



RUSTON JUNIOR HIGH BEARKIT BAND

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Intermediate and Advanced Band Supply List 2011-2012

All Instruments: - All members **must** have a flip folder and all but percussion and flutes must have a lyre.

Woodwinds: - Cork grease and cleaning supplies. Clarinets and saxes – Box of 10 reeds. 3-3½ strength.

Brass: - Valve oil and cleaning supplies. Advanced band trumpets need an aluminum straight mute.

Percussionists:

- Promark Scholastic Pro Pak:** (which includes)
- Snare drum sticks (Promark SD1)
- Medium rubber mallets(Pro-Mark PK60)
- Timpani mallets (Pro Mark ATP3)
- Medium yarn mallets (Pro-mark PK73) (optional)

Check schoolnotes.com regularly because most students don't take information home. If your child brings letters home, consider them brilliant!!!

Intermediate and Advanced bands will be performing at home RJHS football. RJHS home game dates are Sept 13, 20, & 27th. More information about these games will come later. Make sure you have all the supplies listed above. Matt's Music visits once a week on Wednesdays and you can call them at 387-3628 to place an order for delivery. All band related accessories and instruments can be obtained from either Zeagler(322-2621) or Matt's music(387-3628) in Monroe and some supplies can be obtained at Piney Hills Studio on 212 N. Trenton St. across from Kitishians(232-3002) in Ruston. Do not buy an instrument without checking with me on the name brand. There are too many knockoffs to list, and while you may save money now, you'll lose in the long run. Trust me. Matt and Zeagler will also be a good source for what you should and shouldn't buy. The **\$25.00** band fee is due by September 1st. Those students who will be using a **school** instrument need to pay an additional **\$25.00** instrument maintenance fee which is also due by Sept. 1st. Band fees are used to purchase the supplies, books, music, copy machine toner, transportation costs etc. they will be using for the year, and I will hand those out at the appropriate time.

We will be using a band T-shirt this year instead of the red polo shirt. The students in the past have expressed an interest in getting a "cooler" shirt. The cost of these shirts will be around \$8 each, but **payment is not due until after the shirts come in**. Remember, the shirt will be part of our official uniform for football games, pep rallies and parades. For concerts, the guys are to wear black pants, black button down shirt and tie and black shoes. Girls are to wear a black dress with sleeves that is no higher than an inch above the knees and black shoes.

Grading will consist of 50% participation and 50% academic. Participation includes bringing proper materials to class, active participation during rehearsals and attendance at mandatory after school rehearsals, practice record charts or smartmusic.com/impact bonus assignments and performances. Some after school rehearsals are mandatory, some are not. Academic grades consist of written and playing tests and homework. We will have mandatory after school rehearsals each Thursday, starting on August 25th in preparation for our half time performances and Christmas parade. We are currently doing a fundraiser, and the money and order takers are due by August 26th. After school rehearsals start at 3:24 and go until **4:45**. They will need their lyres and flip-folders by Sept. 2. Each rehearsal is worth 10 pts. and each performance is worth 30 pts. If a student has more than 2 unexcused after-school rehearsals or just 1 unexcused absence from a performance, they will not be able to go on the rewards trip at the end of the

year. Students involved with football or cheerleading are excused, **IF** there is a conflict. We'll work with danceline so that they can do both.

Everyone is strongly encouraged to try out for District Honor Band and should; however, Advanced Band members are **required** to. No goals, no growth. Many times we've had beginning band members to tryout and make this prestigious band, so every 2nd and 3rd year student should be trying out. If you want your child to be happy, they will have to be successful. To be successful they must practice. You don't give your child an option to do their homework in math, ELA, Social Studies and Math, so why would you give them the option to practice for band.

Our first day with instruments will be Monday, August 22nd. Students are to bring their instruments to the instrument room immediately upon arrival at the school and they may leave it there until the end of school. I want to thank you for the encouragement and support you give your child towards the band program. You and I both know the benefits of music for your child, and the doors that it will open as far as academic success.

Only about 90% of the students take information home to their parents; therefore, I will be using schoolnotes.com to supply parents with information. So, make sure you register there and sign up to get information from the band page. (and while you are at it, go ahead and check in on all your child's classes.) You need to check it daily for any last minute important announcements. I need to know who is using the schoolnotes.com website, so send me a message through schoolnotes.com. Thank you.

Mr. Teague