



# Welcome to Blue Valley West Bands Traditions Night

# Tonight is about...

## Band at West!

- \*What is CMB versus Traditional Marching Band, aka "The Spirit of Blue Valley West?"

- \*Required dates/fees/forms

- \*Basic Grading/ Curriculum information

## Game Day procedures

- \*Timeline for the four game days

- \*What students should bring to school on those days

- \*Game Day meals/ transportation

## Concert procedures

- \*Timeline for concert nights

- \*What students should wear

- \*District policy on activity conflicts/grading

# WHO WE ARE

## Assistant Director of Bands

**Spencer Merryfield**

Contact for:

- ❖ Symphonic Band
- ❖ Concert Band
- ❖ CMB
- ❖ Basketball Band
- ❖ Instruments/Repair
- ❖ District/State Auditions

## Director of Bands

**Cheryl Lee**

Contact for:

- ❖ SWE
- ❖ Concert Band
- ❖ Absences
- ❖ Jazz Bands
- ❖ CMB
- ❖ Private Lessons

## Percussion Director

**Johnathon Westcott**

Contact for:

- ❖ All Percussion Gear
- ❖ Jaguar Perc Group
- ❖ Middle School Percussion
- ❖ Perc Private Lessons

## Booster President

**Damien Bowersock**

## Treasurer

**Lisa Pfeiff**

## Director's Assistant

**Kara Bowersock**

## SCRIP Coordinator

**Jill McBee**

## Grocery Coupons

**Stefanie James**

# Band at West: an enriching experience for your student!

## CMB

### **Optional and available to all BVW band students**

- run similar to a varsity sport (attends competitions, required rehearsals outside of school hours, no grade)
- has fee associated with show design, travel
- students can choose to participate any year

## Concert Ensembles

### **Involves EVERY band student at West grades 9-12**

- performs at all pep assemblies and home football games
- only time commitment outside of school hours is the 4 home football games and 6 concerts
- fee for this class is \$65 and covers classroom materials, clinicians and general operating costs

## The "Spirit of BVW!"

### **The official name of our Traditional Marching Band**


- involves ALL BVW students who are enrolled in a concert ensemble.
- learns and performs a traditional "collegiate" style halftime show to meet the Kansas state curriculum for high school band
- the only fee associated with this group is for game day meals, which are optional.
- show is learned during class time

# Competitive Marching Band

New information for this year:

- Senior night is 8/31, first game of the year
  - Banners will be hung up at that game, but students will pick up banners at the November 1st fall band concert
  - Parents are welcome to dress as they choose with their students
  - If you have a volunteer role for that game, you still perform that duty
  - Meet on track when there is 3 minutes left in the 2nd quarter (we will line up alphabetically)
  - Seniors will need to fill out the form (on website) no later than Tuesday, August 28th
- Saturday rehearsals at the DAC are 8/25 and 9/22, both 2pm-10pm. A “Show and Tell” performance will occur at the end of the September rehearsal at approximately 8:30pm. They are open to the public
- The BV District Marching Showcase is not a public event intended for parents - this event is designed to give students a chance to support each other in performance. Please do not plan to attend this performance and have prime seats.
- No football game performance this year

REMINDER: CMB is equivalent to any varsity sport on campus. Missing rehearsals results in missing performances. Missing performances hurts the group as a whole.



# CMB Uniforms

- Students will wear their new uniform shirt in place of their compression shirt.
- This shirt will need to be washed each time it is worn. Care instructions will be given.
- Students/families will be responsible for washing their own uniform through the season. Care instructions will be given.

<i>What to Wash</i>	<i>When to Wash</i>	<i>When to Return it</i>
Bibs, CMB vest (if needed), Guard uniform	After Blue Springs - Sept. 29	Monday morning - Oct. 1
Traditional Jacket	After final game - Oct. 5	Monday morning - Oct. 8
All pieces will be washed <i>by volunteers</i> at end of season	After St Louis - Nov. 1 pick up	Monday evening - Nov. 5

- It's imperative that students properly care for & bring ALL uniform pieces to competitions. We do not have replacements!

# Traditional Marching Band - Spirit of BVW

## Imperative information for 2018

- We rehearse outside during class to learn the half time and pregame shows. Students must have athletic (closed toe) shoes for this since it is out on the parking lot. A water bottle would be a great idea as well! Students should be prepared to go outside every day between now and October 5th. Items can be kept in their band locker!
- All four football game performances are required for all students. Absences are excused for other activities that are affiliated with Blue Valley West (no club sports will be excused). All absences must be cleared with Ms. Lee or Mr. Merryfield or the student gets zero points for that performance. Missing all four football games will be very detrimental to their grade. Our performances are our assessments!
- Students will be provided a snack during the 3rd quarter of the game and water throughout the game. Food allergies are taken into consideration when making snacks. Students are not allowed to eat anything in uniform other than the provided snacks. (no concessions during the game)
- Students stay with the band at all times and do not wander around while in uniform. We never go anywhere alone while in uniform. Students needing to use the restroom will inform a director or drum major and go in pairs.
- At the conclusion of each game, students will take off their uniform in the designated changing area and hang it back up as instructed. Not doing so properly results in loss of points from the game performance grade.
- Pick up after the game is in the PARENT LOOP-not the bus loop. Our trucks and buses have to use this for unloading.

# Traditional Band Uniforms

- Students will wear black compression shirts and shorts under their uniform, long black athletic socks & completely black athletic shoes. Hair should be worn so that it easily tucks completely under the shako (hat)
- Black gloves may be kept in the shako box for use at games. These boxes can break if mistreated. Students will be billed if that happens
- Items other than bibs & jackets should *not* be kept in the uniform bag
- Students who forget uniform gear (shako, gloves, shoes, socks, etc.) will be allowed to borrow from the uniform closet (we have a very limited supply), but must adhere to the following: if borrowed items are not returned immediately after the game, the student ledger will be charged (shoes: \$45, Socks: \$5, Gloves: \$3, Compression shirt: \$25). Students who borrow more than twice (even if they return the items), will lose points off their performance grade
- Traditional uniforms (bibs & jackets) will be washed by volunteers after the final football game on Oct. 5



# GAME DAYS!

## FAQ'S

### Gameday Timeline (for a 7pm kickoff):

**7:45a** - Students arrive @ school with rehearsal clothes, performance gear, flip folder and instrument

**3:00p** - After-school rehearsal \*students do not have time to go home between school and rehearsal!

**4:00p** - Eat, load truck, change into uniform w/ inspection

**5-5:30p** - depart for stadium

**6:30p** - Pregame performance

**7:00p** - Kickoff (beat \_\_\_\_\_!)

**8:00p**- approximate half time performance!

**9-9:30p** - Game ends, load and depart for BVW

**10:00p** - Hang uniform, unload truck

**10:15p** - Student pickup in FRONT CIRCLE DR

### “Which football gameday does CMB perform at?”

- CMB will not perform at a football game this year (come to our competitions and Saturdays).

### “Does my student have to eat your food? What if I have allergies or dietary needs?”

- Students are not required to eat our meals or snacks. ALL students should have a dietary restrictions form on file with the boosters.

### “How will my student get to and from the game?”

- ALL Students must ride the bus with the rest of the band to and from BVW to games.

### “Can my student leave early from a football game?”

- Students are required to stay until the completion of each game day unless a unique circumstance has been communicated ahead of time to the band directors.

### “What does my student need to bring to school on game days?”

- ALL gear needed for uniform (shako in its box, compression gear, black socks, shoes, and gloves)
- Snack or meal (if not eating the meal plan), water, cell phone

### “What happens if my student forgets one of the above items?”

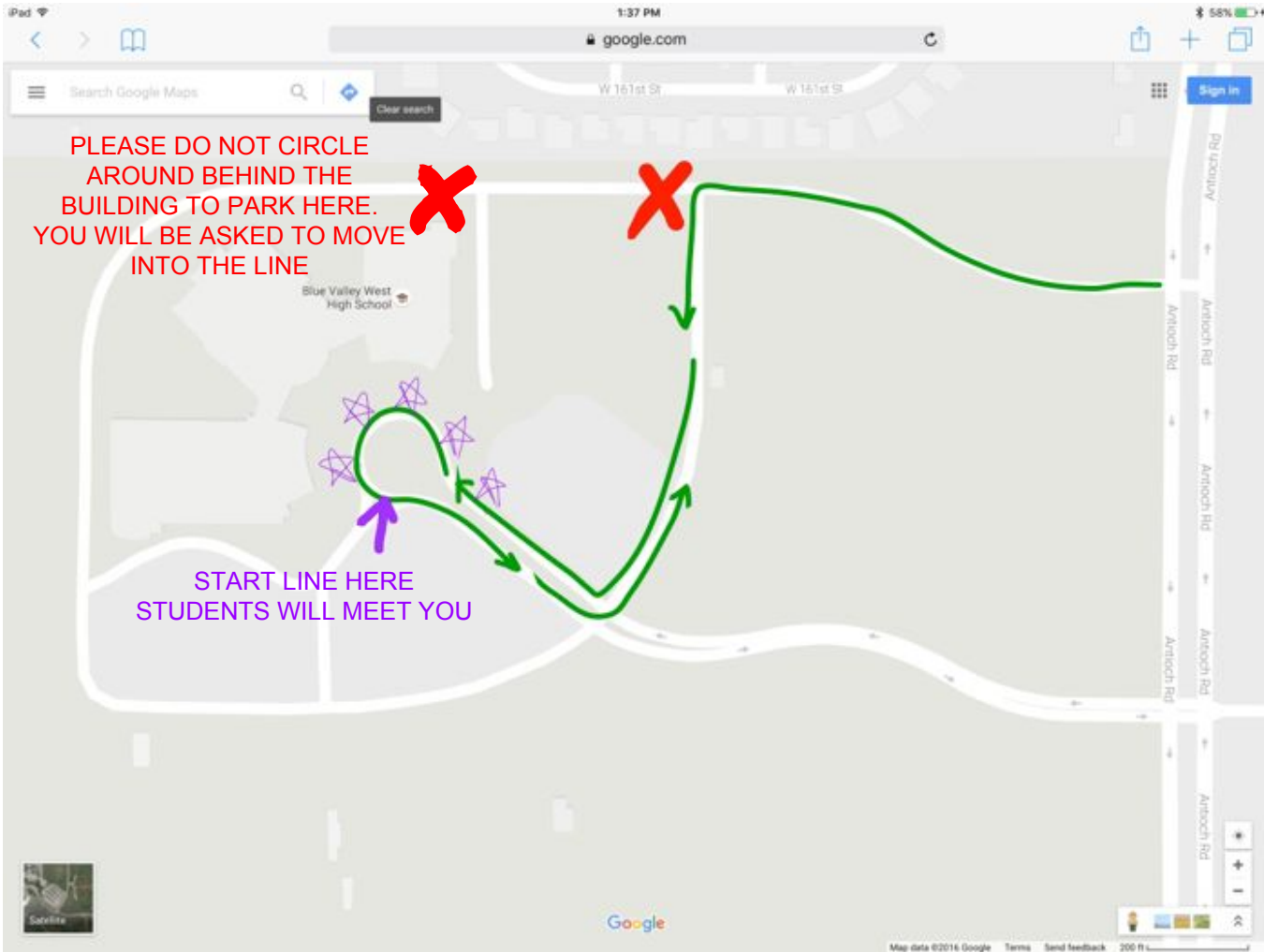
- Our uniform moms have a limited supply of uniform parts to lend out. Any student who borrows and does not return at the end of the night will be charged for the item. Any student who borrows more than twice during the season loses points from their football game performance grade.

### “What if I only want the meal for one or two games?”

- The \$25 covers the four football games. Game day meals are not sold one by one. \*If you did not opt in for the game day meals, your student will not have a meal prepared for them!!

### “Can I just go into games at halftime to watch the show and leave?”

- No, all audience members will pay a full admission ticket to attend a football game.



PLEASE DO NOT CIRCLE  
AROUND BEHIND THE  
BUILDING TO PARK HERE.  
YOU WILL BE ASKED TO MOVE  
INTO THE LINE



START LINE HERE  
STUDENTS WILL MEET YOU

\*\* The pickup line will function exactly the way it does after school. The line will likely extend past the band parking lot. Be aware that students will be trying to exit through the line.

\*\* Pull as far forward as you can in the line. Your student is very capable of walking to your vehicle.

\*\* Carefully exit the line after your student has entered your vehicle. Just pull out of line and follow the traffic flow to exit.

\*\* Please do not try to leapfrog cars in line. Someone will be present to help the line move forward.

# Concert Procedures

## Concert Timeline:

**6:15-6:30pm** - Students arrive at BVW in concert dress

**6:30pm** - warmup (individual or ensemble)

**6:50-6:55pm** - PAC doors open (allows time for concert band to warm up on stage)

**7:00pm** - Concert Begins

**8:30pm** (approx) - concert ends. Students **MUST** help strike stage, put away instrument, and clear band room before departing concert

\*conflicts with another BVW activity may prevent student from arriving on time. In extreme cases, uniforms, etc. may be worn to accommodate the performance. Communication is key!

# Concert Attire

Students are to wear all black to the BVW concerts. This is to emphasize the unity of the group versus individuality. It is also universally considered the most professional color.

**Men:** black slacks, socks and shoes (marching shoes work great!) and a black collared shirt. Shirts should be tucked in and a black belt worn. Ties are not required but should be black if worn.

**Women:** No bare skin above the elbows or knees, black tights should be worn with skirts of any length, cardigans or jackets with sleeveless tops and no low cut blouses.

*Students who do not demonstrate professional attire and conduct will not be allowed to perform at any concert. Your concert grade is dependent on being able to perform appropriately with the ensemble.*

# Music Checkout Procedures

- Students receive a clear plastic folder to keep band music for the entire year. Students will keep these folders at the end of the year.
- For each piece of music received, students will initial and date that they received that piece of paper. This puts the responsibility for keeping music on the student.
- Directors keep checkout sheets for each student that list parts with those student signatures.
- LOST MUSIC incurs a \$10 fee *per piece*. Students are given originals because copying music for performance is technically against copyright law (at certain quantity thresholds).

# Flip Folders & Pep Band Music

- Students will need a flip folder and lyre that holds their halftime show and pep band music. These are available at the following vendors:
  - Amazon.com (be sure to specify your instrument for the lyre!)
  - Any local music store (BAC Horn Dr. and Meyer Music are both close)
  - wwbw.com. OR musicarts.com
  - A limited number are available here at West for \$5.00 (first come, first served)

\*Students are required to have their flip folder at every football game and can use them year after year as well as for basketball pep band.

# Required Dates/Fees and Forms

Applies to ALL BVW Band students  
enrolled in a band class, grades 9-12

## REQUIRED DATES:

### Football Games:

Friday, August 31st  
Friday, September 14th  
Thursday, September 27th  
Friday, October 5th

\*senior night  
\*homecoming

### Concerts:

Thursday, November 1st  
Tuesday, December 11th  
Thursday, January 24th  
Thursday, February 28th  
Thursday, March 21st  
Tuesday, May 7th

Fall Concert  
Winter Concert  
8th Grade Night  
Spring Concert  
West Area Festival  
Final Concert

**CONCERT BAND FEE:** \$65 (sheet music, buses to games/contests, entry to contests, small instruments/supplies, clinicians, etc. not covered by our school budget).

**\*NEW FOR THIS YEAR:** Percussionists will pay a \$25 instrument rental fee that covers their use of all drum/mallet/implements throughout the year.

\*checks are made out to BVWBB (Blue Valley West Band Boosters)

**CONCERT BAND FORMS:** We have a packet of forms the district requires us to keep in order for students to participate in band since it is a co-curricular activity. Kara Bowersock will be emailing/contacting you about these if you have not filled them out already!

# Potential Optional Costs

If you participate in select ensembles or activities throughout the year, you will be required to pay a fee specific to that trip or group. Some examples could be:

- Jazz Ensemble I & II class fee
- All region/All State auditions \*required for SWE
- KSHSAA Solo and Ensemble regional and state contests
- Basketball Band shirt
- Jaguar Percussion Ensemble fee
- BVW Band trip to the Kauffman for a KC Symphony performance
- Winter Guard fee

These are intended as optional enrichment opportunities for your student. We want every member to be able to customize their West Band experience as much as possible; do not feel as though you are required to do any or all of them.



# Financial Statements

- Fixed Payments reflect any “charges”
- Miscellaneous Ledger reflects payments and credits from fundraising
- Credits are “transferred” from Miscellaneous Ledger to Fixed Payment Ledger to offset charges.
- Remaining amounts are reflected in Balance Due

Trip Ledger Balance Credit	\$ 0.00	
Fixed Payments Due	\$ 265.00	
Fundraising Balance Credit	\$ 0.00	negative amount indicates a credit.
Misc Balance Due	\$ 0.00	negative amount indicates a balance due.

Total Balance Due **\$ 265.00**

There are no scheduled trips for this student.

Fixed Payment Detail		Amt Paid	Paid By	Dep. Num
Paid Date	Item			
09/29/2016	Competitive MB Fee 3 of 4 - due August 22 - \$ 250.00 x 1 = 250.00	250.00	txfr	txfr
07/28/2016	Competitive MB Fee 1 of 4 - due May 21 - \$ 240.00 x 1 = 240.00	240.00	txfr	txfr
07/28/2016	Competitive MB Fee 2 of 4 - due July 24 - \$ 250.00 x 1 = 250.00	250.00	txfr	txfr
07/28/2016	Program Participation Fee - \$ 50.00 x 1 = 50.00	50.00	txfr	txfr
07/28/2016	Replacement Shoes - \$ 40.00 x 1 = 40.00	40.00	txfr	txfr
07/28/2016	Show Shirts - \$ 15.00 x 3 = 45.00	45.00	txfr	txfr
	Competitive MB Fee 4 of 4 - due Oct. 3 - \$ 200.00 x 1 = 200.00	0.00		
	KC Symphony and Dinner - \$ 40.00 x 1 = 40.00	0.00		
	Meal Plan - Football Games - \$ 25.00 x 1 = 25.00	0.00		
Total Fixed Payments:		\$ 1,140.00		
Total Fixed Payments Paid:		\$ 875.00		
Total Unpaid Fixed Payments:		\$ 265.00		

There is no fundraising activity for the date range entered.

Miscellaneous Ledger Detail							
Tr Date	Notes	Amt	Run. Bal.	Pd By	Dep. Num	Pd To	Pd From
09/29/2016	Txfr to fps - Competitive MB Fee 3 of 4 - due August 22	-250.00	0.00	txfr	txfr		F
07/28/2016	2nd Fee Payment	842.00	250.00	Check-5296	072916-1	Booster Club	ML
07/28/2016	Txfr to fps - Competitive MB Fee 1 of 4 - due May 21	-240.00	-592.00	txfr	txfr		F
07/28/2016	Txfr to fps - Program Participation Fee	-50.00	-352.00	txfr	txfr		F
07/28/2016	Txfr to fps - Replacement Shoes	-40.00	-302.00	txfr	txfr		F
07/28/2016	Txfr to fps - Show Shirts	-45.00	-262.00	txfr	txfr		F
07/28/2016	Txfr to fps - Competitive MB Fee 2 of 4 - due July 24	-250.00	-217.00	txfr	txfr		F
06/05/2016	Misc Balance Carryforward(2015-2016)	33.00	33.00			2015-2016	
Misc Ledger Credit:		\$ 0.00					
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# Making Payments

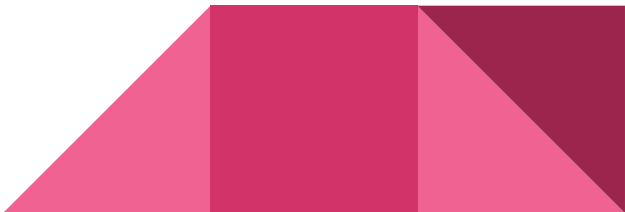
- Checks are made to Blue Valley West Band Boosters or 'BWWBB'
- Checks can be deposited in the tan payment box
  - Adjacent to the water fountain in the band room.
- Payments can also be made using your bank's online bill pay service.

**Blue Valley West Band Boosters** ✕

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	<b>Address 2 (optional)</b>	<input type="text" value="c/o Lisa Pfeiff"/>	✓	
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[Questions?](#) [Cancel](#) **Add payee**





# How Do I Get Involved?

There are a variety of ways we can use your help and get your feedback for our band program.

- Volunteer positions (for a discounted CMB fee) are available for sign-up on our band website, [bvwestband.com](http://bvwestband.com), through September 30th
- Classes are run through CANVAS, meaning students can always see grades and contact teachers
- Attend monthly band booster meetings - every person present has a voice

**MOST IMPORTANTLY:** Come watch your student perform! They may not tell you, but they love having you there to watch. We work them very hard during each quarter to prepare the performances and you won't believe how much they grow from August to May. We perform a variety of music and feature as many students as we can.





What Questions Do You Have?

Use our website:

[bvwestband.com](http://bvwestband.com)

There will be no weekly newsletter on Sundays this year from Ms. Lee. The boosters will still send a newsletter on Mondays throughout the football/CMB season.

If you see an email from Ms. Lee or Mr. Merryfield, (via “charms”), this is an important email and you should open and read it immediately! \*Please do not mark charms as spam!