

BASSETT HIGH SCHOOL

MARCHING BAND



**Band Handbook
2009-2010**

*TO ALL **B**ASSETT BAND MEMBERS:*

WELCOME...

To those of you who are new to the high school band program we look forward to having you participate in one of the most active and exciting activities at **B**assett High School. You need to realize, as we do, that YOU are the future of the band program at **B**assett. We encourage you and your family to become involved. It is an activity that takes a lot of extra effort, but is extremely rewarding.

To our returning members you know what it takes to achieve success as a member of the **B**assett High School Band. We expect you to continue our high achievement and improvement through pride and commitment.

The Bands of Bassett

The Bassett High School Band is made up of students grades nine through twelve. The band program has the following musical organizations:

*Symphonic Band, Fall Concert Band, Spring Concert Band, Marching Band,
Winter Guard, and Indoor Percussion.*

BASSETT HIGH SCHOOL SYMPHONIC BAND

This is an audition group made up of Woodwinds, Brass, and Percussion students. The auditions for this ensemble will take place in the spring of each year for the following spring. The band performs four major concerts per year.

BASSETT HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT BAND

The Concert Band is a group that is made up of all freshman and upper classmen that have not yet reached the symphonic band level. The band performs four major concerts per year and participates in local, state, and national concert festivals.

BASSETT HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

The marching band is made up of woodwinds, brass, percussion, and colorguard. The marching band performs at all home football games and away games if the schedule permits. The marching band is highly competitive in local, regional, and national competitions. The marching band practices after school 3 days a week. If you participate in marching band, you must perform in an ensemble second semester.

BASSETT HIGH SCHOOL WINTERGUARD

Students must audition for the winterguard. There will be a Varsity winterguard and a JV winterguard that will be determined by skill level, not grade level. Auditions will take place in late November each year.

BASSETT HIGH SCHOOL INDOOR PERCUSSION

The indoor drumline is open to all percussion students and musicians in the band. The drumline will compete in Circuit competitions as well as WGI National Events. Auditions will be held in late November each year. Percussionist will be taken first in this group and then we will take other musicians to help fill the ensemble.

GENERAL POLICIES

All school rules and policies apply to band members when those students are with the band. Violations of those policies will be handled as outlined in the High School Student Handbook.

BUS RULES

1. There should be at least 2 adult chaperones per bus.
2. Only band students, school personnel, and chaperones are allowed to ride the bus.
3. Students will return on the same bus they go on.
4. Students may return home with a parent if they have arranged to do so. A note from the parent is required, and needs to be given to his/her chaperone.
5. There will NOT be co-ed seating on the bus after dark on any trip.
6. Students should stay in their seats while the bus is in motion.
7. Loud, boisterous, or indecent behavior will not be tolerated.
8. There is to be no smoking, drugs, alcoholic beverages, or weapons of any kind (this includes pocket knives) on band trips. This is School Board Policy and violators will be turned over to the school administration.
9. No windows or doors (especially back doors) should be opened or closed without the permission of the bus driver. Also, as per school policy, nothing should be thrown out of the windows at any time.
10. Upon arrival at a destination, students are to stay seated until given permission from the director or head chaperone.
11. No CD players without headphones!! This protects your right to listen to your choice of music and protects others' rights not to listen to your type of music.
12. All portable DVD players must have headphones. All movies must be approved by the director prior to departure and must be PG-13 or lower to be viewed as per Henry County Public Schools.
13. Always be courteous!!!!

PROCEDURES FOR UNIFORMS

1. At no time will a student appear in public in partial uniform (unless instructed).
2. No other hats except the band hat are to be worn with the uniform.
3. Never run in uniform unless written in the show.
4. It is your responsibility to take good care of the uniform.
5. You are financially responsible for lost or damaged parts.
6. Jewelry is not to be worn with the uniform.
7. Make-up is not allowed in uniform. (It rubs off on the collar)
8. Shoes are to be kept clean and polished.
9. Long hair is to be put up in the shako.
10. Anyone needing to exchange a uniform part must bring in the old part before a new one can be issued.
11. A plain, black T-shirt should be worn under the uniform jacket.
12. Shorts must be worn under the pants since it is sometimes necessary to change on the buses.

PROCEDURES FOR ALL BALL GAMES

1. Never play your instrument unless instructed by the Director or Drum Majors.
2. You will sit in your section with the band. Non-band members are not allowed to sit with the band.
3. When entering the stands, everyone will remain standing in place at “attention” until seated by the director.
4. Anyone returning tardy from a break will lose his or her break time at future games.
5. No food, drinks, gum, etc. allowed in the stands. This is to keep uniforms and equipment clean.
6. At away games, students should travel in groups of at least 4 or more.
7. No profanity or obscene gesture will be tolerated!! You are a representative of the band, your school, and your community.
8. Any directions given by the Director, Drum Majors or Band Staff are to be strictly followed.
9. Always have your flip folder (pep music, etc.) at every ball game.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT FORM
BHS BAND 2010-2011

Please Attach Copy of Insurance Card

Student's Name _____ Birth Date _____

Address _____

Parent/Guardian Names _____

Home Phone Number _____ Emergency Phone Number _____

Nearest Relative and Phone Number(s) _____

Past Illnesses _____

Date of Last Tetanus _____

Other Immunizations _____

Allergies _____

Routine Medications _____

Current Health Concerns _____

Other Important Medical History _____

Insurance Company _____

Policy # _____ Group # _____

Subscriber _____

Physician (Name, Phone No., Address) _____

In the event that the above named student is injured or taken ill and I am not present or immediately available, I authorize any emergency medical care as the attending physician, emergency medical technician, or other qualified health care provider may deem necessary for the health, welfare and safety of the student.

State of _____

County of _____

The foregoing document was acknowledged before this _____ day of _____, 2010 by _____.

My Commission expires: _____

(SEAL)

Notary Public _____