



BISHOP CHATARD HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT SUMMER NEWS 2020, vol. 1

Greetings, all BCHS Musicians!

I hope this letter finds you all doing well, especially amidst the trying times of this pandemic. I hope and pray that our concerted efforts to remain safe and healthy bring a semblance of normalcy to our households and community very soon. At any rate, I pray that you will all have a restful and relaxing summer, having endured the stay-at-home order and eLearning!

Now is the time when plans are mostly solidified, and this communication serves as a plan for summer activities in BCHS Music. As of today, the BCHS school campus is closed until the end of June. So while many plans for activities are being considered, please know that all of it remains "up in the air" until the Governor and the Archbishop of Indianapolis deems schools and school activities safe, and we can resume activities on-campus.

Having said all that, here is a very TENTATIVE plan for later this summer:

BCHS BAND and VOX TROIANO MINI-CAMP

The BCHS Music Department will hold a mini-camp for all members of the ***Band*** and ***Vox Troiano*** starting **Monday, July 20th through Friday, July 24th** to begin preparing music for the upcoming performance season (pep band for football games, concerts, all-school Mass, and more!) and performance at the **BCHS Class of 2020 Commencement** ceremony. The itinerary for each day is as follows:

Monday, July 20th

9:00-11:00 AM - ***Band*** rehearsal

1:00-3:00 PM - ***Vox Troiano/Sounds of Silas*** rehearsal

Tuesday, July 21st

9:00-11:00 AM - ***Band*** rehearsal

1:00-3:00 PM - ***Vox Troiano/Sounds of Silas*** rehearsal

Wednesday, July 22nd

9:00-11:00 AM - ***Band*** rehearsal

1:00-3:00 PM - ***Vox Troiano/Sounds of Silas*** rehearsal

Thursday, July 23rd

TBA - ***Band*** and ***Vox Troiano/Sounds of Silas*** report for Class of 2020 Commencement. STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!

Friday, July 24th

9:00-11:00 AM - ***Band*** and ***Vox Troiano/Sounds of Silas*** rehearsal and celebration

In order for us to “hit the ground running” successfully, these rehearsals play a critical 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 key to our success and momentum! Please make every effort to attend.

Knowing the special circumstance of the COVID-19 pandemic, I completely understand if you choose to be absent for reasons of your personal health and safety. Also, if your family plans coincide with our plan for the week, please let me know. While we would miss you terribly, family comes first!

Hey, INCOMING FRESHMEN BAND MEMBERS!

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, WE NEED YOU! Please email or call your BCHS Guidance Counselor TODAY to let her know you're IN! Now, simply proceed to the following:**

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!

BCHS BAND TRACK SUITS

The BCHS MUSIC track suit (by Adidas) will be THE uniform for **ALL Band** members for football and basketball games, and will be worn on select, spirit days as well as various performances off-campus. **ALL Band** members are to supply their own, white athletic/tennis shoes for performances. Please note, the track suit DOES NOT replace the school-supplied, formal wear (tux or gown) the **Band** will use for more, solemn and/or formal performances.

Sizes for each **Band** member will be taken at rehearsals during the mini-camp. If you are absent, an order form will be emailed to you. The cost per set (jacket and pant with exclusive, **BCHS Music** logo) is **\$85.00**. Payment is due to music director, Mr. Duray, either by cash or check (payable to **Bishop Chatard High School**) **by Friday, August 28th**. As always, if payment cannot be made by the deadline, please send Mr. Duray an email to discuss a solution or arrangement for payment to be made. In the meantime, check out these groovy threads:



IN CLOSING

I am staying positive that all will be back to some degree of normalcy by July, and we will all be able to come together and make music! I have missed it so very much, and I am looking ever forward to seeing you all - new and old faces alike! I believe that a measure of patience and flexibility is in order, too, in the event we must craft a “Plan B” of sorts. Keep praying!

For more detailed information about the BCHS Music program, please see the Music Handbook for 2020-2021, which is attached to this communication nearby.

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!

