



BISHOP CHATARD HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT SUMMER NEWS 2022

Greetings, BCHS Musicians!

Hey there, CHAMPIONS! I hope your summer has been fun, relaxing and relatively cool, especially in this crazy heat wave!

We still have a few weeks left to the summer break, but I wanted to get you some information in preparation for this coming school year. I imagine that it will be another busy year for BCHS Music, so here we go!

BCHS BAND SUMMER REHEARSALS

Just before school begins, we will be gathering together in music room 115 (band room) on the following dates to distribute materials (folders, sheet music and books, etc...) to rehearse for our upcoming gigs:

Tuesday, August 2nd

6:30-8:30 PM

Wednesday, August 3rd

6:30-8:30 PM

Thursday, August 4th

6:30-8:30 PM

These rehearsals play a key role in helping us to establish our sense of ensemble community and culture, as well as to develop our artistry and repertoire for our many performances. Your attendance at rehearsals is absolutely necessary to our success and momentum! Please make every effort to attend. Email me (mduray@bishopchatard.org) with any questions you may have at your earliest convenience.

FRESHMEN ORIENTATION - TUESDAY, AUGUST 9TH

In addition to several home football games this fall and the Annual Fund Dinner, our very first performance of the year comes up rather quickly. **On Tuesday, August 9th**, we will play for the freshman orientation. Our role is to play pep band music as the freshmen class gathers in the varsity gymnasium. As part of the freshman orientation program, we will also teach them the BCHS fight song. They'll need all the help and encouragement we can supply! The quick itinerary looks like this:

6:30 AM - Arrive at BCHS band room, ready instruments and music and head to gym.

7:00 AM - Begin playing pep band tunes. There are 10 NEW charts!!

8:00 AM - Freshmen Orientation program begins. Get ready to play the fight song.

8:20 AM - Our portion of the program concludes and we can leave. Other class orientations occur throughout the rest of the day.

BY THE WAY...

An entirely brand new set of marching percussion is on the way and should be in soon, maybe even by freshmen orientation. Say a prayer that the supply chain keeps moving!

Hey, INCOMING FRESHMEN and NEW BAND MEMBERS!

Whether you signed up for the Band class, or taking the Zero Period option (two rehearsals a week from 7:00-7:45 AM, and two Seminar rehearsals a week from 11:00-11:35 AM), THANKS FOR STEPPING FORWARD TO JOIN US, AND WELCOME TO BCHS MUSIC!

We are so excited to have you join our band, and the entire community of BCHS musicians! If you haven't already signed up to be in Band, don't worry. Just email or call your BCHS Guidance Counselor TODAY to let her know you're IN and then check this out:

Please email Mr. Duray (mduray@bishopchatard.org) at your earliest convenience to indicate the following:

- 1) the instrument you play
- 2) I am bringing my own instrument (either by rental or ownership).
- 3) I am in need of an instrument.
- 4) For all reed instrument players, please include size of reed you prefer to use.

This will ensure that the proper instructional materials and supplies are available for use once you arrive. We are absolutely committed to your success as an artist and servant-hearted musician as God has designed in you!

***Vox Troiano and Sounds of Silas* AUDITIONS v.2!**

In case you missed them in the spring, we will be holding auditions for Vox Troiano (select mixed chorale) and Sounds of Silas (a cappella chamber choir) on **Thursday, August 18th after school** and on **Friday, August 19th during Seminar**. These auditions are open to anyone grades 10-12. Spread the word to anyone who you know should, or needs to be in our crew!

ANNUAL FUND DINNER - AUGUST 31ST

BCHS Music has been invited once again to open this year's Annual Fund Dinner on Wednesday, August 31st. This is a critically important evening for the BCHS community as the money raised during the evening fund a variety of important activities. The band and all choirs will be on hand. Our job is to simply blow the roof off the gymnasium and get people pumped up to celebrate!

GUITAR CLASS

If you have signed up to take a guitar class either first or second semester, well...that's awesome! The world definitely needs more pickers (and grinners), strummers, and shredders! Please note, it is expected that you bring in your OWN "axe" (guitar), which should be either a full-size or 3/4-size, 6-string acoustic guitar with steel strings (it can be a pluggable/electric acoustic, but NO exclusively electric guitars).

If you already have a 6-string acoustic guitar that you can bring in, great! If you don't, I recommend the following brands: Fender, Yamaha, Ibanez, Epiphone, or Luna. If you're on a budget and need a decent, off-brand of acoustic 6-string guitar, we recommend taking a short(ish) drive to Fountain Square to *Arthur's Music Store* (931 Shelby St. Indy 46203,

www.arthursmusic.com). We get absolutely zero kickback for the recommendation - I've purchased a number of quality, off-brand guitars for classroom use from Arthur's and their people and service, like the guitars and the prices, are terrific!

If you don't have a guitar, and your budget is tight, we have a limited number of guitars available for you to borrow for class. Just let me know you'll be needing a loaner guitar (mduray@bishopchatard.org).

HERE'S JUST A FEW OF OUR UPCOMING DATES

(subject to change)

Freshmen Orientation - August 9th

Varsity Football vs. Arsenal Tech - August 26th

Annual Fund Dinner - August 31st

Football vs. Cathedral - September 9th

Fall Concert - October 6th

IN CLOSING

While COVID-19 and its variants are still a cause for concern and flexibility, I anticipate being able to get off campus a few times this year to our Deanery schools, whether it be for an all-school Mass or other performances. We can't get to them all, but hopefully we can start a trend of traveling to our partner schools every year.

Plans are also in the works for another Deanery music festival, either band or choir, which COVID has prevented the last couple of years. Bottom line, our Deanery musicians need to meet you and see the amazing talents and abilities God has given to you to share!

As always, please continue checking the Weekly Parent Newsletter and the BCHS website for additional information that may be posted concerning BCHS Music information. While summer vacation is here, it goes by super-quickly and the beginning of the new school year will be upon us. Staying informed will prepare us to deliver Truth, beauty and goodness in our music right from the beginning. Godspeed!

Onward,

Mr. Mark Duray
Director of Music
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LET'S ROCK!