**Ripley Band Parent Meeting Agenda**

August 4, 2022

* Meet the Staff
* Bernard Hatch – High School, 8th Grade, All Brass
* Suzanne Rolison – Middle School, Assistant High School, 6th & 7th Grade, Symphonic Band, All Woodwinds
* Kayla Herron – Assistant High School, Colorguard, All Percussion
* Contact Information
* Director Emails:

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* Band Hall Phone: 662-512-5246
* Twitter: @bandsripley
* Instagram: ripleytigerbands
* Website: [www.ripleytigerbands.com](http://www.ripleytigerbands.com)

\*\*Please contact any of the Directors via remind, school status, email or leave a message on the band phone. Please do NOT contact any of the Directors on their personal phones.  The district would like us to start documenting parent contacts better, school status and remind allows us to do this in a way that helps us with documentation.

* How to Use Remind (Video)
* Remind Codes:
* 6th Grade: @ripbgbnd22
* 7th/8th Grade: @ripmsbnd22
* High School Students Only: @ripbdstu22
* High School Parents Only: @ripbdpar22
* All Parents-Band Boosters: @ripleyba
* Colorguard: @ripcg22
* High School Percussion: @ripperc22
* 6th Grade Instrument Testing Process
* All Students will tryout on every instrument. Directors will make notes and scores on their strengths and weaknesses on each instrument.
* Students will receive their scores on each instrument and choose their top 3 choices.
* Directors will assign instruments based on
1. The child’s strengths and weaknesses scores.
2. The needs of the band. (Example: We can’t have 20 percussion and only 2 flutes.)
3. The child’s top 3 choices.
* Students should know their instrument assignment by Wednesday, August 24.
* 6th Grade Upcoming Events:
* Instrument Rental Night – Saturday, August 27 @2pm in the Bandhall
* Band Night –1st performance – Tuesday, October 25
* Christmas Concert – Date TBA
* Spring Concert – Date TBA
* 6th Grade Grading Information:
* Once students get going on their instruments, we will start having playing tests in our sectionals (woodwinds, brass, percussion.)
* Playing tests – Major Grade – Weekly
* Participation Grade – Minor Grade – Weekly
* 7th/8th Grade Fees – Due by September 2:
* $25 Polo Fee – All 7th Grade – 8th Grade if theirs is lost or doesn’t fit
* $10 Book Fee – 7th Grade Only
* 7th/8th Performances and Other Information:
* RMS Football Game – Monday, September 26
* Band Night – Tuesday, October 25
* Christmas Parade – Tuesday, December 6
* ICC Concert Festival – April ??? – TBA
* Spring Concert – Date TBA
* Dragonfly must be 100% complete by September 2
* Bandaids – to be selected from the 8th grade
* 7th/8th Grade Grading Information:
* Playing Tests – Major Grade – Weekly on Thursdays
* Participation Grade – Major Grade – Weekly
* Dragonfly Specifics – Call us if you need help
* Insurance policy
* The South Tippah School District is no longer providing insurance for students.
* Students must be covered by Insurance per MHSAA to participate in activities, including Band.
* If your student is covered by your insurance, you are good- Just please make sure a picture of that is uploaded to their Dragonfly
* If your student is uninsured, the district is offering individual coverage plans.  That is available on our website.
* High School Band Performances (Schedule online)
* Football Games & Competitions
* Band Night – Tuesday, October 25
* Ashland Christmas Parade – Monday, December 5
* Ripley Christmas Parade – Tuesday, December 6
* State Concert Evaluations – Thursday, March 9
* Spring Concert – Date TBA
* High School Weekly Rehearsal Schedule:

Monday

* 3:30-4:30 – Front Ensemble
* 3:30-4:30 – Horn Line Sectionals as assigned (See calendar in bandhall)
* 3:30-??? – Field Crew
* 6:00-8:00 - Colorguard

Tuesday

* 3:15-4:00 – Colorguard – Weapons only
* 6:00-9:00 – Full Band

Thursday

* 3:30-4:30 – Battery Percussion
* High School Grading Policy (Available online)
* Students have to be in school 60% of the day to attend after school performances.
* Student Cell Phone Procedures
* Phone Home:  Student’s cell phone will be put up during class and after school rehearsals in their assigned cubby
* Student’s phones will be put away in a mobile phone home during Band time at the following events
	+ Games
	+ Competitions
	+ Parades
* Students will have access to phones during breaks at after school activities including performances.
* If there is an emergency, please contact a director via Remind, or School Status
* High School Fees/Forms:
* $50 Band Fee – Past Due
* Colorguard Fees – 100% Paid by August 31
* Chicken Supper Money/Tickets – Due Thursday, August 11
* Participation Contracts
* Colorguard Contracts
* Meet our Booster Board
* Co-Presidents: Shad Spight & Scott Hodum
* Vice President: Marilyn Colyer
* Secretary: Kimberly Fox
* Treasurer: BJ Horton
* Help Needed:
* Chicken Supper – August 19
* Slaw Prep – Thursday, August 18 – Event Center
* Cookers – Friday, August 19 – Fairgrounds
* Servers – Friday, August 19 – Lunch Shift & Supper Shift – Event Center
* Sign up on our website
* Concession Stands (Sign up on our website)
* Home Football Games (Varsity, JV, RMS)
* Home Volleyball Games
* Home Basketball Games
* Bus Drivers – If interested in becoming a bus driver to help out the band let us know! We can point you in the right direction to get your bus license. \*\*We pay our drivers per trip!\*\*
* Disney World Trip – High School Only – Meeting Coming Soon
* Swag Shop – Order forms online or in bandhall – Form & Money Due Friday, August 19
* Completely optional
* Band-aids MUST purchase a show shirt
* Parents wanting to purchase a show shirt should do that through the swag shop
* Senior Banner Pictures – Saturday, August 6 @8am

-Must take home uniform and instrument Friday. The bandhall will NOT be unlocked on Saturday.