



# Return of the "TITAN" Marching Band



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**Band Camp Protocol and Tentative Schedule** *(Please read all information below as it is a change from previous years due to COVID 19 and protocols which must be followed!)*

## Getting started:

- Directors will communicate guidelines to families and students prior to the start of rehearsals.
- It is important that social distancing is adhered to before, during, and after rehearsals. This means students should NOT be ride sharing, etc. We have a responsibility to each other to ensure that marching band can continue to safely take place.
- ***If you are planning to come back to school "virtually" and not participate in marching band*** please email Mr. Fudale at [jfudale@bereaschools.org](mailto:jfudale@bereaschools.org) or Mr. Barth at [dbarth@bereaschools.org](mailto:dbarth@bereaschools.org) no later than Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Attendance:

- Daily attendance must be taken by a designated director.
- Directors should be included in this attendance log along with any other staff.

## Screening:

- A symptom checklist will be asked at every rehearsal.
  - Do you have a cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, fever, close contact or cared for someone with COVID- 19?
  - A student musician who exhibits these symptoms will be sent home and a parent/guardian contacted. If sent home, they may not return for 7 days, and must be symptom free for 72 hours without any medication aid, (Tylenol, Motrin) before returning.
  - Any student with a temperature above 100.4 should be kept home from practice/rehearsal.

## Hydration:

- There will be no common water stations provided or permitted.
- Each student must have their own filled water bottle; there will be no sharing of water bottles permitted.
- Water will not be provided.

## Limitations on Gatherings:

- **For the protection of students, directors and staff, band rehearsals will be closed to parents and spectators.**
- Gatherings should consist of no more than 10 people at a time inside and 50 people outside. This includes all students, director and staff. ***(These guidelines may change)***
- Access to storage areas will be limited to percussionists and basses only.



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- These students must maintain physical distancing and a mask must be worn until the start of the rehearsal/practice and after practice until the student has departed.
  - All other instruments and/or equipment must be taken back and forth from all rehearsals/practices by all other band members.
  - Percussionists will not be permitted to leave any other items with their instrument while it is being stored at the school.
  - Marching Band Members should report to rehearsals/practices in proper rehearsal attire and it is highly recommended they immediately return home to shower at the end of the rehearsal/practice.
  - Marching Band Members should report to rehearsals/practices ready to rehearse and leave immediately when done.
  - Marching Band Members may not arrive more than 10 minutes before the scheduled start time of the rehearsal/practice and must depart or be picked up no more than 10 minutes after the scheduled conclusion of the rehearsal/practice.
  - All marching band rehearsals/practices will be done outside during this phase.
    - Rehearsals/Practices may be cancelled ahead of time by the director/staff member beforehand if their weather information indicates that inclement weather is forecast.
    - This determination will be made 1 hour prior to the rehearsal/practice.
    - While at a rehearsal, the directors/staff may cancel the remainder of that particular rehearsal due to imminent weather conditions.
    - In the event the remainder of a rehearsal is cancelled students will be expected to leave the rehearsal immediately or contact a family member for immediate pickup.
  - Larger groups can be broken down into smaller sectionals
    - Students in a sectional should remain in the same sectional group with the same director/staff member.
  - Physical Distancing should be maintained during any type of breaks (6ft or by slightly more than three "8 to 5" marching band step sizes, which is also referred to as 3 step spacing).

## **Sanitation:**

- Prior to an individual or group entering the facility, all hard surfaces within that facility should be wiped down and sanitized.
- Individuals should sanitize their hands or wash their hands for 20 seconds with warm water and soap before touching any surfaces.

## **Masks:**

- Students will wear a mask to and from rehearsal/practices.
- Students may remove the mask only during physical activity and/or playing their instrument.
- Directors/Staff Members will wear a mask at all times.



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## **Equipment - General:**

- Equipment will not be shared by any band member.
- Band members will not allow anyone else to carry or handle their instrument or associated equipment.
- Once the instrument is assigned to a band member no other student will be allowed to touch, move or play that instrument/equipment.
- These students are responsible for sanitizing their assigned instrument/equipment.
- **All** students are required to routinely clean their instruments.

## **Uniforms:**

- **All Uniform Fitting Dates are Cancelled**
- **Uniforms for the 2020 Marching Band will include:**
  - Band T-Shirt - New marchers will be issued a shirt with returning members using their shirts from last season. Replacement shirts will be made available.
  - Khaki Shorts / Pants (purchased by students). Weather will determine if we wear shorts or pants.
  - Blue Beret - New marchers will be issued a beret with returning members using their berets from last season. Replacement berets will be made available.
  - Tennis Shoes (preferably white), white socks.
  - Band Raincoats will be issued for cold and inclement weather.

## **Band Fees:**

- **A \$20 band fee will be required of each student participating in marching band. The band fee will cover the cost of new marchers band t-shirts, berets as well as replacement folios, new arrangements, instrument repairs and general operating costs.**

## **Marching Band Frequently Asked Questions is Below**



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### **Q: Will restrooms be open at rehearsals?**

A: The middle school restrooms in the music wing will be available for emergency use only. Only “ONE” student in the restroom at a time! District custodial staff will clean the restrooms every two hours.

### **Q: What will the reopening look like?**

A: All marching band rehearsals will be held outside at Berea-Midpark Middle School. No indoor rehearsals are currently permitted.

### **Q: What steps must I take before arriving at a marching band rehearsal?**

A: Please make sure your musician adheres to the following before arriving to his/her scheduled rehearsal:

- Take a self-screening assessment. Do you feel under the weather? Do you have a fever? A cough? Do you have a sore throat? Experiencing shortness of breath? Have you been in contact or live with someone who has Covid-19? If so, please notify your band director and stay home for your safety and the safety of others. Every student will be asked these questions upon arrival at rehearsal.
- Use the restroom before coming to rehearsal. Berea-Midpark Middle School restroom facilities will only be available for emergencies.
- Bring your own full water bottle and wear proper attire. There will be no common water stations and no sharing of water bottles.
- Musicians may arrive no more than 10 minutes prior to their rehearsal time and must depart within 10 minutes after their scheduled rehearsal.

### **Q: Will the music staff be required to wear a mask?**

A: All music teachers/staff that work with your child will be wearing masks at all times. Musicians must wear masks to and from rehearsal. Musicians will be permitted to remove masks during physical activity or while playing.



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## **Q: What happens if a marching band student or band teacher does not adhere to the guidelines for reopening?**

A: The Berea City School District has instituted violations for musicians and instructors who do not adhere to the health and safety guidelines. They are as follows:

- 1st Violation = Suspension for the remainder of the rehearsal
- 2nd Violation = Suspension for one week of rehearsals
- 3rd Violation = Suspension for the remainder of band camp

It is imperative that teachers and students follow these guidelines in order to protect the health and safety of everyone.

## **Q: May parents/guardians attend rehearsals?**

A: No. Only marching band members participating in summer rehearsals will be permitted at rehearsals. Parents/guardians are asked to only be on school grounds to drop off/pick up their student-athletes. We ask that parents stay in their cars as they wait for their son or daughter.

## **Q: What steps must I take after a summer marching band rehearsal?**

A: Marching Band students will be asked to adhere to the following after a rehearsal:

- Do not congregate after the rehearsal. Make your way home as soon as your rehearsal is complete without interacting with other student musicians.
- Take a shower as soon as you get home.
- Wash your rehearsal apparel after each rehearsal.
- Stay hydrated.
- Percussion and sousaphones will be able to store instruments in the middle school band room. All personal belongings must be taken home and NOT stored in the band room.

## **Q: What happens when someone reports symptoms of COVID-19?**

A: The Cuyahoga County Board of Health recommends that if anyone presents symptoms of COVID-19, whether symptoms are detected by self assessment or questions by staff they should be sent home. If they are minors, we need to call and let the parent/guardian know that during the screening process, the student shared that they had symptoms, was sent home, and we recommend follow up with a physician. If they are not minors, we would let them know to follow up with the physician. If sent home, they may not return for 7 days, and must be symptom free for 72 hours without any medication aid, (Tylenol, Motrin) before returning. All surfaces, when appropriate or necessary, will be sanitized prior to starting practice.



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## **Q: What happens if someone tests positive for COVID-19?**

A: The Cuyahoga County Board of Health recommends that if someone tests positive for COVID-19 that they will work alongside the Berea City School District administration to assess all factors before determining the next steps.

## **Rehearsal schedule for the first two weeks is listed below!**

*These rehearsals will be held at Berea-Midpark Middle School*

### **Groups for Rehearsals**

- [1] Flute & Clarinet = 41 students
- [2] Alto Saxes & Mellophones = 40 students
- [3] Tenor Sax, Baritones & Sousaphones = 39 students
- [4] Trumpets = 48 students
- [5] Trombones = 34 students
- [6] Drumline = 22 students

### **Week 1 (August 17 – 21)**

<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>Friday</u></b>
<b>1 = 5-6:45</b>	<b>3 = 5-6:45</b>	<b>1 = 5-6:45</b>	<b>3 = 5-6:45</b>	<b>1 = 5-6:45</b>
<b>2 = 7-8:45</b>	<b>4 = 7-8:45</b>	<b>2 = 7-8:45</b>	<b>4 = 7-8:45</b>	<b>2 = 7-8:45</b>
<b>6 = 7:45-9</b>	<b>5 = 7:45-9</b>	<b>6 = 7:45-9</b>	<b>5 = 7:45-9</b>	<b>6 = 7:45-9</b>

### **Week 2 (August 24 – 28)**

<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>Friday</u></b>
<b>3 = 5-6:45</b>	<b>1 = 5-6:45</b>	<b>3 = 5-6:45</b>	<b>1 = 5-6:45</b>	<b>3 = 5-6:45</b>



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