



BHS Band Incoming Freshmen Information 2017-2018

We are excited to have you in the Batavia High School bands next year! Below are more details about the registration process and extracurricular activities.

CURRICULAR BAND (Band Class)

- Freshmen woodwind and brass players should register for "Symphonic Band."
- Freshman percussionists should register for "Percussion II."
- Audition opportunities for 8th graders are available upon request. E-Mail Chris Owen (chris.owen@bps101.net) for more information.
- All students should register for Music/Physical Education or Music/Health for Block 1.
- If you are planning to participate in choir and band/orchestra, you should attempt to register for both classes.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- **Batavia Marching Band**
 - Open to ALL band members without auditions.
 - Percussionists will audition for instruments, but everyone is accepted.
 - *Rehearsals*: Four weeks before school everyday from 9-5, three rehearsals per week from the beginning of school through October.
 - *Performances*: All home Batavia football games and community parades.
 - *Competitions*: Saturdays in September and October.
 - *Travel & Performance Opportunities include*: Disney World (Thanksgiving Parade of Bands), Chick-Fil-A Bowl (Nationally televised performance at a college bowl game), Cedar Point, Hawaii (Pearl Harbor performance and Waikiki Thanksgiving Parade)
- **Jazz Bands (Jazz Ensemble & Jazz Workshop)**
 - Big Band and Jazz Combos jazz performances available for sax, trumpet, trombone, bass, guitar, drums and piano players.
 - *Auditions*: Open to all students. Held in late October.
 - *Rehearsals*: Twice a week after school from November through March.
 - *Performances Opportunities*: BHS Gala (formerly "Night of Jazz") Fundraiser, Jazz Showcase, All-City Jazz Festival, New Trier Jazz Festival, Jazz in the Meadows Jazz Band Competition, Hackney's.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call!

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