

Welcome to #Riverdale49, we're looking forward to finally seeing the band and meeting our new students! There's a lot of info to cover so keep this email available for future reference. Let's get started!

### **FOR OUR NEW MEMBERS**

First of all, welcome! You're beginning a journey at an excellent school with a great tradition of excellence. On the first day of band, you'll automatically have 150 friends, with upperclassmen willing to share their experience and help you become a successful Riverdale Warrior.

Band at Riverdale is a co-curricular activity. This means we have a class and after-school requirement (rehearsals, concerts, performances) so we do our best to provide an updated schedule, well-in advance. If you have a school-based or medical conflict, let us know as soon as possible (like, at least 2-3 weeks in advance). The sooner we know, the better we can work with you.

Band is comprised of two main components; concert + marching = band. There are exceptions to the marching component: participating in a fall TSSAA sport such as varsity football, cross-country or cheerleading, or a documented medical condition from your doctor. Again, communicating with us in advance is the best way to help us help you. Sometimes you might have an event like a grandparent's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday or a parent returning from deployment – we can work with you if we know in advance. **TheRiverdaleBand@gmail.com** is the best way to contact both Mr. Aymett and Mr. Crossley.

### **FOR EVERYONE**

There are important forms that every student needs to complete by the start of band camp. They are attached to this email and also available at [www.RiverdaleBand.com](http://www.RiverdaleBand.com).

Band camp will be slightly different this year. We're doing our best to keep our students and staff both safe and healthy, following county, school, and CDC guidelines. We'll have more camp details posted at **www.RiverdaleBand.com** as we get closer to camp. All camp activities are at Riverdale. For now, here's the camp schedule;

July 20-24	8am-5pm,	Colorguard camp with Ms. Jones
July 20-24	9am-5pm	Percussion camp with Mr. Hale
July 21 & 23	6pm-8:30pm	All woodwind and brass players

July 27-30	8am-5pm	All band members (brass, guard, percussion, woodwind)
July 31	8am-noon	All band members (brass, guard, percussion, woodwind)

### **FALL REHEARSAL SCHEDULE**

After-school rehearsals are Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, typically 3:30-6pm. If the heat index is too high, August rehearsals could be 6pm-8:30pm – we'll have more info available by band camp.

## **FALL PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE**

Aug.-Oct. Friday night Riverdale football games (more info later)  
Aug. or Sept. Sat. Marchathon fundraiser (more info later)  
Sept. 26 Competition at Siegel HS  
Oct. 17 Host our competition  
Dec. TBA Murfreesboro Christmas Parade

## **BOOSTERS**

Every parent/guardian is automatically a member of the Band Boosters. You have heard the phrase: "it takes a village." This is more than true when we talk about what exactly our Booster program does (It is more like "what don't we do?"). More information will be shared in the upcoming weeks about what you can expect as a band parent, how things work, and all the things that you "didn't know you didn't know". To summarize: The Boosters support our students, directors, and the band program in any way they possibly can, and a huge part of that comes from raising the funds necessary to achieve the success this program strives for.

## **BAND REGISTRATION and REQUIRED FORMS**

In order for the band directors and boosters to prepare for band camp and upcoming football season, we need for everyone to register. Please go to [www.riverdaleband.com/band-member-registration](http://www.riverdaleband.com/band-member-registration) and complete the annual registration. Upon completion, you will receive an email with the annual required forms that will need to be completed and turned in at Uniform Fitting.

## **UNIFORM FITTING**

We are in the process of planning Uniform Fitting. There will be some changes this year due to COVID-19 guidelines. We will be announcing the dates and plans within the next few weeks.

## **FINANCIAL INFO**

Band dues. The first of four \$150 installments are due on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Payments can be made at <http://www.riverdaleband.com/payments/> Some examples of what these funds will go towards: Feeding the students for every home football game, repairing equipment, repairing uniforms, buying equipment and uniforms, paying for top quality music and instructors. We realize that because of the current circumstances created by COVID-19, not everyone may be able to pay their dues on time. Please contact the Riverdale Band Boosters at [riverdalebandboosters@gmail.com](mailto:riverdalebandboosters@gmail.com) to make alternate payment arrangements.

## **COMMUNICATION TOOLS**

Email the directors at [TheRiverdaleBand@gmail.com](mailto:TheRiverdaleBand@gmail.com)  
See the calendar and updated info at [www.RiverdaleBand.com](http://www.RiverdaleBand.com)  
Announcements are also posted through Twitter @RiverdaleBand and for students in the REMIND app.

**Text @689feg to 81010 to join the Riverdale2020-2021 REMIND group.**

We will also use an organizational app, **Cut Time**, to share schedules, assignments, and contact band students and families. We'll have more details on this later.

### **SHOW**

We've put together an exciting show, "Friday Night Lights," that honors Riverdale's history of tradition and entertainment. Here's a sneak peek - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sRbw9z7r7lg&feature=youtu.be>

Again, to our new members, welcome and we look forward to meeting you! And to our returning members, know that we've missed you and are excited to get the band back together! See you in July!

Musically yours,

Mr. Aymett & Mr. Crossley