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## **Bellingham Memorial Parade Sunday, May 17, 2015 REVISED TIMES!!!**

**The parade will start one hour earlier than in years past, please read the information here carefully. The times listed below are extremely important, as the roads will be closing earlier in Bellingham and there is regional track meet at BHS that will also be crowding the road and parking lots.**

The BHS Band, Chorus and Color Guard have a mandatory performance on Sunday, May 17 - the Memorial Parade & Ceremony. The Band/Guard/Chorus members have DIFFERENT instructions this year - please read CAREFULLY!

### **BHS Band and Guard Instructions:**

Band Uniform: full marching uniform with shorts under, do not wear pants under your uniform - too hot! Black socks, black marching shoes, NOT sneakers.

Guard Uniform: according to Mrs. Bajgot and Mrs. Maxfield

BHS Band & Guard Warm-up at 11:00 a.m. at BHS

Return to BHS 2:00 p.m. approximately. Students will be bused back to BHS after their performance. Parents should pick students up at BHS.

Hydrate and eat food in the morning!

Wear sunblock!

### **BHS Chorus Instructions:**

Chorus Uniform: black music shirts and long jeans, sneakers or black shoes. No shorts, no sandals, no flip-flops.

BHS Chorus: Meet and Warm-up at Noon at BMMS (not BHS)

Parent pick-up at the Common at 3:00 p.m. or take the bus back to BMMS to get your vehicle if you are a student driver.

Hydrate and eat food in the morning!

Wear sunblock!

The Memorial Parade on Sunday is a performance and ceremony to recognize the men, women and families of the military and to especially honor those who have sacrificed greatly to serve our country. The parade in Bellingham will start at BMMS at 1:00 p.m. this year (one hour earlier than normal) and the route goes from BMMS to the Town Common. It is an important event in our community and valuable experience for our music students. I take this event seriously and I try to share with students why this is a very important part of our year and calendar.

## **BHS Pops Concert**

### **Friday, May 8**

### **7:30 p.m. (starts in the BHS Gym)**

BHS Band and Chorus Warm-up time: 6:30 p.m.

Uniforms: regular concert uniforms, black shoes, black socks or appropriate ladies dress shoes.

Senior Slideshow - if you have pictures of your senior to share for the Senior Slideshow, please email them to Mrs. Forte or send them on disc by Friday, May 1st. [mforte@bellinghamk12.org](mailto:mforte@bellinghamk12.org)

## **BFOM May Meeting:**

### **Tuesday, May 5 at 6:45 p.m. at BHS**

### **BFOM Officer Nominations and Elections:**

BFOM will be holding nominations and elections for next year's officers. We have several officers who are "graduating" and we encourage more families to get involved. If you have questions about being an officer or getting involved please email Barbara Chambers at [bfom.ma@gmail.com](mailto:bfom.ma@gmail.com) or speak with Mrs. Forte.

### **BFOM July 4th Fundraiser:**

We are in serious need of volunteers for our July 4th Fundraiser at the Town Fireworks Celebration. We need adult and student volunteers for help run our concession stand. We are looking for music families, alumni, current students and anyone else to help us that afternoon and evening. This is an important fundraiser for us.

Please email [BFOM.MA@gmail.com](mailto:BFOM.MA@gmail.com) if you have questions or click the link here to sign-up:

**[July 4th Volunteer Sign-Ups](#)**

## **BHS Marching Uniform Returns**

## Deadline for Marching Uniforms: Tuesday, May 26th

BHS Band members are required to return their marching uniforms - DRY-CLEANED by Tuesday, May 26th. Students must keep the dry-cleaning receipt attached as proof of cleaning.

Uniforms must be returned to the Band Room and labeled properly. It is the **student's responsibility** to label and bring their uniforms to the Band Room. If a parent drops off a uniform in the BHS Office, it is still the student's responsibility to label and bring it to the band room. If uniforms are left in the office without labels, they will not be logged in (I cannot read your minds!).

Seniors: You must also return your concert uniforms by Tuesday, May 26th. All uniforms must be returned in order to fulfill your graduation requirements.

Underclassmen: you will still need your concert uniforms for graduation and awards night, do not dry-clean your concert uniforms until after graduation.

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