



Jefferson Forest High School Bands

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Dear 2023 JF Marching Band Students & Parents,

PLEASE READ THIS LETTER IN ENTIRETY—THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Here we go again! Time to gear up for another successful competitive marching band season! We are in the early planning stages of what we are certain will be another fantastic season for JFMC!

We will have a mandatory parent meeting on Tuesday, May 9 in conjunction with our regular JF Band Booster General Membership Meeting in the JFHS Auditorium at 7:00 PM—we have a great deal to discuss and it is far preferable to do it in person as opposed to electronically. Please make plans to attend.

There are several documents attached to this letter—JF Band Med Form, 1st draft of the Calendar, VHSL Physical Form, & Rookie Parent Survival Guide. **It is essential that we have & maintain an accurate, up-to-date database of students and parents e-mail addresses & other contact info—we have to be able to communicate & disseminate information to everyone efficiently.** First, each student should sign up on the [JF Marching Band Google Sign-up Form](#). Then fill out & submit all hardcopy forms. Please make sure all information is accurate & legible. The forms may ask for duplicate information—please fill out everything on every form—they will be used for different things by different people. All parents/guardians are asked to fill out this [JF Band Parent/Guardian Volunteer Form](#).

Fees this year are \$600 per student. They are payable in 4 installments of \$150 each, due May 31, June 30, July 31, & August 31. If you need to make alternate arrangements, please contact me at dwebb@bedford.k12.va.us.

Please note that the attached calendar is a 1st Draft—there will definitely be some changes before we get there. **There will be one Saturday practice scheduled during Band Camp (Jul 29, Aug 5, -OR- 12— this will depend on when they schedule football program pictures—I will inform everyone as soon as I know) We WILL NOT practice on *all* of those dates.**

Once school starts, we will have one “off day” each week—please refer to the attached calendar. We will not rehearse on any of the scheduled “off days” **unless** something happens that forces us to re-write our schedule. Please make an effort to schedule appointments on “off days” to minimize rehearsal absences. All rehearsals and performances are mandatory. Please see Mr. Webb if there are individual issues with specific dates. **Consistent rehearsal attendance is vital to our success—this activity, unlike any other, depends on 100% participation of 100% of the membership 100% of the time!**

The emergency medical permission form is a blanket form that gives your child permission to participate in all band activities, including trips (see calendar), & for staff & chaperones to seek appropriate medical attention for your child if the need arises. No one will be permitted to participate in any band activity without a completed emergency medical form. This form needs to be returned by the first day of your band student’s participation in marching band. **In addition to the form, please submit a photocopy of the front AND back of your insurance card, & have all forms turned in by May 19. Also, we will comply with changes in BCPS policy regarding distribution on medication (prescription AND over-the-counter)—more information on that will be distributed in the fall before the first competition trip.**

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BCPS Policy: All participants in Marching Band are required to have a VHSL Physical Form completed by a physician & on file with JFHS before participating in any band-related activities. I've included the current VHSL Physical form here, and it is available in the main office at JFHS and for download from [this link](#). Many pediatricians keep a supply of VHSL Physical forms on hand as well. A VHSL Physical form is valid for all extracurricular activities at JFHS from July 1 through June 30 of the following year, however it must be completed AFTER May 1 of the previous school year. A physical that was valid for marching band or athletic participation during the 2022-23 school year WILL NOT be valid for 2023-24 school year activities, even if it was done in April 2023. Please have all physicals completed & the forms turned in by the first day of the student's participation. We will not be able to allow participation without the completed VHSL Physical form.

One of the things that makes Marching Band such a special & worthwhile activity is the opportunity for parent involvement. We have a large operation, & we cannot begin to succeed without the help of many parent volunteers. Please visit the [Parent Volunteer Google Form](#) where you will find a list of opportunities to get involved & be a part of this great organization. We welcome your participation in any or all of these areas. The more people we have, the less work any individual has to do, & the more fun & fulfilling it becomes for everyone. Please consider volunteering your time & talents.

Regards,

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[JF Marching Band Google Sign Up Form](#)

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Due date for all forms May 19, 2023

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