

**BERNE UNION**  
**GOLDEN ROCKETS**  
**MARCHING BAND**  
**2017 HANDBOOK**

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# BUGRMB CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1) Treat all members with respect.
  - 2) Be punctual and in your designated area at all times. **Being on time in band language means ten minutes prior to the scheduled starting time!!!**
  - 3) There will be no gum or candy chewing during rehearsal or performance.
  - 4) Disrespect directed towards *other students or staff* will not be tolerated.
  - 5) It is the responsibility of each member to have all equipment and other pertinent items at all rehearsals. (instrument, drill charts, music, markers). Likewise, it is just as important to make sure nothing is left on the field when rehearsal is over.
  - 6) **NO TALKING OR MOVING AT THE ATTENTION POSITION!!!!!!**
  - 7) The only public display of affection (physical contact) permitted between boyfriend and girlfriend while under the authority of the BUGRMB staff and chaperones **IS THAT OF HOLDING HANDS.**
  - 8) **NO FOOD OR DRINK ON BUSES--EVEN IF THE DRIVER SAYS YOU CAN**
  - 9) **FOOTBALL GAMES:**
    - Band members are to sit in the area designated by the director. Only members of the band should sit in the band area.
    - During the third quarter students are permitted to leave the stands and purchase food. **STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE BACK IN THE STANDS AND BE READY TO PLAY WHEN THERE IS ONE MINUTE LEFT IN THE THIRD QUARTER** Failure to comply with this policy will result in loss of future 3rd quarter privileges.
    - no food or drink (except water) is allowed in the stands except during the third quarter**
- LAPS AROUND THE PRACTICE FIELD AT THE CONCLUSION OF REHEARSAL WILL BE THE STANDARD METHOD OF DISCIPLINE**

# ATTENDANCE POLICY

***All rehearsals and performances are mandatory.*** Attendance is taken at all rehearsals and performances. Rehearsals are after school from 5:30 to 7:30 on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Inside music rehearsal is Wednesday (2:30--3:25).

1) Exceptions are made in certain cases regarding important family events (and the performances during Fair Week). ***Mr. Latorre must be notified, in writing, by 11.AUG.17 if a student will be unable to attend any performance.*** (email is preferred)

2) A written excuse, signed by a parent, is required before or immediately following a missed rehearsal (you can use the form at the end of this packet); *this is not necessary if the student is absent from school on the day of the missed rehearsal.*

3) Conflicts with other school functions/organizations will be taken into account, provided the director is informed in writing one week before the event. (use the form at the end of this packet)

4) If a student chooses to not ride the bus home from a performance, s/he can only ride with **THEIR** parent or guardian; to do so they must fill out the form located in the back of this packet--***and get the principal's signature on the form.***

***IT IS ESSENTIAL TO HAVE EVERY MEMBER PRESENT--EVERYONE IS IMPORTANT--MISSING EVEN ONE PERSON LEAVES A LARGE GAP IN OUR FIELD SHOW AND MAKES IT VERY HARD FOR THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU TO CLEAN THE SHOW!!!***

***THE STAFF WILL NOT ALLOW A STUDENT TO MARCH IF THEY FEEL HE/SHE IS NOT PREPARED DUE TO MISSED REHEARSALS.***

# UNIFORMS

1) Uniforms will be distributed after band camp.

2) Members are expected to take proper care of their uniform throughout the season

**DO NOT:** LEAVE YOUR UNIFORM IN THE BAND ROOM

## UNIFORM INSPECTION

### When in uniform:

- \* **NO JEWELRY** IS TO BE WORN--INCLUDING EARRINGS
- \* **NO MAKE-UP** IS TO BE WORN (INCLUDING FINGERNAIL POLISH)
- \* A SHIRT AND SHORTS MUST BE WORN UNDERNEATH
- \* HAIR MUST NOT COVER THE COLLAR (LONG HAIR MUST BE UP)
- \* BLACK SOCKS ONLY CAN BE WORN (full uniform)
- \* STAY IN UNIFORM UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED. ONLY HATS AND GLOVES MAY BE REMOVED IN THE STANDS

1) Before every performance the band will form up into a basic block and section leaders and/or squad leaders will perform uniform inspections on their section.

2) If any student is not properly dressed (i.e. dirty uniform, or hat, shoes) *the director* may make the decision to prohibit the student from performing.

3) In addition or in place of not performing, the student will be required to arrive **one hour earlier** on the date of the next performance, *so that the director can assist the member in proper uniform cleaning procedures.*

# PROPER CARE OF UNIFORM

## UNIFORM COAT AND PANTS

Students must wear a shirt and shorts underneath these uniform components. Mud spots can be cleaned by letting the mud dry, then brushing it off with a clothes brush.

Our uniforms are DRY CLEAN ONLY. DO NOT PLACE THEM IN THE WASHING MACHINE OR DRYER!!!!

Uniforms are to be kept in some type of garment bag.

## SHOES

Shoes must be cleaned before each performance. It helps to keep shoes in a separate plastic bag so that the polish does not rub off on the uniform.

## HATS

They may be cleaned with a damp cloth.

# PRACTICE ATTIRE

1) tennis shoes must be worn at all times. NO bare feet, sandals, or dress shoes.

2) Shorts, worn above the knee, or sweat pants--must not be restrictive.

## NO JEANS, SLACKS, SKIRTS, OR DRESSES

3) Any non-binding shirt is sufficient, although light-colored ones are suggested on overly hot days.

## SCHOOL OWNED INSTRUMENTS

Any student in the Berne Union Instrumental Music Program who uses a band owned instrument is required to pay \$30.00 per year. The money that is raised goes to maintaining our current instruments and procuring new instruments.

If a student uses more than one school instrument (in the case of percussionists, and tubas for example) the student only has to pay one \$30.00 fee.

Considering how much money the band has invested in these instruments, \$30.00 a year is not a large sum.

Each student who uses a school owned instrument will receive a rental contract from Mr. Latorre. This should be returned with a check for \$30.00 made payable to the Berne Union Music Boosters.

**WHEN A STUDENT USES A SCHOOL-OWNED INSTRUMENT THE PARENT ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY DAMAGE INCURRED DUE TO NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF THE STUDENT**

## MUSIC BOOSTERS AND PARENT SUPPORT

The Berne Union Music Department is very fortunate to have an active, supportive booster organization. This organization plans on supplying over 90% of the SY17.18 operating budget.

In addition to supplying operating funds through fund raising, the music boosters also coordinate parent chaperones for all band performances. The award winning tradition that has been established at Berne Union is due in no small part to the hard work that parents have put forth, and continue to put forth. **Band Booster meetings are on the third Monday of every month at 7:00, in the commons, or the band room. ALL PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!!!**

# BUGRMB 2017 PERFORMANCES

<b>25.AUG</b> (FRI)	Huntington FB	AWAY	5:00
<b>30.AUG</b> (Wed)	<u>Millersport Festival Parade</u>		4:15
<b>01.SEP</b> (Fri)	Columbus South FB	HOME	5:00
<b>04.SEP</b> (Mon)	<u>Pickerington Labor Day Parade</u>		8:15am
<b>08.SEP</b> (Fri)	Newcomberstown FB	HOME	5:00
<b>15.SEP</b> (Fri)	Grove City Christian FB	HOME	5:00
<b>16.SEP</b> (Sat)	<b><u>LANCASTER COMPETITION</u></b>		afternoon
<b>23.SEP</b> (Sat)	<b><u>CANAL WINCHESTER Comp/Fisher FB</u></b>		All day
<b>29.SEP</b> (Fri)	Fairfield Christian FB	AWAY	5:30
<b>30.SEP/01.OCT</b> (Sat-Sun)	<b><u>Marietta Col Grove, Cedar Point</u></b>		Early am
<b>06.OCT</b> (Fri)	Harvest Prep FB	<b>HOME</b>	5:00
<b>12.OCT</b> (Thur)	Fair Show (County Fair)		early AM
<b>13.OCT</b> (Fri)	Bishop Rosecrans FB (senior night)	HOME	5:00
<b>19.OCT</b> (Thur)	<u>Pumpkin Show Parade (Circleville)</u>		5:30
<b>20.OCT</b> (Fri)	Millersport FB	AWAY	5:30
<b>21.OCT</b> (Sat)	<b><u>BLOOM CARROLL &amp; Nelsonville COMPETITIONS</u></b>		All Day
<b>25.OCT</b> (Wed)	<b><u>RECORDING SESSION</u></b>		6:00-9:00
<b>27.OCT</b> (Fri)	Worthington Christian FB	AWAY	5:00
<b>28.OCT</b> (SAT)	<b><u>STATE MB FINALS (HILLIARD DARBY)</u></b>		Afternoon?
<b>02.NOV</b> (Thur)	<b><u>MARCHING BAND CONCERT</u></b>		8:00PM (starts)

***THE TIMES LISTED FOR ALL FOOTBALL GAMES AND PARADES ARE TIMES TO BE AT THE SCHOOL. THE TIMES FOR COMPETITIONS REPRESENT OUR BEST GUESS OF WHEN WE WILL MEET AT THE SCHOOL. EVENT STARTING TIMES WILL BE ANNOUNCED AS SOON AS MR. LATORRE KNOWS (USUALLY THE MONDAY BEFORE THE EVENT)***

*the web site is always the most up-to-date source of information!!!*

**BUBAND.ORG**

**REHEARSALS:** Mon, Tues, Thurs, 5:30-7:30, Wed. 2:30--3:25

**ALL STUDENTS AND PARENTS OF THE 2017 BUGRMB SHOULD READ THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS HANDBOOK. SIGN AND RETURN THIS PAGE ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY 21.JUL.**

**SIGNING BELOW INDICATES THAT YOU HAVE READ THE HANDBOOK AND WILL DO YOUR BEST TO WORK WITH MR. LATORRE AND THE BAND STAFF IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH POSITIVE RESULTS THROUGH ITS POLICIES.**

**STUDENT SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_