



Blackstone-Millville Music Association
Newsletter
Summer 2022

Successful Summer Music Enrichment Camp

The Summer Music Enrichment Camp held during the week of July 11-15, 2022 was a great success! This NEW program was attended by 24 BMR music students in grades 6-11. Four hour-long sessions occurred daily, and included Concert Band, Chamber Ensemble, Music Tech and Theory, and Concert Band Reading Session.

NEW this year! 4th Grade Beginner Band

After a 19 year hiatus, the BMRSD Instrument Department will begin band instruction for 4th grade in the upcoming 2022-2023 academic year!

Upcoming 2022-2023 Marching Band Season

BMR High School Chargers Marching Band 2022-2023 Season has begun! The band will rehearse intensely during the summer months, with Band Camp occurring August 8-13, 2022.

Band Camp BBQ!

Everyone is invited to attend the Family & Friends Barbeque which marks the end of band camp on Saturday, August 13, 2022. The barbeque will be held at 5pm, an important Parent Meeting at 5:30pm and the band's performance is expected to occur at 7pm.

The band will continue to compete in the USBands circuit, but they are also making a return to NESBA competitions!

The 2022 marching band competition schedule is as follows:

9/10 Bethel HS, Bethel, CT
9/17 Francis T. Maloney HS, Meriden, CT
9/24 BMR Homeshow, Medway HS, MA
10/1 Dartmouth HS, Dartmouth, MA
10/2 New Bedford HS, MA (NESBA)
10/8 King Philip HS, Wrentham, MA
10/15 Stoughton HS, Bridgewater-Raynham HS, Bridgewater, MA
10/22 Cranston East, Cranston, RI
10/29 New England State Championships, New Britain, CT
10/30 NESBA Finals, Lawrence, MA
11/5 UsBands National Championships, Metlife Stadium, NJ

Homeshow 2022

The BMR Chargers High School Marching Band's MusicFest 2022, otherwise known as our Homeshow competition, is scheduled for September 24, 2022. This year's event will be held at Medway High School, 188 Summer Street, Medway, MA. BMMA needs many volunteers to help run this event, please consider helping out! Please contact Lisa Gervais at bmmaboard@gmail.com

There are also sponsorship opportunities available for the Homeshow! If you happen to have a business or know or someone who may want to sponsor the show, please contact Adrienne Nicoloro at justsay_yo@yahoo.com

Disney!!!

The Marching Band has recently been accepted to perform in a Disney Parade! The band will travel to Orlando, Florida during April vacation 2023 and will perform on Wednesday, April 19, 2023. BMMA plans several fundraisers this fall that will directly support the attendance of all band members. Please consider supporting our students on this memorable adventure!

BMMA Board Updates

BMMA would like to thank our outgoing BMMA Board Members for their many years of volunteer service and dedication! These include Treasurer of 5 years, Kathy Stearman, and Members at Large Bonnie Holbrook and Rich Stearman. For the past 3 years, Bonnie has been our Gillette Volunteer Coordinator and Rich has been hosting and maintaining the BMMA webpage and distributing emails!

This year, we welcome incoming BMMA Board Members at Large: Colleen Folster, Alyssa Mahan and Margit Surfus. Maribeth Hagan, former Member at Large, assumes responsibilities as our new Treasurer!

BMMA Board 2022-2023

President: Lisa Gervais

Vice President: Pete Olson

Treasurer: Maribeth Hagan

Secretary: Amy Lockwood

Members at Large: Colleen Folster, Alyssa Mahan, and Margit Sufus

Volunteer Opportunities

BMMA would like to thank everyone who had volunteered throughout the past year. We truly rely on the support of volunteers to ensure that music and color guard programs run efficiently and smoothly. We certainly could not have accomplished any of this without your dedication and support.

2022-2023 Marching Band Season Volunteers

With marching band season upon us, BMMA is in need of volunteers for the following:

Band Camp Volunteers: Serve snacks and dinner during the week of August 8-13, 2022! Please contact Christina Shafer at shaferband@gmail.com

Band Chaperone Volunteers: Ride to and from competitions on the bus with the kids (includes free admission to the show!), chaperone band members throughout the day, and assist the kids as needed.

Band Pit Crew Volunteers: Load and unload instruments and props into the BMR hauler, help transport items to competition fields.

Homeshow Volunteers Needed

BMMA always has a tremendous need for volunteer support at MusicFest2002, our "Homeshow" competition. This year, it will be held on September 24, 2022 (Location TBD). There are a variety of volunteer positions, either can help direct cars, bands, or spectators, collect admissions, sell raffle tickets or assist with sales at the snack bar.

BMMA also seeks pro bono professional support from accountants who have experience with filing taxes for 501(c)3 not-for-profit organizations; lawyers to help with updating our tax status and by-laws, and persons with website content and design experience.

If you are interested in volunteering in the above opportunities, please contact Lisa Gervais at bmmaboard@gmail.com

Gillette Volunteer Opportunities

We welcome new Gillette Volunteer Coordinators, Stephanie and Jon Donovan, and are so thankful to outgoing Member at Large Bonnie Holbrook and her husband Alan for their many years of coordination.

Volunteering at Gillette is our largest fundraising activity, with the need for the most volunteers, generating thousands of dollars needed to support the activities of the BMR Music Program especially the Marching Band.

Volunteers assist together, as a group, prepping, serving, and closing food and beverage booths at Gillette Stadium. Events include New England Patriots pre-season and regular season football games, New England Revolution soccer matches, as well as music concerts, including upcoming venues with Elton John (7/28) and Kenny Chesney (8/26)! There is also profit-sharing available for volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Stephanie and Jon Donovan at bmmagillette@gmail.com

Gillette Schedule

Event	Event Type	Date	Call Time	Kick Off
7.28.22 ELTON JOHN DAY 2	Concert	7/28/2022	3:00 PM	8:00 PM
7.30.22 REVS vs. TORONTO FC	Revolution	7/30/2022	4:30 PM	8:00 PM
8.11.22 PAT'S PRESEASON GAME 1	Patriots	8/11/2022	2:00 PM	7:00 PM
8.19.22 PAT'S PRESEASON GAME 2	Patriots	8/19/2022	2:00 PM	7:00 PM
8.26.22. KENNY CHESNEY DAY 1	Concert	8/26/2022	12:00 PM	5:00 PM
8.28.22 REVS vs LA Galaxy	Revolution	8/28/2022	4:30 PM	8:00 PM
9.4.22 REVS vs New York City FC	Revolution	9/4/2022	4:30 PM	8:00 PM
9.25.22 PATS VS RAVENS (game 1)	Patriots	9/25/2022	8:00 AM	1:00 PM
10.9.22 PATS VS LIONS (game 2)	Patriots	10/9/2022		1:00 PM
10.24.22 PATS VS BEARS (game 3)	Patriots	10/24/2022		8:15 PM
11.6.22 PATS VS COLTS (game 4)	Patriots	11/6/2022		1:00 PM
11.20.22 PATS VS JETS (game 5)	Patriots	11/20/2022		1:00 PM
12.01.22 PATS VS BILLS (game 6)	Patriots	12/1/2022		8:20 PM
12.24.22 PATS VS BENGALS (game 7)	Patriots	12/24/2022		1:00 PM
01.01.23 PATS VS DOLPHINS (game 8)	Patriots	1/1/2023		1:00 PM

Calling All Alumni!

BMMA is pleased to announce a new Alumni Network for former music and color guard students to reconnect! A planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16 at 7:00pm in the BMR High School Cafeteria. Additionally, BMMA will have a live link available for any long-distance alumni who would like to attend!

Alumni are always welcome to volunteer with BMMA at band camp, band competitions, our Homeshow and Gillette. Please see the Volunteer

Opportunity section of this newsletter for more details!

Upcoming Fundraisers!

Annually, BMMA raises approximately \$40,000 to support costs associated with the BMR Instrument Department that are above and beyond the support allocated by the school district and out-of-pocket contributions made by student families towards activity and uniform fees.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the BMMA, please visit our website, bmmamusic.org and hit the DONATE button! Donations can be also made by check, payable to BMMA, and mailed to Post Office Box 181, Blackstone, MA 01504.

Matching Gifts

Did you know that many employers may match a charitable donation? When making a donation, please check with your Human Resources Department for more information. It's usually as simple as notifying them and providing a copy of the monetary donation made.

Savers

BMMA's Savers fundraiser will be held on Sunday, July 31, 2022 from 9:00am - Noon at BMR High School. This year, Savers will ONLY accept soft items and books. NO household items or furniture. Drop off your unwanted and gently used books and soft items, such as clothing, blankets, sheets, curtains, shoes, handbags, outerwear such as jackets, scarves, etc. at the back parking lot near the band room. Please be sure to separate soft items and books prior to dropping off.

Cookie Dough in August 2022

Our annual Mrs. Fields cookie dough fundraiser will occur during Band Camp. The members of the BMR High School Chargers Marching Band solicit via

telephone and email. If you would like to purchase cookie dough either contact a member of the marching band or Christina Shafer at shaferband@gmail.com

Disney Fundraisers

This fall, there will be two fundraisers for students to raise funds necessary to travel to Disney. The students will be selling Hebert's candy bars at \$1/each beginning September 1st, and raffle tickets for a raffle calendar beginning in November.

Fundraising Thanks!

BMMA would like to thank everyone who participated in supporting us as well as the local restaurants who held fundraisers for BMMA this past year. These include: Applebee's Chelo's, Chipotle Mexican Grill, Gailliford's Restaurant & Tavern, Goodstuff Smokehouse, and Uno's Pizzeria & Grill. Many thanks to BMMA Secretary, Amy Lockwood, for coordinating these great events!

Thank you to incoming BMMA Treasurer, Maribeth Hagan for coordinating the Double Good Gourmet Popcorn Fundraiser this past Spring!

Tubas, Oh My!

This past winter 2022, a \$2,000 Walmart Local Community Grant was awarded towards the purchase of a tuba and bass clarinet for the BMRSD Instrument Department. BMMA utilized this grant to leverage additional funding support for three much-needed tubas. The \$20s for Tubas Campaign was posted specifically to the Blackstone-Millville Band Alumni Page on Facebook. The response received was tremendous! Over 70 donors contributed, securing funding necessary to purchase a total of FOUR tubas! These instruments will be used for in-school music instruction as well as after-school competitive activities, including the BMR National Championship marching band.

BMMA would like to thank these donors and many others for their support of the tuba fundraiser!

Nicholas Angell
Anonymous
Kayla Ballou
Lincoln Barber
Paul Berthelette
Shayna Boyan
Peggy & Erin Brown
Lisa and Mike Buckley
Felicia Burr
Julia Catalano
Matt Chamberlin
Sheryl Chamberlin
Brian & Jane-Ann Chapman
Brianna Davis
Karyn Davis
Barbara Desautels
William DiLibero
Shari VanDeman Eaton
Olivia Foley
Katie Ceddia Gelineau
Kerri Gross
Alivia Harrison
Kristen Harrison
Lisa Hebert
Jenni and Jim Hull
Jennifer (Goodnow) Janda
Jasmyn Johnson
Kristen Karloff Hoyle
The Kelly Family
Hannah Larkin
Joanne (Vandal) Masury
Samantha (Pine) Mingace
Devyn Oliver
Mark and Barbara Ramos
Sarah and Justin Socci
Ashley (Fernald) Triay
Sue Trinqu
Alison Turner
Grace Turner

Stay connected!

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BMMA Website and calendar: Bmmamusic.org

To be included on the BMMA email list, send an email to bmmapresident@gmail.com

BMMA is on Facebook at:

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BMR Music and Color Guard Alumni on Facebook

Blackstone-Millville Band Alumni Group

BMRSB Instrument Department

Website: <https://sites.google.com/bmrbd.net/bmrbands/home>

On Instagram: BMRbands