

Blaze Band Orientation 2014-2015

May 19, 2014



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WELCOME NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS!

- ♪ Brenda Monson, Director
- ♪ Ben Frasier, Assistant Director



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Agenda

- ♪ Philosophy of the Blaze Band
- ♪ Performing Opportunities
- ♪ Band Camp/Summer & Fall Schedule
- ♪ Band Boosters
- ♪ Supporting our Blaze Band
- ♪ Financial Understanding
- ♪ Getting Involved
- ♪ Introduction of Committees & Chairs

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Blackman High School Band

- ♪ Basis of our program is music education and appreciation. Students are exposed to quality band literature, music theory, listening activities, & performing opportunities.
- ♪ Most entertaining football band complete with rock band!
- ♪ The largest student group at BHS – academic & extra-curricular; fostering school spirit and school pride!
- ♪ One of the largest bands in the state of TENNESSEE!
- ♪ Completion of 3 band credits will fulfill the elective focus requirement.

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Performing Ensembles

- ♪ Wind Ensemble*
- ♪ Symphonic Band*
- ♪ Concert Band*
 - ♪ Brass/Woodwinds Class
- ♪ Percussion Ensembles*
- ♪ Blaze Jazz*
- ♪ Football Band
- ♪ Color Guard
- ♪ Rock Band
- ♪ Percussion Elite
- ♪ Chamber Ensembles

*Meets during the school day as a class.

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Participation Options

Option 1

**Band Class and
Football Band**

**Majority of students
pick this option**

Option 2

Band Class Only

**Small number of
students pick this
option**

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Summer Schedule. . .

- ♪ Color Guard Camp (July 21-25) 8am-noon
- ♪ Percussion Camp (July 21-25) 8am-noon
- ♪ Rock Band TBA
- ♪ New Member Camp (July 24-25) 8am-noon
- ♪ Full Band Camp (July 28-Aug 1) 8am-5pm
- ♪ Uniform Fittings (July 22 4-6pm and July 24 noon-2pm)
 - ♪ Football band members must attend one of the uniform fittings.

Camps are CLOSED CAMPUS activities. Students are not allowed to come & go. Plan for meals!

2014-2015 Football Band Calendar

🎵 Weekly Football Band Practice

- 🎵 Guard Practice Mondays 3:45-5:15pm
- 🎵 Percussion Tuesdays 3:45-5:45pm
- 🎵 Full Band on Thursdays 3:45-6:00pm
- 🎵 Rock Band Tuesdays 3:45-5pm

🎵 Football Schedule

- 🎵 We only ride buses to out-of-county games.
- 🎵 Itineraries will be passed out and posted on the website before each away game.

Attendance Policy

♪ Attendance at Rehearsals & Performances

♪ Missed Rehearsal = Missed Performance

♪ Use the official absence form to report absences (must be signed by parent)

♪ Rehearsal excuses are due 1 week in advance

♪ Performance excuses are due 1 month in advance

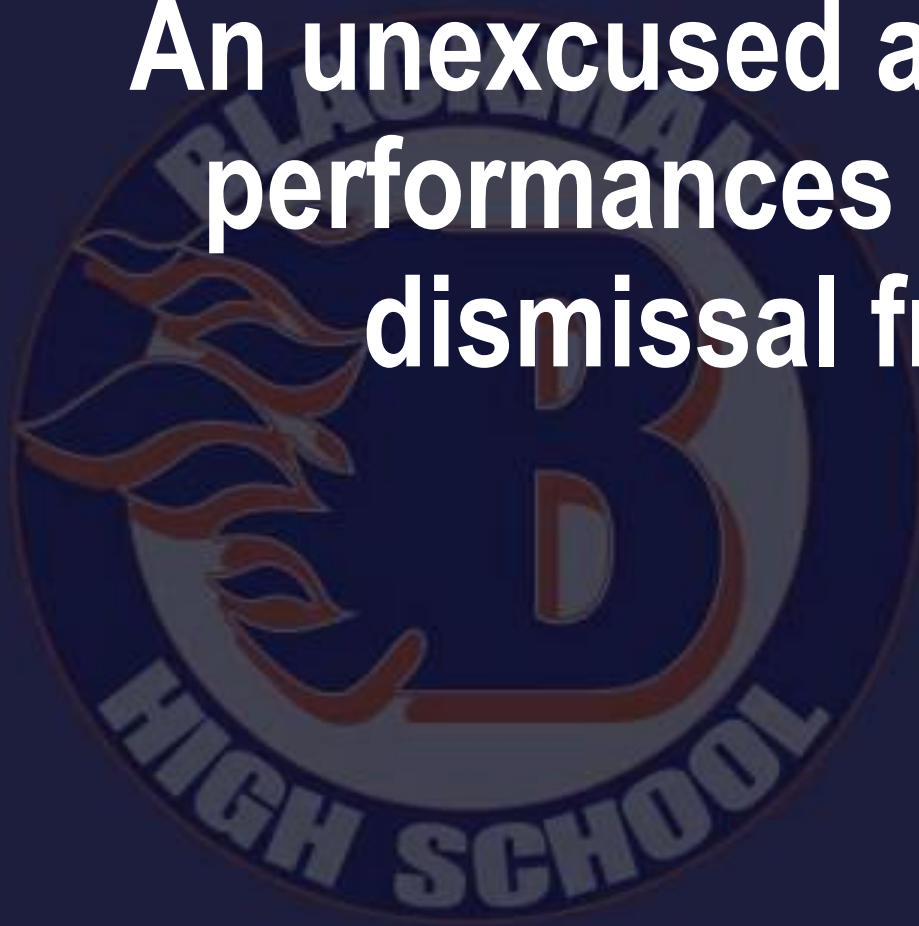
♪ Regularly scheduled appointments (doctor, orthodontist, dentist, hair, oil change, chiropractor, pet grooming, etc.) are not valid excuses.

♪ Plan your family trips and other obligations around your band calendar!

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Attendance Policy

An unexcused absence from a performance may result in dismissal from band.



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2014-2015 Concert Band Calendar

♪ 2 Dress Rehearsals for most concerts.

♪ The Spring Concert has additional dress rehearsals.

♪ Concerts – Fall, PRISM, Winter, Spring

♪ Jazz Band – select concerts, January Concert,
Jazz Fest

*We encourage your involvement in other groups
here at Blackman High School*

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Blaze Band Boosters

♪ Parents & guardians of Blaze Band students

♪ Community members

♪ Alumni

♪ Leadership

♪ Rick and Pamela Mays, Presidents

♪ Greg and Jenny Vick, Vice Presidents

♪ Renae Stanaland, Secretary

♪ Wendy Brown, Treasurer

♪ Bonnie Ervin, Bookkeeper

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Blaze Band Boosters

- ♪ Support the Band!
 - ♪ Meet financial needs
 - ♪ Provide volunteer labor
 - ♪ Promote the program within the community
- ♪ Chartered as an IRS 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization
- ♪ 2014-2015 Operational Budget - \$81,400

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Major Expenses

♪ Football Band \$40,100

- ♪ Show music arrangement - \$3000

- ♪ Marching drill - \$2880

- ♪ Bus transportation - \$1400/out of county game

- ♪ Uniforms - \$400

- ♪ Gatorade for students - ~\$300/football game

- ♪ Other items covered under this budget:

 - ♪ Guard instruction & equipment

 - ♪ Percussion instruction & equipment

 - ♪ Band camp expenses

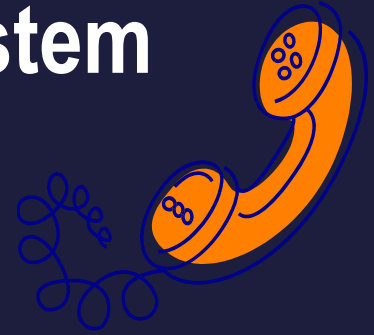
 - ♪ Equipment trailer

♪ Instruments, Equipment & Repair: \$9,500

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Implemented Last year

♪ Automated Voice Messaging System
(One Call Now)



♪ Mugs for Band Camp



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2014~2015 Blaze Band Funding Model

1. Fruit Sale
2. Kroger Cards
3. Blaze Band partners calendars

Each student provides

\$3000

...and actively participates in achieving overall fundraising goals.

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Student Payment Plan

♪ Due Dates

♪ May 23rd - \$100

♪ June 15th - \$100

♪ July 16th - \$100

♪ On-line payment available through website via PayPal

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Calendar

- ♪ We will create a 12 month School/Band Calendar as a fundraiser - starting in August 2014.
- ♪ Each month will feature a band section and an advertisement of a 'Gold Sponsor' from our community. The photos for the calendar will be taken by *Loveless Photography*.
- ♪ All students must have a signed release form to be photographed for the calendar.

Fruit Sale

- ♪ Sale begins around Fall Break and orders will be due after two weeks of selling.
- ♪ There is a November and a December delivery date.
- ♪ All band members are expected to sell.
- ♪ Incentives are offered to students for sales.
- ♪ Rick Mays and Jenny Vick are contact persons
- ♪ **THIS IS OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER!**

Kroger Cards Program

- ♪ Year round opportunity
- ♪ 4% of all funds loaded onto card are donated to the band
- ♪ Use to purchase:
 - ♪ Food
 - ♪ Gift cards
 - ♪ Pharmacy prescriptions
 - ♪ Gasoline
- ♪ Typical annual proceeds of ~\$10,000
- ♪ Cards are \$5 (with \$5 preloaded on the card)
- ♪ Contact: Pamela Mays



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Get Involved – Make a Difference

Operational Committees

- ♪ **Band Camp Care – Open**
- ♪ **Uniforms – Tina Herrington**
- ♪ **Truck & Equipment – Jason Vuerich**
- ♪ **Bus Chaperones – Wendy Brown**
- ♪ **Inside Hospitality – Susan Wathen**
- ♪ **Band Office Assistants – Open**

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Fundraising Committees

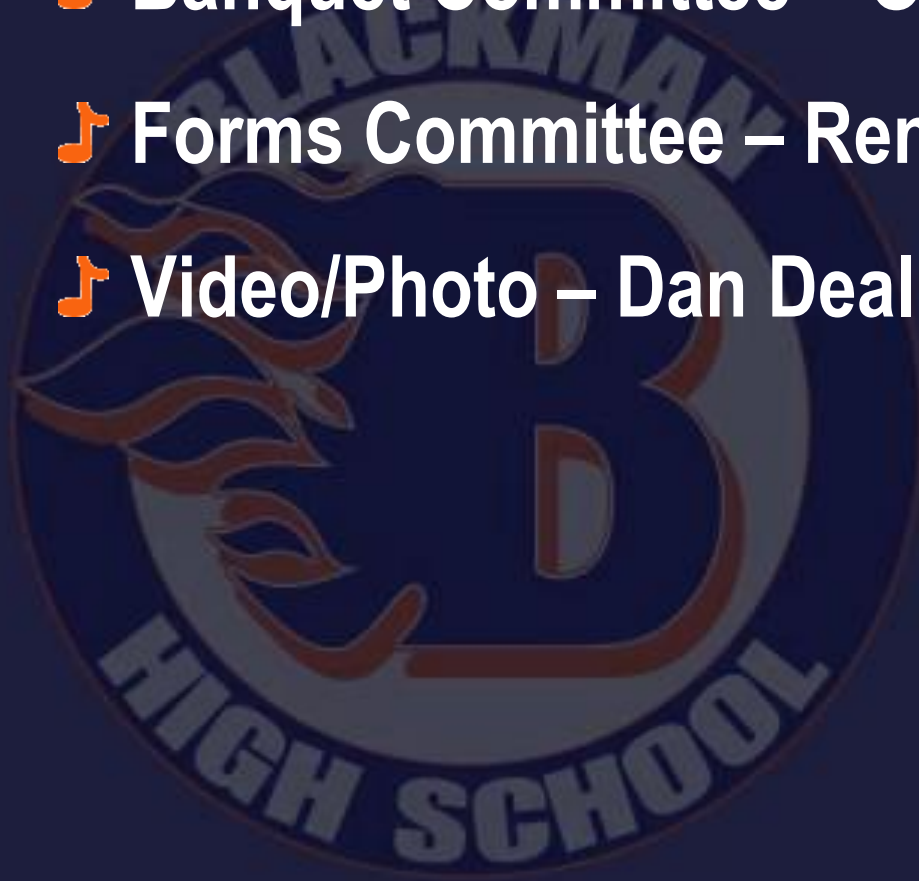
- ♪ **Blaze Band Partners/Calendars – Kathy Puhr**
- ♪ **Fruit Sale – Rick Mays and Jenny Vick**
- ♪ **Kroger Cards Program – Pamela Mays**

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Get Involved – Make a Difference

Additional Opportunities to Serve

- ♪ Banquet Committee – Open**
- ♪ Forms Committee – Renae Stanaland**
- ♪ Video/Photo – Dan Deal**



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Band Camp & Thursday Practice

- ♪ Camp: Set-up, morning practice, lunch, afternoon practice, prepare snacks, break down, towels washed
- ♪ Thursday practice (during football season) - 2 or 3 people to be on hand in case of students needing assistance
- ♪ The hotter the weather, the more people potentially needed

Additional Expenses (Football Band Members)

- ♪ Band Member Marching Shoes ~\$25*
- ♪ Color Guard Shoes ~\$30*
- ♪ Band Member Gloves ~\$3*
- ♪ Color Guard Gloves ~\$15*
- ♪ Music Lyre and Flip-Folder ~\$15

*Will be sold at the uniform fitting in July.
Bring \$\$ to pay at that time.

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Reserve your spot in the Football Band!

♪ To reserve your spot in the drill you must turn in:

♪ ALL FORMS

♪ Copy of your utility bill

♪ \$100

♪ Due on May 23rd

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Support the BLAZE Band!

- ♪ Email & visit the Website: www.blackmanband.com / directors@blackmanband.com
- ♪ ONE-Call
- ♪ Monthly Booster Meetings
- ♪ Students: attend summer activities!
- ♪ Notary available & you may turn in forms before you leave!
- ♪ Instrument check-out

Football Show: Queen

We are looking forward to a GREAT 2014-2015 year!

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