



Blackstone-Millville Music Association 2021-2022 Year in Review

It's a Wrap!

The 2021-2022 academic year for the BMRSD Instrument Department was a great success! BMMA is pleased to share the highlights with you.

2021-2022 Marching Band Season

In November 2022, the BMR Chargers High School Marching Band were named USBands New England Champions and National Champions, Group III Open at MetLife Stadium. In honor of their National Championship, BMRSD School Committee once again has generously purchased championship jackets and patches for band members - THANK YOU!



BMR Chargers High School Marching Band was featured on WCBV-TV's Chronicle on September 21, 2021. The Band performed in the AutumnFest Parade in Woonsocket, RI on Columbus Day, October 11, 2021; Uxbridge, MA Little League Parade on Sunday, April 24, 2022; and the Blackstone Memorial Day Parade on May 29, 2022.

BMR Winter Guard

Congratulations to BMR Winterguard for their second-place win in National Scholastic A Class at the NESBA Finals with a score of 90.570 on April 2, 2022 in Salem, MA. Winterguard presented an

exquisite performance entitled "Black Swan."



BMR Winter Percussion

The 2021-2022 season was the first time in 6 years that Winter Percussion traveled to NESBA competitions with the production entitled "Convergence" and competed in the Scholastic AA Class.



BMR Jazz Ensembles

BMR High School Jazz Ensemble was awarded silver at the Massachusetts Association for Jazz Education (MAJE) Central District 2 Festival in Algonquin, MA on March 10, 2022. The ensemble also performed at the Blackstone Valley Jazz Festival on February 10, 2022 at the Stadium Theatre in Woonsocket, RI.



BMR’s Middle School and High School Jazz Ensembles performed an evening of jazz at BMMA’s Annual Jazz Night on May 3, 2022. The Ensembles also performed at the BMRSD District of One Community Fun Day on May 15, 2022, where BMR’s Music Program also offered a “Petting Zoo” with percussion instruments and color guard flags for young children in attendance.

BMR High School Jazz Ensemble also performed at Blackstone Memorial Day Carnival on May 29, 2022 and at Blackstone’s Annual Town Meeting on May 31, 2022.



MICCA

Each year, the BMRSD Music Program participates in the Concert Band Music Festivals of the Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association (MICCA), in which expert adjudicators assess performances at various grade levels.

In 2022, BMR High School Wind Ensemble was awarded the gold and performed at the 24th Annual Gold Medal Showcase at Mechanics Hall in Worcester, MA on April 10, 2022. BMR High

School Concert Band and 8th Grade Concert Band were awarded silver, and 7th Grade Concert Band was awarded bronze!



Central District

Almost 80 Massachusetts cities and towns comprise the Central District Central District Massachusetts Music Educators Association (CDMMEA), in which music students audition and are accepted into district-wide concert band and choral ensembles.

This academic year, CDMMEA maintained a virtual performance due to COVID, but nonetheless, congratulations are in order for BMRSD music students who were accepted into this merit program! In the Senior Division of Central District, these include BMR High School students: Tori Gervais, trumpet; Rory Hagerty, chorus (Soprano); and Amanda Vinacco, trombone. The Junior Division of Central District included BMR 8th grade trumpet players Logan Surfus, Liam Hagan, and Caleb Neiber and 8th grade chorus members Julia St. Galeis and Ella Barbato. BMR 7th grade students were Clover Maloney on tenor saxophone and Lucas Vinacco on trumpet.



Tori Gervais was accepted into the MA All State Festival, receiving one of the top trumpet scores in the state. Ms. Gervais was also accepted into the Macy's All American Marching Band and will be performing in the Thanksgiving Day Parade.



Other Notables!

The BMR Brass Choir performed at the National Honor Society Induction on May 19, 2022.

BMR High School Chorus and Jazz Ensembles performed at the Blackstone Senior Center on May 24, 2022!

At the Memorial Day Ceremony at Blackstone Town Hall, BMR High School Trumpeters Emily Baima and Tori Gervais, Class of 2023, performed TAPS. Rory Hagerty, Class of 2023, who is also the Drum Major for the marching band, sang The Star Spangled Banner.



Congratulations to the Class of 2022!

Please join us in extending our very best wishes to music and color guard graduating students:

- Grace Bodge
- Caleb Bonet
- Carson Ciak
- Lucas Fitzgerald
- Jacob Fuller
- Jillian Gross
- Louis Gugliemi
- Madison Higgins
- Kaiden Holmes
- Maddox Long
- Raymond Novio
- Josie Pollock
- Jacob Ridlon
- Brenna Shea
- Anna St. Laurent
- Sarah St. Laurent
- Cameron Stearman
- Steven Vincent

BMMA Awards Night was held on May 17, 2022 with performances by BMR High School Chorus, Concert Band, and the Wind Ensemble. This year's BMMA Scholarship recipients were Brenna Shea and Madison Higgins. The Robert Trinque Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Grace Bodge who will be attending UMass Amherst to continue music studies, with a focus in oboe.

