

BAND BLAST – Week of October 22 - 27

Band Notes for the Week

- GREAT JOB to the Rock Stars this past weekend! 2018 AAA Upper State Champions!!!
- Our final show of the season will be this Saturday evening at Batesburg-Leesville High School. This show is the AAA State Championships! A schedule for Saturday is attached.
- We will NOT be traveling to the ballgame on Friday. We will have rehearsal on Friday.
- PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE REHEARSAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK! We will NOT have extended rehearsal times this week.
- A Big Thank You to all parents who helped work the funnel cake stand at each home football game this season!
- **OUR FRUIT SALE HAS BEGUN!!!!** We ask that each family sell as much fruit as possible. Our goal is for each family to sell at least 10 boxes of fruit. There will be cash prizes for the Top 5 student sellers. Top Seller - \$150.00, 2nd - \$100.00, 3rd - \$75.00, 4th - \$50.00, 5th - \$25.00

Attendance

It is absolutely imperative that students attend all rehearsals! The show is on the field, but we have A LOT of cleaning and detailing to do. We will be adding various dimensions to the show on a daily basis. Therefore, if a student misses a rehearsal, we will have to spend valuable time at the subsequent rehearsals catching them up instead of moving forward.

Helpful Tips When Attending A Marching Band Competition

We encourage all parents to attend your student's performances. There is nothing better than to look up from the field as you are performing and see a sea of blue cheering for you – especially your own parents.

1. Get There Early! – It's always a good idea to see at least all of the bands in our class. The later in the day it is, the more crowded the stadium gets. The best seats for these events are on the 50 yard line under the press box.

2. Sit With The Group! – It won't take long for you to figure out that some parents from other bands get there early to stake claim for seating for all of their fans. Your cheering will be much more effective if you sit as a group and cheer together.

3. Wear Your Colors! – If you have Pickens Bands attire, this is the perfect time to wear it!

4. Make Some Noise! – Our students feel encouraged, excited and perform better if they hear the crowd roar when they come on the field, after the DM salute, in between parts of the show and right after the show.

5. Cheer For EVERY Band! – Every student deserves applause and recognition for their hard work! Take every opportunity to celebrate each student who performs!

Schedule for the Week (October 22 - 27)

Monday, October 22	3:45 – 6:45pm	MB Rehearsal
Tuesday, October 23	3:45 – 6:45pm	MB Rehearsal
Wednesday, October 24		No Rehearsal
Thursday, October 25	3:45 – 6:45pm	MB Rehearsal
Friday, October 26	3:45 – 6:00pm	MB Rehearsal
Saturday, October 27		AAA State Championships at Batesburg-Leesville High School

Upcoming Next Week (October October 29 – November 3)

Monday, October 29 –End of Season Costume Party 6:00 – 8:30pm

Tuesday, October 30 – NO REHEARSAL!

Wednesday, October 31 – NO REHEARSAL!

Thursday, November 1 – NO REHEARSAL!

Friday, November 2 – Possible Football Playoff Game????????????

Saturday, November 3

Saturday, October 27 – State Championships at Batesburg-Leesville

Admission: \$10.00 adults/\$7.00 students

Batesburg-Leesville High School

600 Summerland Avenue

Batesburg, SC 29006

Uniform

The band will be in full uniform:

WINDS/PERCUSSION: black socks, show shirts, light gym shorts to wear under uniform pants, black performance gloves (students may NOT wear pants under uniforms...light, gym type shorts are a must!)

COLOR GUARD: costume, body tight, jazz boots, gloves

All hair must be pinned up, pulled back, or braided, with NO hair hanging out of the hat. There may be no piercings except for stud earrings.

Lunch will be provided for the students at PHS after rehearsal. We will feed them a snack at Batesburg before we head home.

SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY

11:00am	Band Room Open
11:30am	Call Time for all students
11:45am	Stretch Block
12:00pm	Rehearsal on Practice Field
2:00pm	Rehearsal Ends, Load, Lunch, Dress
3:15pm	Inspection, Load Buses
3:30pm	Depart PHS for B-HP
6:00pm	Arrive at B-HP, restrooms, unload
6:25pm	Visual Warm-Up
6:55pm	Instruments/Hats out, ready for music warm-up
7:05pm	Music Warm-Up
7:45pm	Percussion Leave Warm-Up
7:50pm	Hornline/Guard Leave Warm-Up
8:00pm	Gate
8:15pm	Perform!!!!
8:30pm	Back to Buses, load, hats/plumes up
9:15pm	Back into stadium for retreat
9:45pm	Awards!!!!
10:45pm	Change out of uniforms for ride home, eat snack
11:30pm	Depart BLHS for PHS
2:00am	Arrive at PHS, unload
ASAP	Dismissal

If a student is riding from the contest with a parent, we MUST have a note stating such BEFORE we leave Pickens. **Students are REQUIRED to meet us back at the high school to help unload unless otherwise approved by the band director.** There are very few exceptions to this. Everyone must help unload.

IMPORTANT! - All students must help unload once back at the school. No students will be dismissed until everything is unloaded and put in its proper place.