow the **band rules.** Our goal must always be to project **the proper image of ourselves & our organization.**
4. **Practice at HOME.** "You practice" - "We Rehearse" You must do both.
If you practice to perfect we can't be stopped
5. We, Us, **NOT** me, I. **THERE IS NO MORE IMPORTANT GOAL THAN THIS!**
LEARN AND DEMONSTRATE THE TRUE MEANING OF RESPECT AND GRATITUDE.
6. Individual **perfection** takes place outside of full rehearsal. Get music and routine memorized as soon as possible. Don't put things off until school starts; by then it is too late! **Strive to be the first to get things done!**

Note* We have more help, and more time in the Summer than any other time. **TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT!!**
7. Learn to have **total concentration** at practice and performances.
8. Learn to develop a **quiet** learning atmosphere.
Learn to **LISTEN** not just **HEAR.** (*special emphasis area!*)
9. Learn to be **organized.** (*special emphasis area!*)
10. **Allow instructors to teach** not baby sit!
TEAMWORK! = STAFF + STUDENTS WORKING TOGETHER!!!
11. **Learn to deal with it!** Be a part of the solution not part of the problem!
12. Be dedicated to the **GROUP** during band camp, and all during the season. Do what the **group needs**, which may not be what is most convenient or comfortable for YOU.
GET TO KNOW THE PEOPLE IN THE TOTAL GROUP, NOT JUST YOUR SMALL GROUP OF CLOSE FRIENDS!
13. **BE PROUD OF ALL OF YOUR DECISIONS, ACTIONS, AND EFFORTS!** Now and more importantly a year from now!

**Obtaining the goals on this page is what:
MAKES BAND FUN!,
MAKES BAND GREAT!,
& MAKES YOU MEET YOUR TRUE POTENTIAL!**

BEAVERCREEK BAND AND COLOR GUARD

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Rules, Rules, and More Rules!

I am sure it sometime seems that way. We do have a lot of expectations of all the members of the Beavercreek High School Bands and Guards.

Remember that the expectations are great, but so are the rewards.

The expectations, or “rules” are based on common sense and necessity. The three reminders below will make it very easy for you and the band to excel.

Three Simple Rules To Remember & To Live By:

#1

If you would not do it or say it while standing next to Mr. McCullough it is probably not appropriate behavior, ***AND SHOULD NOT TAKE PLACE!***

As part of the Beavercreek High School Band YOU have a large number of responsibilities that come along with ***THE HONOR OF MEMBERSHIP!***

#2

“You” are responsible for actions and behaviors of The Beavercreek High School Bands. “You” are responsible for each other.

And Remember “Honesty Is Everything”

#3

A constant emphasis will be put on “*Maturity*”

Maturity... Having attained a high quality or desired state by constant growth and development. Often displayed by doing the appropriate thing at the appropriate time.

GENERAL POLICIES

1. TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, DRUGS, BEHAVIOR

The School Drug Policy Card will be distributed to each member in their student handbook on the first day of school. **Rule violations in this are will not be tolerated.**
Students & parents will be required to sign a copy of the school policy in August.

2. FOOD, GUM, TRASH, ETC.

These items are not allowed at practice except during breaks. No TRASH is to be left at any rehearsal or performance site. **There is to be no gum in the band room at any time.** Each section will be assigned days to clean the band room. DO NOT show up to a practice or performance at the last second with bags of fast food. This creates a number of problems for the band.

ALL RULES IN THIS AREA WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED IN THE MUSIC AREA!

3. PLAYING YOUR INSTRUMENT AT GAMES

All playing will be done in an orderly manner and be directed by the Director or the Drum Major. NO ONE, including PERCUSSION is to play in the stands without permission!!

4. FOOTBALL GAMES

All band members are to be seated in stands BY SECTION at all times. NO NON-BAND MEMBERS MAY SIT WITH THE BAND, due to the instrument safety, uniform safety, etc. Band members will be given the third quarter of each game to use rest rooms, get refreshments, visit friends, etc. You must always be in groups of 2 or more!

YOU MUST CONDUCT YOURSELF PROPERLY BECAUSE YOU REPRESENT THE BAND AND BEAVERCREEK HIGH SCHOOL. REMEMBER WE WANT TO BE A CLASS ACT AT ALL TIMES.

5. BUS TRIPS

All members are required to ride the bus provided to all performances. Students will sign up for a bus for the entire season. There will be 2 adults on each bus. **THEY ARE IN CHARGE.** There will be radios and tape players ONLY with head phones. Also no DRUM sticks or MALLETS are to be on the bus! **The noise level is going to be reduced on all bus trips this season.**
Students who do not follow the rules will be assigned another bus for the remainder of the season.

Any student wanting to ride with a “parent only” must submit a school “Alternate Transportation Form” in advance. This form must be signed by student, parent, principal, and director.

6. PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION

All school policies will be enforced. THINK! - Don't let your actions infringe on others. **This is in effect on all bus rides as well! STUDENTS CAN LOSE PERFORMANCE PRIVILEGES DUE TO INFRACTIONS OF THIS RULE!**

See page 14-1 (Three Simple Rules)

7. SPORTSMANSHIP

Think before you speak or act. “If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all.”

GENERAL POLICIES part 2

8. UNIFORMS

A complete set of uniform care instructions are in this handbook, **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CARE FOR YOUR UNIFORM!** Monetary fines will be levied for improper uniform care. WE ARE ONLY AS GOOD AS WE LOOK. THE BEAVERCREEK HIGH SCHOOL BAND UNIFORM IS A SYMBOL OF PRIDE AND DIGNITY TO MANY PEOPLE. TREAT IT WITH THE UTMOST RESPECT AT ALL TIMES. NEVER ALLOW ANYONE TO WEAR ANY PART OF YOUR UNIFORM. Students can wear only the black Beaver Creek Band Ball cap with their uniform. NO OTHER CAP MAY BE WORN WHILE IN UNIFORM.

9. ATTENDANCE POLICY

It is very important that all members be at each practice and performance. Sickness or a death in the family are the only excused absences. This is based on school policy. Excessive absences even for these reasons will cause severe problems and will result in a loss of position or rank in band. All absences should be presented to the director in advance if possible. Failure to appear at the scheduled practice or performance will result in a suspension from the performing group, unless proper notice and reason is given. **ALL DECISIONS OF THE DIRECTOR ARE FINAL.**

It is not possible to make up a practice or performance, and an extra burden is put on all the other members when an absence occurs.

An ABSENT FROM REHEARSAL FORM (**BLUE FORM**) must be filled out 24 hours in advance of the absence. If absence is due to illness, the student is responsible for filling out the form at the next rehearsal they are present at. A parent signature is required on the form. No form will be accepted without a parent signature. Please see form for questions.

A member who misses the last practice before a performance will not be permitted to march at that performance.

That member will stand in the end zone during the performance to best show why there are the various problems in the drill formations.

A student who quits any band or color guard during a season will not be allowed to re-audition for band or color guard groups in the future.

10. A complete grading policy will be handed out on the first day of school to each member. A copy of this policy must be signed by a parent and returned to the band office. Students will be assigned taped playing tests. These test scores will be used in arriving at a student's class grade. In addition, marching band and color guard members will take written & performance tests in the Summer. These Summer tests will be used to evaluate a student's progress and may affect their performance status.
11. Rules about video taping at shows varies. Recording of any type is not permitted at many shows. Check with the band office concerning a specific event. A Compact Disk of various ensembles will be recorded and made available for a fee at the end of the year.

GENERAL POLICIES part 3

12. MONEY TURNED IN TO THE BAND OFFICE

All students must use a band payment form and an envelope when turning in money. Payment forms (**GREEN FORMS**) are available in the band room. **PLEASE only turn money in to the band office, not at shows, outside rehearsals, etc.**

12A. USE OF BAND ACCOUNT

Students are encouraged to sell flowers in the Spring in order to develop a band account consisting of the profits of that flower sale. Money from this student account can be spent on band related fees and items. A special "*Band Account Withdraw Form*" is available in the band room for this purpose.

13. LEADERSHIP TEAM - chosen after application, interview, and audition.

See more detailed information later in this handbook.

14. Each member should bring water to practice in a plastic container. Members should not share a drinking cup, etc. DO NOT bring pop, etc. Students with special food requirements should see Mr. McCullough.

Water coolers will be provided at most rehearsals, and cups will be provided. **Students must be sure not to have trash left at rehearsal sites.**

15. All marching band students should wear cool comfortable clothes to all practices.

You may not wear high top shoes, sandals, or jeans or other pants that will restrict the movement of the legs.

RECORDINGS

This year we will be making a recording of marching band as we have in the past. This recording is made in early November. We will video tape all concerts and marching band contests and they will be shown on public access TV.

All of our past recordings can be purchased on our web site.

BAND BUDDIES

All new marching band and guard members will be assigned a mystery band buddy. These band buddies will provide a little extra surprise encouragement as the season progresses.

PRIVATE LESSONS

Students are highly encouraged to take private lessons. Lesson teachers are available at BHS for all the instruments. Private Teachers are also available at a number of other locations. Each teacher sets his or her own lesson fees. Please contact the BHS band staff for additional information.

CARE AND FEEDING OF YOUR BEAVERCREEK HIGH SCHOOL BAND UNIFORM

1. Check your uniform weekly for any needed repairs. (hems, buttons, etc.) Report any needed repairs to the uniform committee person in charge of your storage box.
2. A white t- shirt with at least short sleeves must be worn under the band jacket. Black Soccer style shorts must be worn under the band pants.
3. Have someone else zip your jacket. Do not try to zip your own. You need to see what you are doing. (The jacket zipper is in the back!)
4. Remove your shoes before you ever remove your band pants!!! Shoes will rip out the hems!!!
5. Do not pull or cut loose threads. Report them to a uniform committee member.
6. Wash your gloves for every performance. (An extra pair of gloves is a good idea for two show weekends.
7. Wear only black socks with the uniform. Keep an extra pair in your orange band bag!
8. Keep all the parts of your uniform buttoned & zipped at all times.
9. Secure the sleeves if necessary with the snaps provided. **DO NOT USE TAPE OF ANY KIND. TAPE DOES SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE CLOTH!!!**
10. **NO HORSEPLAY EVER IN UNIFORM! EVER!**
11. Stay away from fences, busses, walls, etc. Wearing a light gray jacket requires extra thought.
12. Report problems ASAP. Don't wait until the last second to get something taken care of.
13. Some emergency repairs can be fixed at a performance. **REPORT PROBLEMS RIGHT AWAY!**
14. Refitting during the season will only be done in extreme cases.
15. **BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL WHEN EATING WHILE IN UNIFORM. NEVER DRINK RED COLORED DRINKS. IT IS NOT ONLY YOU BUT THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU!!!!!!!!!!**

Raincoats

16. When wearing a raincoat, put the carry bag in the raincoat pocket.
17. Many zippers work hard. Be Careful. Don't force them. Replacing a zipper is costly & difficult.
18. Clean out the pockets before you ever put your raincoat away!!
19. Find a clean, dry surface to use before you fold your raincoat.
20. Store your raincoat folded neatly and dry and in its storage bag.
21. Raincoats are stored in the truck when not in use.

Helmets

22. Check & clean your helmet regularly. Clean with "Fantastic" style spray cleaner.
23. Place your helmet in a secure place when not wearing it. Having your helmet fall can cause serious damage to both the helmet & plume.

Shoes

24. Polish shoes before each performance. (This is a must in order to show off a marching style)

F.Y.I.

This is **YOUR** replacement cost of lost or damaged items:

Band Uniform (Jacket & Pants)	value \$150.00
Gauntlets	value \$35.00
Helmet	value \$ 50.00
Plume	value \$ 25.00
rain coat	value \$60.00

25. Additional instructions will be given to color guard members by the guard staff.

Uniform Measurements

Uniform measurements will start to take place starting July 5th. All old members will be fitted first.

CONCERT BAND DRESS

NEW Students in any of the concert or jazz bands are expected to dress-up for all performances. The **MANDATORY** Dress Code is as follows: **Shirt & Tie** with an optional jacket for boys, a nice dress, skirt & top, or pants suit for girls. No jeans, shorts, or T shirts are permitted.

MARCHING BAND CAMP SCHEDULE

The BHS Marching Band will be holding camp at the High School and possibly at the University of Dayton. The students are expected to be at the High School from 8:00am until 11:00pm each day. Both lunch and Dinner will be provided for the students. We may also be using some other rehearsal facilities other than just the High School. Bus transportation will be provided.

Total cooperation from everyone is a must for this week to be a success for ALL involved. THE BASIC RULE IS: YOU MUST BE AT EVERY REHEARSAL!

NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM 2007-2008

These students have gone through a complex audition and interview process. They have also attended leadership workshops and marching seminars. They are here to **HELP!** Please utilize their expertise and experience. **ASK** for help! We are only as good as our weakest member. These people understand that and are there to make even our weakest member a proud contributor to the band.

A COMPLETE LIST OF LEADERS WAS NOT AVAILABLE WHEN THIS HANDBOOK WENT TO PRINT. A COMPLETE LIST WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE BAND ROOM.

BEAVERCREEK BAND AND COLOR GUARD

Beavercreek High School Marching Band Leadership Structure For 2007-2008 Season

What is It?

All new "LEADERSHIP TEAMS" and "SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS" have been developed for the 2007-2008 marching band season. The LEADERSHIP TEAM which is made up of students, staff, and instructors will take the place of the group previously known as band council. We have also developed new BHS Band "SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS"

Who makes up the leadership teams?

There will be music team leaders, marching team leaders, a color guard leader, and a drum major. These groups along with the staff will make up the leadership team.

What are service organizations?

There will be a truck crew, uniform committee, and librarian as in the past. There will also be setup crew, and a clean up crew.

What do music team leaders do?

Music team leaders will be in charge of music performance only. As a music team leader your major job is the quality of music coming from your section. A team leader will be chosen for each kind of instrument. The team leaders will be paired up with a staff member. All instruction, rehearsal techniques, schedules will be coordinated with that staff member.

What do marching team leaders do?

Marching team leaders will be assigned 20-25 students from all music sections and color guard. A mix of grade levels will be assigned to each marching team. Your job is to rehearse all basic marching techniques.

Individual marching style, including posture, horn carriage, etc. will be your responsibility. You will not rehearse actual show drill, that will be handled by staff only. All marching basics including the tapping game etc. will be done in these marching teams. Ten marching team leaders will be chosen.

What does a drum major do?

The position of Drum Major is the one that is probably changing the least. The duties and responsibilities will be much the same as in the past. There will be one student chosen for this position.

What is the basic job of service organizations?

Student service organizations with one leader per group will be developed. These volunteer groups will be organized much like the service organizations of College & University Bands. (ie: Phi Mu Alpha, Kappa Kappa Psi, Tau Beta Sigma etc.) The leaders of these groups will be in charge of their service organization but will not be used as music or marching leaders or assistants.

Truck Crew:	This group will take care of all equipment loading & unloading.
Uniform Committee:	This group will be in charge of uniform care, distribution, organizing washing, fitting, repair, etc. This group will also be in charge of uniform inspection.
Librarian:	This person helps with music distribution and organization.
Setup Crew:	This group will be in charge of providing water at all rehearsals & performances. Field setup (yard line markers, pa, etc.) They will also be in charge of cookies and snacks at shows.
Cleanup Committee:	This group will be in charge of general cleanup of the band room and music area. They will also head up cleanup activities when we travel.

Marching Basics

This information will be demonstrated to all students. This page is to be used as a reference guide.

- Set: Place yourself with your feet in the center of your spot. (Middle of your foot in the middle of line - put body in set not feet in set.)
- Low Mark Time: Lift heel first - till heel just clears the ground. There should be very little motion below the waist, and none above the waist.
- 8 to 5: Each step is 22 1/2 inches; eight equal steps would cover 5 yards Practice on marked field.
- Foot Roll: Set in front of you on the back edge of heel. To move forward, slowly shift your weight to the toe of shoe, As you do this the back foot will roll to toe. Practice in a slow steady motion. "SMOOTH" is the key.
- Posture: Keep weight of body centered over feet at all times. Balance and Control is the key.
- Reverse: First: Lift-up on toes and BALANCE. Now step back and stay up on your toes. (Keep your BALANCE, Stay in CONTROL) Keep lifting during the entire backing process. The step size is 22 1/2 inches just like moving forward. Work on taking a big enough step. DO NOT BOUNCE. This happens if you raise and lower on your toe. Keep lifting ALL THE TIME.
- Turns: Work on short "Snap" turns on the "AND" of the beat. Practice a box 8 drill.
- Flanks: This maneuver enables you to move in a box drill while keeping your upper body facing the same direction at all times. Use your shoulders and your elbows to judge your accuracy.

**Students are reminded that this takes practice!
Ask for help from any band council member or staff member.**

DRILL SHEET CODES

(This will be taught in detail at rehearsal in July)

Read position sideline to sideline - FIRST end zone to end zone - Second

FFH In Front of Front Hash

BFH Behind Front Hash

BFS Behind Front Sideline

BC Behind Center Line

FC In Front of Center

FBH In Front of Back Hash

BBH Behind Back Hash

FBS In Front of Back Sideline

Side: Will be coded 1 and 2
Side 1 is left of 50 yd. line as you sit in the stands, Side 2 is right of 50 yd. line.

Left and right is performer left and right facing the press box (performer is standing on field)

No step number can be larger than fourteen

Markers will be provided to each student for marking drill spots on the parking lot this season.

FEES FOR NEW AND OLD MEMBERS

Fees for **New** members (music section)

Camp	\$100.00	
Shoes	30.00	
Gloves	5.00	
Tote Bag	20.00	
Tour Shirt / jacket , pants and hat	100.00	(quilted jacket add \$10 for a total of \$110.00)
Uniform Fee	25.00	
Travel Costs	230.00	

Total	\$510.00	

Fees for **Old** members (music section)

Camp	\$100.00
Gloves	5.00
Uniform Fee	25.00
Travel Costs	230.00

Total	\$360.00

Fees for **New** members (color guard section)

Camp	\$100.00	
Shoes	30.00	
Tote Bag	20.00	
guard gloves	15.00	
Uniform fee	25.00	
Band Shirt / jacket , pants and hat	100.00	(quilted jacket add \$10 for a total of \$110.00)
Travel Costs	230.00	

Total	\$520.00	

Fees for **Old** members (color guard section)

Camp	\$100.00
Uniform fee	30.00
guard gloves	15.00
Travel Costs	230.00

Total	\$375.00

Additional or replacement Items:

Jacket	\$ 45.00 / quilted \$55.00
pants	\$ 40.00
hat (baseball)	\$ 15.00
rifle	\$ 35.00
band gloves	\$ 5.00
guard gloves	\$ 15.00
band shoes	\$ 30.00
guard shoes	\$ 30.00

NEW PAYMENT SCHEDULE

New Music Section Members

1st payment	\$127.50
2nd payment	\$127.50
3rd payment	\$127.50
4th payment	\$127.50
Total	\$510.00

Old Music Section Members

1st payment	\$90.00
2nd payment	\$90.00
3rd payment	\$90.00
4th payment	\$90.00
Total	\$360.00

New Color Guard Members

1st payment	\$130.00
2nd payment	\$130.00
3rd payment	\$130.00
4th payment	\$130.00
Total	\$520.00

Old Color Guard Members

1st payment	\$93.75
2nd payment	\$93.75
3rd payment	\$93.75
4th payment	\$93.75
Total	\$375.00

PAYMENT DATES:

Payment #1	June 2
Payment #2	July 5
Payment #3	August 1
Payment #4	September 1

Any students who have problems making the payment schedule as listed above should see Mr. McCullough to work out a solution (ASAP) Special payment options can be worked out.

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS OUT TO BEAVERCREEK MUSIC PARENTS

Marching Band & Color Guard second student discount: The band organization is offering a discount for those families who have more than one student going to band camp. Deduct \$25.00 from payment #2 for the second child.

THERE CAN BE NO REFUNDS OF ANY FEES AFTER JULY 5, 2007.

Students who are transferring funds from their flower account are encouraged to transfer the total amount they want to use at one time if possible. This reduces the chance of accounting mistakes or forgotten payments.

NEW Only students who have made a payment or have setup a payment plan with Mr. McCullough by July 6 will be written into the drill. Drill writing starts on July 6 at 10:00pm. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT DEADLINE!!!

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BEAVERCREEK, OHIO 45434

NEW Mini Camp

On Saturday June 2, 2007 all new & old band members, all color guard members new and old, all percussion members new and old, and all Leadership Team members will complete a day mini camp at the High School. The schedule is as follows:

- 8:00am registration in band room (all 1st year members / all guard & percussion members)
- marching basics (all new wind players / all percussion / all guard)
- 10:00am music rehearsal (winds & percussion) old and new members
- equipment rehearsal (color guard)
- 12:00noon review of music for a Mini Parent Show (HS Auditorium)
- 12:30pm camp ends (We will have refreshments)

Mini camp is the perfect day for those students who say they don't like marching band, yet have never really been in a band like The Beavercreek High School Marching Band. Students can come out for the day and see for themselves what we are all about. This day is a very good investment in your future.

Grade Eligibility

NEW ALL MARCHING BAND STUDENTS MUST TURN IN A COPY OF THEIR FINAL REPORT CARD FROM JUNE 2007 BEFORE THEY WILL BE WRITTEN INTO THE SHOW. DEADLINE FOR REPORTING GRADES IS JULY 5, 2007.

Each member of any Beavercreek High School Band or Color Guard will need to meet all School Board Grade Requirements before they will be allowed to perform. **ALL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO KEEP UP WITH THEIR SCHOOL WORK, AND CAREFULLY MONITOR THEIR GRADES.**

You & Your Grades!

It is possible to have very good grades and be in marching band at the same time. Not only do many students remain ranked in the top percentile of BHS and march, but many students find that they do their very best during the fall when they are the busiest. It is a must to be organized and to utilize your time wisely. This will be stressed to all students all during the season!

Grade Contracts can be developed on an individual basis to aid with this. See Mr. McCullough for details.

After School Marching Band Rehearsals

Marching Band rehearses Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday after school from 4:30 - 6:30p.m. A mandatory study hall takes place from 3:30-4:25 on those days.

Color guard will rehearse by themselves on Tuesdays from 6:30-9:00pm. (they will not have after school study hall or rehearsal with the band on that day.)

The guard will have study hall and rehearsal with the band on Wednesday & Thursday.

Music Parent Meetings:

Music Parents are made up of parents from band, color guard, choir, and drill team. Through their various fund raisers they contribute in excess of \$35,000 a year to the instrumental music department. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month. All parents are encouraged to attend meetings, and participate in their various activities.

Web Site:

All information and updates are available on our band web page. Parent Organization information is also available on the site.

www.beavercreekband.org

Forms:

The following few pages are copies of the forms we use for the BHS Bands and Guards. All Forms are available on-line.

PLEASE FILL OUT ALL FORMS NEATLY IN BLACK INK SO THAT COPIES CAN BE COPIED

Music Parent Scholarships:

The Beavercreek Music Parents Organization present eight \$500.00 scholarships each year as part of the Senior Local Scholarship Program. Senior Band & Color Guard members are reminded to sign-up with the counseling department early in the fall for *“Local Scholarship Information & Application”*

Beavercreek High School
Instrumental Music Department

*Marching Band, Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Varsity Bands, Jazz Ensemble One,
Jazz Ensemble Two, Percussion Ensemble, Pep Band, Fall Color Guard, Winter Color Guard, Winter Flag Line*

Douglas McCullough: Director of Bands
doug.mccullough@beavercreek.k12.oh.us
2660 Dayton-Xenia Rd. Beavercreek Ohio, 45434
937-429-7565 ext 527

Absent (*blue*) Form

Because it so important to the entire group that every student be at every rehearsal we use this form to record all absences **BEFORE THE ABSENCE TAKES PLACE**. All members are reminded that all absences put an added burden on the entire group.

Form Turn-in Date _____

Name _____

Section _____

Band _____

This form is being turned in before absence: YES No

MISSED REHEARSAL(s)	
<u>Date(s) To be missed</u>	<u>Reason</u>

MISSED PERFORMANCE(s)	

Student Signature

Parent Signature

***Please refer to the handbook concerning rules for missed rehearsals & performances**

APPROVED	NOT APPROVED
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Director Signature

Director Signature

Beavercreek High School Band Payment Form 2007-2008

(Please Print)

NAME _____ Date _____

Method of Payment (Please List AMOUNT Paid next to method)

_____ CHECK *(Make All Checks Payable To Beavercreek Music Parents)*

_____ CASH

_____ MONEY ORDER

_____ BAND ACCOUNT

_____ CREDIT CARD

Print name as it appears on card _____
Type of Card: (please circle) VISA MASTER CARD
Acct. # _____ - _____ - _____ - _____
Exp. Date: (mth-yr) _____
Phone No. (a/c.) _____ / _____ - _____
please note that payment by credit card requires a service charge of 3% to cover bank charges for this service. The 3% should be added to the payment total.

YOU CAN PAY ALL FEES ON LINE IN 2007 BY USING PAY PAL (A 3% CHARGE WILL BE ADDED TO YOU FEES FOR THIS SERVICE. GO TO www.beavercreekband.org for additional information

_____ TOTAL PAID

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Payment Is For: (Please List Amount Paid)

_____ Fall MB Payment # _____

_____ Gloves \$5.00

_____ Guard Gloves \$16.00

_____ Shoes \$30.00

_____ Other (Please List) _____

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Things To Remember

My Marching Team Number Is:_____

My Drill Number Is:_____

My Uniform Box Is:_____

My Helmet Box Is:_____

**My Bus Number Is: (school) =
(charter) =**

Band Locker # _____

**Phone: Band voice mail 429-7547 #2469
Mr. McCullough (hm) 859-0860
(cell) 478-8026**

Web: www.beavercreekband.org

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Notes:

Beavercreek High School Band Success Is Determined By:

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