

Riverdale Warrior Band



So you're interested in Band...
or "What can I expect?"

Opportunities - Class

- Concert Band
- Symphonic Band
- Wind Ensemble
- Percussion Ensemble
- Guard
- Early Morning Jazz
- Private Lessons

Opportunities – Beyond Class

- Travel
 - Away Games
 - Contests
 - Honor Bands
 - Spring Trip
 - Past Trips include, Canada, St. Louis, Bahamas, Chicago, New York, Florida
 - Students in good standing may be recommended to travel with the Tennessee Ambassadors of Music (16 day, 7 country performing tour of Europe in 2011, 2013)
- Leadership
 - Officers
 - Section Leaders
- Work in a group/team environment
- 130+ peers and friends on your first day of high school

Additional Music Opportunities...

- Private Lessons available, both DURING and AFTER school
- Mid-State Honor Bands, Orchestra, & Jazz Bands
- Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts
- Rutherford County Honor Bands
- MTSU Wind Band Conference
- TTU Festival of Winds and Percussion
- Concert Festival
- Solo & Ensemble

LEAD TO COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS!!!

- A student actively involved in private lessons will not only see the benefits in their class and band participation, but will find additional opportunities for financial aid in college
- Students actively involved in band & lessons will receive scholarship offers – **REGARDLESS OF MAJOR!**

Band & Lesson Staff

- Emily Bowland
 - Clarinet
- Kristen Frye
 - Flute
- Mike George
 - Trumpet, Brass
- Tim Hale
 - Percussion
- Brandon Jones
 - Euphonium, low brass
- Scott Kinney
 - Trombone
- Ken Ozimek
 - Woodwinds
- Wilson Sharpe
 - Bassoon, Saxophone, Woodwinds
- Robin Winkler
 - Guard Instructor

I'll take CREDIT for that...

- Band participation is a FINE ARTS CREDIT (graduation requirement)
- Marching Band participation receives a .5 PE/Wellness Credit (1.5 total required)

Graduation Requirements and Band

- Students determine “focused electives”
 - Like a major in college vs “a little of everything”
 - Plan for band for all four years
- Classes are weighted the same – Honors will not boost GPA more than any other type of class anymore

Grad. Requirements and Band continued...

- Students will be required to earn
- English – 4 credits
- Math – 4 credits
 - Algebra I, II, Geometry, plus 1 higher level math
- Science – 3 credits
- Social Studies – 3.5 credits (.5 Personal Finance)
- Foreign Lang. – 2 credits (same language)
- Fine Arts – 1 credit (i.e., Band)
- Health/PE/Wellness – 1.5 credits (.5 successful Pass/Fail completion of marching Band)
- Focused Electives (at least 3 in Focused Area of concentration)

...and more Graduation Requirements....

- Students may graduate “with distinction” if they:
 - Maintain a “B” average, and
 - Make AND perform with the TN All-State Band / Orchestra / Jazz Band, OR
 - Make and attend the TN Governor’s School for the Arts
 - Credits required for graduation = 22 (remember the .5 credit for PE from Marching Band – it frees up more room!)
 - Remember, to be eligible for any Mid-State / All-State / Governor School Band & Orchestra, students must be in “good standing” with their school music programs; the ONLY way to be in “good standing” is to be enrolled for the entire year!

Competition / Non-Competition Involvement

- Students who are unable (due to sport / school activity) to commit to the competitive marching band may select the Non-Competition Option
- Non-Comp Students do the same activities as competition band members, with the following exceptions;
 - No away games
 - No competitions
 - No after-school competition band rehearsals band may select the Non-Competition Option
- These students will be expected to;
 - Participate in all scheduled activities
 - Take lessons / submit a practice log
 - Audition for Mid-State / Rutherford County Honor Band

So, I'm a performer...

- Fall
 - Football Games, 3-4 Contests, Concert, Parade, Mid-State Auditions
- Spring
 - Basketball Pep Band, 2 Concerts, Concert Festival, Solo & Ensemble, Jazz Fest

What Can I Expect at Band Camp?

- Expect to learn something completely new and different!
- Expect to make many, many friends!
- Expect band members excited to see YOU!
- Expect willing and patient instruction
- Expect that's it okay to be wrong
- Expect to make mistakes
- Expect encouragement!
- Expect a nice tan
- Expect success
- Expect ***FUN?***
- ***Yes, F-U-N!!!***

Band Camp

- New Member Camp
 - July 19 & 20 Mon – Tues 8:30 am – noon
 - New Members and Band Leadership ONLY
- 3 Day Music Camp
 - July 21-23 8:30 am – noon & 1:30 – 4:30pm
 - Professional Staff
 - Majority indoors
 - All band members

Band Camp – The Final Frontier

- July 26-30 Times vary day-by-day
 - Professional Staff
 - Afternoons are mostly spent indoors and away from the **HEAT**
 - There are evening rehearsal... ah, shade!
- Tips
 - Eat a healthy / non-sugary breakfast
 - Avoid milk and dairy in the mornings...
 - Sunscreen, hats, sunglasses are necessary
 - Wear broken-in tennis shoes with socks
- All band members attend

Band Camp – Good, Good, Good, Expectations... (sorry Beach Boys)

- Eat Healthy
 - What do I put on a vege - table?
- Water breaks
 - patience
- Snack breaks
 - sunscreen
- Water breaks
 - hats
- Snack breaks
 - sunglasses
- Water breaks
- Understand that learning the show is a sloooooow process... (even for older members)
- The Show won't be completed until October

Getting' Ready for Camp

- What's this "voluntary conditioning" and "evening rehearsal" before "band camp?"
 - Voluntary is simply that – voluntary... an opportunity to get off the couch, put up the xBox, PS2, PS3, and visit with band friends. Sitting on the couch all summer eating Cheetos (while a life-long dream) will not adequately prepare students for their first band camp.
 - An occasional walk, bike ride, or activity of any sort will be beneficial
 - So I should join the MAC or Gold's Gym, right? NOPE, just move a little... just a little bit further than from couch to fridge

Lastly, The Most Important Things to Bring to Band

- ... a good attitude and a willingness to learn
- accept that mistakes will happen and you'll learn from them
- accept that fellow students and your directors are here to help you
- a strong desire to leave as a better musician and individual

COMMUNICATION BREAKDOWN

(with apologies to Led Zeppelin)

- Band Office Phone – 615-896-0110
 - Questions? Running Late?
- Web-site – www.riverdaleband.com home to the most up-to-date info on and for the Warrior Band
 - Calendars
 - Booster contact names & numbers
 - **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)**
 - Announcements
 - Newsletters
 - Auto-dialer
 - Directors' Emails
 - Handbook
 - Forms
 - Schedules
 - Thank-you's
- Emails
 - Mr. Meers – meersr@rcs.k12.tn.us
 - Mr. Aymett – aymettm@rcs.k12.tn.us

Schedule - Fall

- Contest Dates (3-4) to be determined from
 - Sept. 18, 25
 - Oct. 16, 23, 30
- Marching Rehearsals
 - NO FALL BREAK ACTIVITIES
 - Mondays 3:15 – 4:45 (until fall break, No Labor Day)
 - Tuesdays 6:00 – 8:30 (until Nov.)
 - Thursdays 6:00 – 8:30 (until fall break),
then 3:15 – 5:30 pm
 - Fridays of home ball games, a brief 5:15 run-thru
 - During Play-offs, we'll do a short Thursday or Friday rehearsal.

Schedule - Spring

- NO SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES
- 2-3 Basketball Pep Band Performances
- 3-4 after-school rehearsals prior to Concert Festival 3:15 – 4:45 ish
- Pre-Festival Concert in mid-February
- Concert Festival in early March
- Spring Concert mid-late April
- Band Awards Banquet early May

And now all those Parental Items

- Dues Structure
- Booster Meetings
- Opportunities for Involvement
- The Handbook lists several professional and step-up instruments for those looking to make an investment in their student's musical future.
- Be sure to go over the Band Handbook with your student, **ESPECIALLY Attendance, Grading, and Uniforms.**

Further questions / clarification regarding these areas should be directed to the Directors

Sounding Good and looking great

- Marching Band Uniforms are used for marching activities. New Students will be issued a Band Uniform T-Shirt and Band Ball Cap. T-Shirts with the show theme will be available for purchase in the fall.
- For concert activities, students are to wear the following:
 - Ladies – floor length black gown
 - Several types and prices available. We will post information in the fall and place a group order for possible discounts.
 - Gentlemen – tuxes, including jacket, cummerbund, shirt, and bow tie.
 - Don't throw money away by renting. Several stores (Kohl's, JCPenney's, Hobby Lobby) sell tux shirt, bow tie, cummerbund kits very inexpensively. Street Tuxedo has also provided these items at an extremely low cost in the past. Band shoes work well with tuxes. Buying a size that can be altered will be an investment for 4-5 annual performances, prom, weddings, even college!
 - The band owns a limited selection of tux jackets available for use by need. Student must provide black pants, shirt, bow tie, and cummerbund.

All in Due(s) Time

- Dues go towards:
 - Operational expenses
 - Band Travel
 - Music
 - Contest / concert festival fees
 - Instruction by additional staff
 - Uniform Maintenance
- Fundraising can cover much of your band expense, especially future dues!
 - Kroger Cards
 - Fruit sale
 - ButterBraids
 - Basketball Concessions
 - Etc.

Student Accounts

- Can be viewed at anytime on band web-site - "My Account" link
 - Password protected site
 - Can only view your info
 - Can change password at anytime
 - Initial log-in is "last name, first initial" and "0110"
 - Account shows credits (if any), amount due, payment history
 - If funds available, student can charge band items
 - Mid-state / solo & ensemble registration, band gloves, socks, etc.

“Look Ma, no hands...”

- Moms and Dads are still the best audience and form of encouragement for young musicians
- Booster activities provide an excellent opportunity to watch and interact with your child in a positive manner
- Booster meetings are monthly, typically the 2nd Tuesday of each month
- There are several opportunities to be involved, depending on your individual schedule and comfort level
- You might even have more fun than your child...

...and now a word from our sponsors...

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