



Blue Valley West HS Red & Silver Brigade 2022 Marching Band Season Schedule

Pre-Season & Summer Activities

Color Guard Clinics & Auditions: Thursday, April 21 & Thursday, May 5

- 6:00 – 8:00 PM for all students interested in Fall Color Guard, BVW Orchestra Room

Drumline Clinics & Auditions: Thursday, May 5 & Thursday, May 12

- 6:00 – 8:00 PM for all students interested in Drumline, BVW Band Room

Marching Kick-off: Thursday, May 19

- 6:00 – 7:30 PM Band & Guard student welcome and activities, BVW Band Room
- 7:30 – 8:00 PM All Band Parent & Student Meeting, BVW Commons

Leadership Training: Thursday, May 26 & July 27 - 28

- 2022 Leadership Team Members – 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM in the BVW Band Room
- Additional Leadership opportunity: Leadership Team Symposium @ BV North, June 23 & 24, 9AM – 4 PM. See Mr. Love to register.

Summer Visual & Music Conditioning: Thursdays in June & July

- See Band Calendar for specific dates. Tentatively 5/26, 6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21
- Times vary – band room open for conditioning, sectionals, and bead pass-offs
- Flexible attendance** in place for conditioning. Attend when you are in town and / or until you have passed the minimum required conditioning goals

Percussion Camp: July 25 – 29

- All 2022 BVW Marching Percussion Students.
- Morning Block 7 -11 AM / Lunch 11 AM – 12:30 PM / Afternoon Block 12:30 – 4:30 PM

Full Band Camp: August 1 – 5

- Morning Block 7 – 11 AM / Lunch 11 AM – 12:30 PM / Afternoon Block 12:30 – 4:30 PM

Uniform Fittings: Saturday, August 6

- Students scheduled by grade level throughout the day

Full Band Mini-Camps & Parent Preview Picnic: August 9, 11, 13

- August 9 & 11: 5 – 9 PM. August 13 7 AM – 12 PM
- Parent Preview Picnic & Performance begins at 11 AM on Saturday, August 13

Marching Season & Fall Activities

Morning / Class time Rehearsals: Begin Wednesday, August 17

- In the fall, all band & guard members are assigned to 1st Hour Marching Band.
- Rehearsals begin at 7 AM Monday, Wednesday, and select Fridays and continue through the end of 1st block. This schedule is used at all BV District High Schools.
- Morning rehearsals run August – the end of October

Thursday Evening Rehearsals: Begin Thursday, August 18

- 6:00 – 8:30 PM. Rehearsals run from August through October 20

Performance Dates

- Football Games: 9/9, 9/23 (8th Grade Night), 10/7 (Homecoming), 10/21, 10/28 (Playoffs)
- KC Championships @ Blue Springs South: Saturday, September 24
- Blue Valley District Marching Festival: Monday, October 3
- Branson Marching Invitational @Branson, MO: Saturday, October 15
- Kansas Bandmasters Association State Championships: Saturday, October 22
- End of Season Marching & Jazz Concert & Chili Dinner: Thursday, November 3
- The complete band schedule can always be found on our website at <http://www.bvwestband.com/calendar.html>



Blue Valley West HS Red & Silver Brigade Marching Band Frequently Asked Questions

Why marching band? Is marching band required? Does it take a lot of time? Why are there extra rehearsals?

Marching band is part of the high school band curriculum in Blue Valley, and it provides a unique and fun musical and team-building experience which many of our band students consider a highlight of their school year! **ALL** Blue Valley West band members participate in marching band during the first 10 – 11 weeks of the school year.

Band is a co-curricular class meaning some activities occur during the school day and some outside the school day. School music ensembles like band are essentially large group projects with designated times where students and teachers work together outside of class (rehearsals and performances) on the project. Our marching band is expected to be performance ready the first day of school. There is a certain amount of advanced preparation that is necessary to achieve the high-quality performance product our students and community expect and deserve. We do limit our outside-of-class time during the school year relative to other band programs to help students balance band with other academic, athletic, and activity interests and obligations.

Are these activities required? Yes! Band members are expected to attend all camps and rehearsals.

A musical ensemble requires all members to be present to have efficient, productive rehearsals and successful, high-quality performances. For all band events, clear and early communication is essential for finding a solution to any schedule conflicts. Make a habit to compare your school, athletic, and family schedules early and often. We support students taking advantage of the fantastic opportunities available to them at Blue Valley West, and by planning ahead, they can easily manage participating in a range of activities and experiences with band!

What is Summer Conditioning?

As with any other sport or activity, the development of fundamental music and marching skills requires consistent practice. Summer Conditioning Sessions are short, weekly opportunities for students to learn and master specific techniques prior to the start of band camp. Conditioning sessions also include team building activities and games for students to build strong connections with their West Band Family.

Conditioning Sessions have a flexible attendance expectation as we want students and families to enjoy their summer! If you are in town – please attend, if not – enjoy your vacation! All the information students need is also provided in our Marching Band Canvas course for students who may be on extended trips or camps during the summer.

Where is Band Camp? Where do we drop students off?

All rehearsals and camps will be held at Blue Valley West High School. Students should be dropped off and picked-up at the Bus Loop by the Performing Arts Wing Hallway (enter campus via the stoplight at 162nd Street and Antioch.) Students who drive should park in one of the student lots. Rehearsals will take place on the band practice lot, turf field, and in various locations around the building.

What do I need to bring for Marching Band Rehearsals and Camps?

- **Instrument:** School owned instruments will be checked out in May.
- **Music:** All students will have a black binder for music which will be distributed throughout the summer at conditioning sessions. Students can also download and print music (and recordings) from the marching band CANVAS course.
- **Band Pack:** Band members will have a small waist bag where they should keep their pencil, highlighter, valve oil, sunglasses, lip balm, etc.
- **Water:** All students **must** bring a large jug of water labeled with their name each morning to rehearsal
- **Breakfast:** All students need to eat something for breakfast each morning before rehearsal. Ideally be sure to include some form of protein so you have the energy and strength for the morning rehearsal.

What do I wear to marching band rehearsals and camp?

- Marching band is a physical activity, and it is always hot in July / August. Students must dress in a manner that will keep them comfortable, safe, and able to move and play their instrument freely.
- Tennis shoes or marching shoes with socks are **REQUIRED**. Sandals, flip-flops, and other footwear are unacceptable and potentially unsafe.
- Light colored / loose fitting clothing (t-shirt and shorts would be best)
- Hat / Sunscreen / Sunglasses

What about lunch? Students can bring a sack lunch or walk / drive to nearby fast-food restaurants. As noted on the schedule, lunch break is from 11 AM to 12:30 pm each day.