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GREAT BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL BAND AND COLOR GUARD

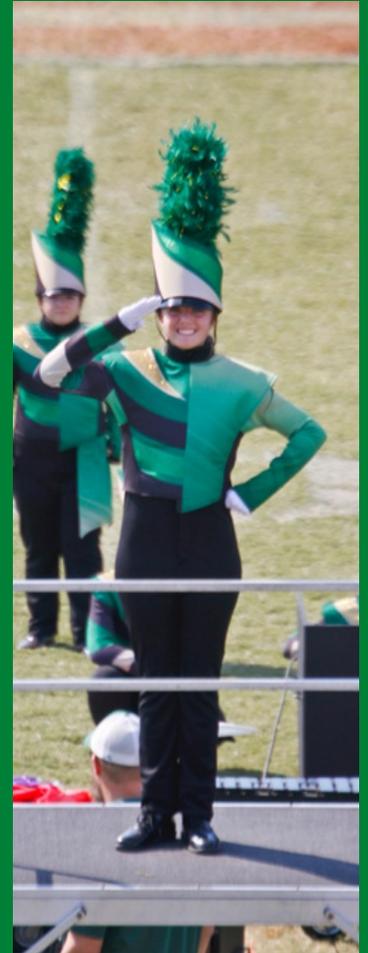
2021-2022 INFORMATION

Welcome Future GBHS Band Members!

The Great Bridge High School Band would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the band program!

We look forward to you becoming part of the Great Bridge HS Band Program and contributing to the tradition of excellence that has made it one of the most recognized band programs in Virginia.

The mission of the Great Bridge High School Band program is to provide students with a first-class musical education. Participation in the performing arts fosters self-discipline, confidence, creative thinking and self-expression as well as an understanding and appreciation of music. The Band Program at GBHS provides a structured environment that assists students in their transition to high school.



High school band enables students to build strong character and provides them positive reassurance during an often turbulent period of growth.

The Great Bridge High School Band Program is proud of the long tradition of success that the band and its students have established both musically and academically. In addition to the numerous awards received each year for musical performance, band students also consistently receive high academic honors. Students routinely earn some of the highest GPAs in the school, are inducted into the National Honor Society and other honor societies, and are awarded many other scholarships and awards. An analysis of ten years of SAT data by the College Board has revealed that students who took four years of arts courses in high school scored the highest on both the math and verbal portions of the SAT, and of these high-scoring students, those who studied music all four years received the highest SAT scores in math and the second highest in verbal/critical reasoning.



If you have any questions regarding the Great Bridge High School Band Program or Great Bridge High School Band registration, please do not hesitate to contact Drew Ross at drew.ross@cpschools.com. Additional information about the GBHS Band can be found on the band website: www.gbhsband.org



Please note that marching band camp activities are estimated to start August 9th for drum line and color guard, and August 16th for the entire marching band.

The COVID-19 Pandemic will possibly impact these dates as Chesapeake Public Schools defines the 2021-22 calendar.

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BAND

To join band, all you have to do is register for a band class during your course registration. All rising freshmen will be placed in a Ninth Grade band class which will be divided by instrument (brass, woodwinds, percussion).

Rising 10th - 12th graders will sign up for a band class using Student Vue. Students who wish to audition for the Wind Ensemble will receive that information during the second semester.

Non band students who wish to join the Color Guard do not have to be enrolled in a band class to participate. Information about joining Color Guard will be sent out at a later date.

NOTE: There is not a participation fee for band classes that meet during the day, but students will need to purchase concert attire. Instrument check out (larger instruments) information will be sent out as we get closer to the start of the next school year.

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EXTRACURRICULAR ENSEMBLES

When you join band class, there are a variety of additional groups you can join. Jazz Band starts at the conclusion of the marching band season. The Drum Line is part of the Marching Wildcats. Indoor Guard is open to any student in the fall color guard, band program, or anywhere else in the school! No experience is necessary!

GREAT BRIDGE MARCHING WILDCATS

WHO WE ARE



The Marching Wildcats are one of the most visible and spirited groups at Great Bridge High School. The band is composed of students CURRENTLY enrolled in band class. Our color guard members are from band and many other programs outside of band at GBHS. The Marching Wildcats perform at home and away football games, pep rallies, parades. On some weekends, the Marching Wildcats travel to marching band competitions that are local and regional.

WHY JOIN?

Members of the GBMW are some of the most spirited students at Great Bridge High School. Students feel a sense of family when they join the group. Incoming freshmen can expect to have 100 friends walking the hallways on the first day of school. Trips, competitions, and sporting events are a great way to show your spirit and develop lifelong friendships.



FAMILY

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WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE?

At the time of this material's creation, we do not have a solidified start to the 2021-22 school year.

In a typical season, the guard and drumline practice once a week in July from 6:30 - 8:30 PM for students not on vacation.

Drumline and Guard camp starts August 9th and the full marching band starts August 16th.

The full performance calendar is available on the Band.US app, gbhsband.org, and at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/gbhsbandcalendar>



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EVENTS

WHAT DOES IT COST?

the 2021-22 Band Fees are still pending an official announcement for the return to school. The 2019-2020 fees and due dates are below to give you an idea.

Returning Members - \$525

New Members - \$550

ALL Color Guard - \$550

\$100 June 1st 2019

\$200 July 1st 2019

\$ Balance Due - August 18th 2019
(old date)

AGAIN - the amounts above are from last year - no fees are due (and the amounts might look very different once we know!)



FEES

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FEE DATES

Due to the COVID-19 state mandates, we do not have an official "due" date for marching band fees. Once we know what our season will look like, we will share that information. For now, completing the GBMW Interest form is the only thing we need.

We will make every effort to keep any incidental charges nominal

The GBBPA covers approximately 20% of our operating budget during the summer months (show design, transportation fees, equipment and uniform purchases, etc.)



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HOW DO I JOIN?

DETAILS

Students should fill out the Marching Wildcats interest form for now. Finances will be announced and explained in detail once we know what our season will look like. That being said, If you have any financial circumstances that might delay any band payments - don't worry. We understand and will do everything we can to make sure your child is able to march! Here is a link to the interest form:

<https://forms.gle/jBFtMZnG99BkKACp7>

MAILING ADDRESS

GBHS Marching Wildcats Application
ATTN: Drew Ross
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Chesapeake, VA 23322



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JOIN US!

SOCIAL MEDIA

We have a very active social media presence! Follow us on Twitter and Instagram at greatbridgeband. Join the "Marching Wildcats (official)" Facebook page. We also use a program called Charms and a communication app called Band for the band and drum line - more info on that will come shortly!

BAND.US Join Code -
<https://band.us/n/a8a447jakdabd>



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FOLLOW

REMININD CODES

We have two Remind groups for the season - to join text:

@gbmwfam21 to 81010
(band parents)

@gbmw2021 to 81010
(band students and parents)

The parent remind is more parent-y info like estimated arrival times, reminders, etc. The student one is more focused on rehearsal details and updates

Even though we have not set official dates for joining, feel free to join these Remind groups!



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