

2021 RHS Marching Band Registration Packet

Thank you for your interest in joining the tradition of the RHS Marching Band! Please read through this packet carefully, as it will provide you with a variety of information about the marching band program/season, along with important dates from now until the end of the season. Please let Mr. Luckenbill know if you have any questions (jluckenbill@ridgewood.k12.nj.us) and we look forward to you joining the RHSMB family!

*******ONLINE REGISTRATION:** ALL Members must **FIRST** complete the online registration form. Go to the *Marching Band* page on rhsbands.org (also linked on home page) and complete the form ONLINE. Link was also sent via email.
DEADLINE for the Online Registration Form is: **Tuesday, May 11*******

Registration Packet Checklist

- ☐ Online Registration Form by May 11 (info above)
- ☐ Payment Voucher #1 due at May 18 Rehearsal (p. 2)
 - Make payable to **RHS Band Association, Inc.**

School Physical Forms – To be completed separately (specific info will be shared on May 12):

- ☐ RHS School Athletic Physical, completed by a parent and physician (**required**)
- ☐ Cardiac pamphlet sign-off (**required – included with Physical Forms**)

*** PLEASE RETURN TO RHS NURSE ASAP ***

Registration Questions???

Contact:
Mrs. Mari Tagliabue
RHSMB Registration Chair
(201) 693-1632
mari3@me.com

There is a **MANDATORY MEETING** for all marching band members and at least one parent on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 12** beginning at 7:00 PM via ZOOM. Link will be shared via email.

NEW materials, schedules & COVID protocols will be distributed/discussed at the meeting.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Marching Band FEE is \$695** and is divided into 2 payments. See **below** for a breakdown of both payments.
 - Payment #1 is due at the first rehearsal on **May 18** – check made out to *RHS Band Association*.
 - Payment #2 amount/due date is **TBD**, since attending Timberlake Camp is still TBD, as of this packet.
 - *** Info will be shared concerning Payment #2 as soon as it becomes available. ***

Payment #1 (\$350) helps supplement:

(Due at **May 18 Rehearsal #1**)

Provided Meals and Snacks for Season
Band Camp Staff & Nurse
Drill Writing
Music Arranging (Winds & Percussion)
Color Guard Choreography
Show T-Shirt
Show Props & Supplies
Picnic & Preview Performance Supplies
End-of-the-Year Dinner Banquet (Tides Restaurant)

Musicians: Uniform Dry Cleaning

Color Guard: \$50 towards Costume Fee - Total Fee **TBD**

Payment #2 (\$345) Includes:

(Due **TBD**)

Band Camp Fee – (Timber Lake Camp)



Ridgewood HS Marching Band

2021 Payment Vouchers

No student has ever been denied participation in the RHS Marching Band due to financial circumstances.

If your child requires alternate payment arrangements or financial assistance, please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Luckenbill. We're happy to work with you individually to help set-up a comfortable payment option. Requests in prior years have included: monthly payments, bi-weekly payments, and varied scholarships considered on a case-by-case basis. **Please make requests by May 18** – all requests will remain confidential.

SIBLINGS: If you have more than 1 child currently in the band, please contact Mr. Luckenbill about our sibling discount.

*** Don't forget that there are flexible payment options! Please read the box above ***

Payment / Refund / Cancellation Information: Since music, materials, props, costumes, flags, & drill are custom designed, written, built, sewn, and purchased prior to **June 30, NO MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED AFTER THAT DATE.** If a student chooses not to participate after the registration has been received, Mr. Luckenbill must be notified IMMEDIATELY.

| PAYMENT VOUCHER #2 | |
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| DUE _____ (TBD) | |
| Payment #2/Camp Fee | \$ 345.00 |
| Minus Fundraising Credit: | - \$ _____ |
| Amount of Check Enclosed: | \$ _____ |
| Name on Check: _____ Check Number: _____ | |
| MAKE PAYABLE TO: TBD | |
| SEND TO: Mrs. Mari Tagliabue 129 Woodland Ave. Ridgewood, NJ 07450 | |

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Current RHS students may use their fundraising credits on Payment #2. Credits are listed on the band website according to student ID number. Go to **www.rhsbands.org**, click on the "Fundraising" menu, then "Fundraising Credits".

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| PAYMENT VOUCHER #1 | |
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| DUE May 18, 2021 (Rehearsal #1) | |
| Payment #1 (Season Fees) | \$ 350.00 |
| Amount of Check Enclosed: | \$ _____ |
| Name on Check: _____ Check Number: _____ | |
| MAKE PAYABLE TO: RHS BAND ASSOCIATION, INC. | |
| BRING TO: REHEARSAL #1 | |
| OR SEND TO: Mrs. Mari Tagliabue 129 Woodland Ave. Ridgewood, NJ 07450 | |

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*** **ONLINE CREDIT CARD PAYMENT** is available by going to **store.rhsbands.org** ***
An extra credit card fee will be applied.

ATTENDANCE / BEHAVIOR POLICY

RHS Marching Band 2021 Season

✱Attendance AGREEMENT is part of the Online Registration Process. Please read THIS POLICY before checking the box on the online registration form. ✱

The success of the Ridgewood High School Marching Band is dependent upon the dedication, attendance, and appropriate behavior of all members of the group. Absences and tardiness from rehearsals have a significant effect on the band's ability to move ahead, as do negative or inappropriate behaviors. This policy is aimed at providing a positive working and learning environment for all students in order to attain the highest level of achievement and performance. All rehearsals, performances, and activities listed in the calendar are **MANDATORY**, unless otherwise noted, and the following guidelines apply:

Expectations

- All students are required to attend **ALL** practices, sectionals, games, competitions, events and activities as listed on the Marching Band Calendar. When joining the Marching Band, you accept the rehearsal/performance calendar as your personal responsibility. Realize that successful performances can only be achieved through effective rehearsals. Absences from rehearsals have a significant effect on the band's ability to move ahead. Since we must perform as a complete group, it is therefore imperative that we rehearse as one.
- After school rehearsals are held from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM, **unless otherwise specified**. Please consult the calendar for exact times and locations of each rehearsal.
- Saturday rehearsal locations and times are specified in the Marching Band Calendar. Times may change depending on the performance time of our competition each week. Notification will come as soon as the director is aware of the change of rehearsal time.
- Percussion sectionals are included in the Marching Band Calendar due to field reservation considerations. All other sections will arrange their sectional for a time agreeable to all members of that section. Color guard sectionals will be announced by the staff as needed.
- It is expected that students will behave in a manner which is respectful to other students, staff, and chaperones. All school rules and expectations remain in place during all rehearsals, performances, and events.

Preparation

- You are required to be prepared for each rehearsal so that rehearsals may begin on time. That means that you are at the field with your instrument, music, pencil, coordinate sheets, drill binder, and other necessary materials **ready to start** at the specified time.
- You are required to wear the proper attire for all rehearsals. This includes athletic shoes/sneakers, socks and comfortable clothing that allow you to march. No sandals/flip-flops or excessively baggy clothing.

Absences

- You have regularly scheduled rehearsals and performances which have been given to you long in advance. Do not schedule college visits, medical or dental appointments, academic tutoring, private music instruction, or any other activity during these specified times.
- **If you miss a rehearsal for any reason, whether excused or unexcused, the staff reserves the right to prohibit you from marching in the next performance, if they feel that you are not adequately prepared.**
 - Several missed rehearsals may result in your expulsion from the group.
- Excused absences from rehearsal are limited to the following:
 - Personal illness which confines you at home (excused absence from school).
 - Personal illness which causes you to be sent home by the school nurse.
 - Death in the family.
 - Religious holiday (please notify the Band Director in advance).
- Extenuating circumstances will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Unexcused absences include reasons not listed above. If you are present for a full day of school and you do not attend rehearsal or if you leave school without clearance from the school nurse, your absence will be considered unexcused. Absences due to illness must be followed up with a note from home confirming the validity of the absence.

- **Unexcused absences will result in disciplinary action:**

- 1ST offense: Student conference with Band Director.
- 2ND offense: Parents are contacted.
- 3RD offense: Suspension from one performance.
- 4TH offense: Expulsion from the group.

Tardiness

- Unexcused and excessive tardiness to rehearsal will not be tolerated.
- If you have a ninth period assignment, you must bring your instrument/equipment to ninth period, then come quickly to rehearsal **with a pass from the supervising teacher**.
- If you are serving a 3:15 detention, you must also report to rehearsal immediately afterwards with a pass from the supervising teacher. Since these detentions end at 4:05, your tardiness will be considered unexcused.
- Unexcused tardiness will result in disciplinary action.
 - 1ST offense: Student conference with Band Director
 - 2ND offense: Phone call to parent
 - 3RD offense: Suspension from one performance
- Subsequent offenses may lead to expulsion from the group.

Appeals

- Students wishing to appeal decisions regarding attendance must contact the Director to arrange for a conference to include the Director, student, parent, and additional staff as necessary.

Flexibility

- If you believe that a conflict which may cause you to either miss or be late to a rehearsal is unavoidable, see the Director as far in advance as possible. Options can often be worked out with other teachers, coaches, etc. that will make it unnecessary to miss marching band rehearsal. (e.g. Driver Ed meetings...with advance notice are always flexible for athletes and band members.)

Communication

- Communication of absences must be done directly through the Band Director! For example, you cannot tell someone else to tell the Director that you will be absent. Even if the reason is legitimate, this will be considered an unexcused absence.
- All absence requests due to extenuating circumstances must be provided in writing (email) from a parent, with at least one-week advance notice.
- If you are sick at home, you must call, email or GroupSpot message the Director that you will not be present at rehearsal. All communication must be made at least two hours prior to the scheduled rehearsal time.
- In the event that you are sent home prior to the end of the school day by the school nurse, you must call or email Mr. Luckenbill immediately.
- Remember that absences due to illness must be followed up with a note from home confirming the validity of the absence.

Mr. Luckenbill: (201) 670-2800 ext. 20744 or jluckenbill@ridgewood.k12.nj.us

Field Trips (Games and Competitions)

- All band members are required to travel to and from all events on buses, under the supervision of the RHS Marching Band Staff, since the school is responsible for the safety and well-being of the students. While at events, the students must also remain under the direct supervision of the staff.
- Any special requests for late arrival to an event or early departure from an event must be done in writing **at least one week in advance**, accompanied by the appropriate paperwork. *Contact Mr. Luckenbill to obtain the correct forms.*

2021 RHS Marching Band Spring/Summer TENTATIVE Calendar

Spring and summer rehearsals/performances are listed below. Any additional percussion and color guard rehearsals will be communicated to students in those sections. All rehearsals will take place at the RHS Band Room unless otherwise noted (virtually).

Please note: EVERYONE is expected to attend the dates listed below (including rookie members).

April

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| Monday, April 19 | 4:00-5:00 PM | Color Guard Interest Meeting (Meet @ RHS Band Room) (More dates will be shared during this meeting) |
| Tuesday, April 20 | 4:00-5:00 PM | Percussion Interest Meeting (RHS Band Room - 150) (More dates will be shared during this meeting) |
| Thursday, April 22 | 7:00-7:30 PM | 2021 Show Announcement (Virtual) (Everyone's welcome to come find out what the 2021 Show will be!!! Listen to the music & hear about our plans!) |
| Thursday, April 29 | 7:00-8:00 PM | Open House for All Prospective Members (Virtual) (Presentation by Mr. Luckenbill - Find out more info about the RHSMB, get your questions answered and meet some staff/students involved with the RHSMB) |

May

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| Tuesday, May 11 | ----- | REGISTRATION DUE (Online Form ONLY) |
| Wednesday, May 12 | 7:00-8:30 PM | 2021 Kick-Off & Organizational Meeting *MANDATORY for student <u>and</u> a parent (VIRTUAL)* |
| Tuesday, May 18 | 4:00-6:00 PM | Full Band Spring Rehearsal #1 (In-Person @ RHS) Payment #1 DUE (Voucher #1 on page 2) ***COVID Protocols and how these rehearsals will run will be presented during the Organizational Meeting*** |
| Tuesday, May 25 | 4:00-6:00 PM | Full Band Spring Rehearsal #2 (In-Person @ RHS) |

June

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| Tuesday, June 1 | 4:00-6:00 PM | Full Band Spring Rehearsal #3 (In-Person @ RHS) |
| Tuesday, June 29 | 6:00-8:00 PM | July 4 Parade Rehearsal #1 (Tentative) |

July

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| Thursday, July 1 | 6:00-8:00 PM | July 4 Parade Rehearsal #2 (Tentative) |
| Monday, July 5 | 9:00-11:00 AM | July 4 th Parade (Tentative) Our portion of the parade ends by 11AM! |

Band Camp TENTATIVE Schedule

Band Camp @ RHS

Exact Daily Schedule will be released over the summer*

Monday, August 16: LEADERSHIP TEAM ONLY

Tuesday, August 17 – Friday, August 20: ALL Members

Band Camp @ TLC (Timber Lake Camp)

Sunday, August 22 – Friday, August 27

Depart from RHS Parking Lot at 10:30 AM (Aug. 22) / Return to RHS Parking Lot by 3PM (Aug. 27)

*** Going to TLC is still TENTATIVE. A final decision will be made and communicated ASAP. More information will be discussed at the May 12 Organizational Meeting. ***

2021 RHS Marching Band FALL TENTATIVE Calendar

This page contains the **TENTATIVE** Marching Band Calendar for the 2021 Fall Season. Students are required to attend ALL rehearsals, performances and activities. Any conflicts for the season should be communicated to Mr. Luckenbill ASAP in order to plan accordingly.

*** An EXACT, FULL SEASON, DAILY calendar will be distributed at the Organizational Meeting or as soon as it's available ***

Weekly Rehearsal Schedule

Monday: 3:30-6:00 PM

Tuesday: 3:30-6:00 PM (**Percussion Only Sectional**)

Wednesday: 3:30-6:00 PM

Friday: 3:30-6:00 PM

Saturday: Rehearsal Time depends on Competition Performance Time (9am-4pm, if no competition)

*** Saturdays** are an important day for the RHSMB, between rehearsals and competitions. **Please block out the ENTIRE day, every Saturday during the marching band season, as we don't know the times of our competitions until a few weeks before.** More information will be communicated at the May 12 meeting. *****

Rehearsals take place at two locations: (1) Kenilworth Field is located across from Somerville School on South Pleasant Ave (2) The RHS Main Football field is the main turf field at RHS.

In the event of inclement weather, rehearsal will be held in an indoor facility (band room/campus center), which will be announced that day by email, Google Classroom and Groupspot message. **We will ALWAYS have rehearsal!**

2021 RHSMB TENTATIVE Performance Schedule

Friday, September 10: Home Football Game vs Montclair HS

Saturday, September 18: Band Association Preview Performance & Family Picnic (4:30-7:30 PM)

Saturday, September 25: USBands Competition @ Northern Valley Old Tappan HS

Friday, October 1: Home Football Game vs. Union City HS

Saturday, October 2: USBands Competition @ MetLife Stadium (Yamaha Cup)

Friday, October 8: Home Football Game vs. Paramus HS (7/8 Grade Band Day)

Saturday, October 9: NJMBDA Competition @ West Orange HS

Friday, October 22: Home Football Game vs. Ramapo HS (Senior Night)

Saturday, October 23: USBands Competition @ Fair Lawn HS

Saturday, October 30: USBands Competition @ Union HS (NJ State Championships)

Saturday, November 6: Competition @ J. Birney Crum Stadium in Allentown, PA (National Championships)

*** Please note that National Championships (Nov. 6) is over Teacher's Convention Weekend ***

IMPORTANT – REGARDING FOOTBALL GAMES: The RHS Marching Band performs at all home football games during the regular season **and playoffs**. Tentative playoff games will be noted on the full calendar distributed at the Organizational Meeting.

*** ANY CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE WILL BE MADE WITH AS MUCH ADVANCE NOTICE AS POSSIBLE!!! ***

*** PLEASE DO NOT SCHEDULE ANY APPOINTMENTS OR COLLEGE VISITS, ETC. THAT WILL CONFLICT WITH REHEARSALS OR PERFORMANCES!!! YOU HAVE MADE A COMMITMENT TO THE RHS MARCHING BAND, AND HAVE THEREFORE AGREED TO ADHERE TO THIS CALENDAR. ***

