

# RHS Band Program Information - 2019 – 2020

## Curricular Ensembles

- **Symphonic Band** - Meets in two equal sections (Periods 4 and 6). Focus on developing skills in rhythm, pitch, balance; use of method books, exercises, and appropriate concert selections (Level 2.5 to 3).
- **Concert Band** - Meets in two equal sections (Periods 2 and 8). Emphasis on developing technical ability, characteristic tonality, and knowledge of phrasing. Concert selections are of an intermediate level (3 to 4.5).
- **Wind Ensemble** (period 3) - Emphasis on developing musical maturity appropriate to college and professional music literature (Level 5 & 6). Students are encouraged to audition for Maroon & White Recitals and County/Regional Bands. Members may audition for Chamber Orchestra.

## Curricular Expectations

- **Attendance** - For curricular ensembles, the RHS attendance policy is followed. For attendance at concerts and dress rehearsals, the RHS Music Department Concert Attendance Policy is followed. Co-curricular groups each have written policies that are distributed prior to each season.
- **Assignments** - Daily practice assignments are given during each rehearsal (a.k.a. HOMEWORK.) Students receive a number of playing assessments & written assignments during each quarter. Students are expected to practice daily in preparation for class. Most assignments will be submitted via Google Classroom. Practice rooms located adjacent to the Music Office are available for use during & after school. Parents are asked to facilitate their child's daily music assignment.
- **Assessment/Grades** - Letter grades are assigned based upon total points earned in the areas of student achievement, participation and preparation. Participation/Preparation/Classwork – 50 pts./week; Performance Assessments (Playing assignments, spot checks, scale and music literature quizzes, dress rehearsals, etc.) – 50-100 pts. each; Written assignments, projects – 50 pts. each; Concerts 200 pts. each.
- **Lessons** - RHS does not have an organized lesson program. It is highly recommended that all students participate in private lesson study. Students may request extra help during free periods. There are lessons available for every time schedule and budget from local teachers, music studios, or the Ridgewood Community School ENCORE lesson program. To help find the right match for your child, please contact Mr. Haas or Mr. Luckenbill for an extensive list of teachers.
- **Performance Attire** - Each ensemble has its own dress code - NO EXCEPTIONS. For formal events (Winter/Spring Concerts) Symphonic and Concert Bands are as follows: men - black dress pants, white long sleeve dress shirt, black long tie, black socks, black shoes; women - black floor length dress or black floor length skirt or black dress slacks, black long sleeve or 1/4 sleeve blouse, black stockings, black shoes. Wind Ensemble: men - black suit, white long sleeve dress shirt, black long tie, black socks, black shoes; women - black floor length dress or black long sleeve blouse and black dress slacks, black stockings, black shoes. For less formal concerts (Tunes in June, Memorial Day, Celebration of the Arts, California trip, etc.) all bands wear the "RHS Bands" polo along with black dress slacks, black socks, and black dress shoes. Attire for co-curricular ensembles will be specified at the first rehearsal.
- **Fund Raising** - All members/families are expected to participate in our three main fund raising activities as organized by the RHS Band Association, Inc. These include Performance Journal Ad Sales, the Poinsettia Sale, and the Citrus Sale.

## Co-curricular Ensembles and Related Groups

- **Marching Band** - Largest student activity at RHS with nearly 100 concurrently active members. Students develop aspects of leadership, discipline, and musicianship in a large group setting. Performs at home football games and several contests.
- **Jazz Ensembles** - Membership by auditions in October (Rhythm) & November (Winds.) The Big Band, our top jazz group, and the Jazz Lab, for less experienced musicians, both rehearse on Tuesday evenings. Both groups have several performances throughout the spring, including a competition or festival and the annual "Jazz in the Wood" dinner-concert.
- **Percussion Ensemble** - Membership by audition in November. Open to percussionists and non-percussionists. Rehearses on Tuesday evenings with performances in the spring, including performances off campus.
- **Chamber Ensembles** - Membership based upon student interest. Performances at Downtown for the Holidays, Small Ensemble Concert, Celebration of the Arts and by request. Clarinet Ensemble, Saxophone Ensembles, Flute Ensemble and Brass Ensembles are already planned for this year. Additional ensembles may be started based upon student interest. All ensembles are professionally coached.
- **Winter Color Guard** - Membership by audition in mid November. Rehearses on Monday and Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. A detailed rehearsal/competition schedule will be distributed at the organizational meeting in October. Several performances at local and regional competitions.
- **Pit Orchestra** - Membership by auditions in November and December. Rehearses weekly and more frequently prior to musical production weekend. Performs for the New Players Company musical production.

## **RHS Band Association (Band Parents Organization)**

- Fund Raising - Three major fundraisers: Performance Journal Ad Sales, Poinsettia Sale, Citrus Sale. Poinsettia and Citrus Sales are run door to door with parent assistance needed. Additional fundraisers are held for major trips.
- Financial Support - Provide partial funding for specialty equipment not covered by BOE budget, pre-season training, leadership opportunities, clinicians, hospitality, senior scholarships, trips, etc.
- Scholarships - Any senior who has participated in an RHS Band during their high school career is eligible to apply and interview. This year over \$15,000 will be awarded.
- Organizational Support - Parents chair committees for all events including fundraisers, festivals, trips, etc.

## **Activities and Dates**

Band Association Family Picnic	Sept. 21	(RHS Stadium & Campus Center)
Photo Shoot	October 2	(Concert Band), October 4 (Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble)
Marching Band Competitions:	Sept. 28	US Bands Local Competition (Pequannock HS)
	Oct. 5	US Bands YAMAHA CUP (MetLife Stadium, East Rutherford)
	Oct. 12	US Bands Competition (Somerville, NJ)
	Oct. 19	US Bands Local Competition (Ridge HS, Basking Ridge)
	Oct. 26	US Bands State Championship (Rutgers University)
	Nov. 2	US Bands National Championship (J. Birney Crum Stadium, Allentown)
Band Association Executive Meetings:	Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 5, Jan. 9, Feb. 27, Mar. 26, Apr. 23, May 7, June 9	
Jazz Ensemble Audition Information Meeting:	Sept. 19	(Unit Lunch - Room 150)
<b>Band Association GENERAL Meeting:</b>	<b>Sept. 24</b>	<b>(Campus Center)</b>
Jazz Ensemble <b>Rhythm Section</b> Auditions:	Oct. 2	(Room 144, 150, 152)
<b>Poinsettia Sale Blitz Day:</b>	<b>Nov. 3</b>	<b>(Campus Center) Delivery Date: Dec. 7 (Travell)</b>
Percussion Ensemble Auditions:	Nov. 5	(Room 144)
Jazz Ensemble <b>Brass &amp; Woodwind</b> Auditions:	Nov. 11	(Room 144, 150, 152)
7/8 Grade District Honor Band Concert:	Nov. 21	(Campus Center)
Bergen County Band Auditions:	Dec. 3	(Paramus HS)
Marching Band Awards Dinner:	Dec. 5	(The Tides Restaurant)
Downtown for the Holidays:	Dec. 6	(Venues throughout downtown area)
<b>Winter Band Program Concert:</b>	<b>Dec. 11</b>	<b>(Campus Center) Snow Date: Dec. 19</b>
Senior Region Band Auditions (Grade 9 - 12):	Jan. 4	(Paramus HS)
<b>Citrus Sale Blitz Day:</b>	<b>Jan. 12</b>	<b>(Campus Center) Delivery Date: March 7 (BF MS)</b>
All State Band Auditions:	Jan. 18	(J.P. Stevens HS, Edison)
Jazz Ensembles in Concert:	Jan. 29	(Little Theatre)
<b>MANDATORY California Trip Meeting:</b>	<b>Jan. 30</b>	<b>(Campus Center)</b>
Junior Region Band Auditions (Grade 9 only):	Feb. 1	(Clifton HS)
Small Ensembles Winter Concert:	Feb. 4	(Little Theatre)
<b>CALIFORNIA CONCERT/CLINIC TOUR</b>	Feb. 7-12	(Los Angeles, Hollywood, Anaheim, CA)
Region Jazz Auditions:	March 9	(RHS)
Jazz Coffeehouse:	March 10	(Campus Center)
New Players Musical – <i>The Addams Family</i>	March 19-22	(Little Theatre)
<b>Spring Band Program Concert:</b>	<b>April 22</b>	<b>(West Side Presbyterian Church)</b>
<b>Band Car Wash:</b>	<b>May 9</b>	<b>(RHS Parking Lot)</b>
Marching Band Organizational Meeting:	May 13	(Campus Center)
<i>Jazz in the Wood</i> , RHS Jazz Ensembles:	May 17	(Brick House Restaurant, Wyckoff, NJ)
Jazz Dinner Concert with special guest soloist <i>CONRAD HERWIG</i> , trombone (4 time Grammy® Award nominee)		
Small Ensembles Spring Concert:	May 21	
Celebration of the Arts:	May 22	(Little Theatre/Campus Center)
Wind Ensemble at Memorial Day Ceremony:	May 25	(Van Neste Sq.)
<b>Tunes in June (RHS Bands Pop Concert):</b>	<b>June 4</b>	<b>(Kasschau Shell, Veterans Field)</b>
<b>Senior Send Off/Alumni Welcome Back BBQ:</b>	<b>June 12</b>	<b>(RHS Front Lawn)</b>
<b>Combined Bands at Graduation:</b>	<b>June 23</b>	<b>(RHS Stadium)</b>

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