

**2019 Point Pleasant Borough
Competition Marching Band Handbook**

Band Staff

Director of Bands – Scott V. Visco

Assistant Marching Band Director- Megan Meier

Colorguard Advisor- Andrew Ferrie

Student Leadership

Student leadership is comprised of drum majors, guard captains, and section leaders. These students are part of the band leadership and are an extension of the staff, whom we rely on in order to help our organization function smoothly and efficiently. It is their responsibility to assist you in becoming a better performer.

2019-2020 Leadership

Drum Majors:

Elizabeth Black and Nathan Hansen

Color Guard Captains:

Katie Cook, Katie Doblovosky, Holly Farina, and Rachel Simoes

Section Leaders

Flute: Mackenzie Berger and Adrianna Hendrickson

Clarinet: Kayla Kanarkowski

Saxophones: Anna Yakup

Mello: Maile Hawryluk

Trumpet:Gianna Perrone

Low Brass: Caroline Shea

Battery Percussion: Thomas Campbell and John Skinner

Pit Percussion: Alyssa Green

General Student Expectations

Rehearsals

- All students are expected to be ready to begin practice at the announced time. Plan to allow time for assembling your instrument, checking reeds, oiling valves, etc.

Rehearsal Etiquette

The rehearsal etiquette will be outlined early in the season and should be adhered to at all times. Students who refuse to adhere to the rehearsal etiquette may receive disciplinary actions. Band should be a FUN activity, but excessive talking and off-task behavior inhibits our progress as an ensemble and is unacceptable.

Staff and leadership will establish routines in sectional and ensemble rehearsals. All students should strive to maintain this routine so we can be as efficient as possible.

ALL staff and leadership are responsible for making corrections in all areas of the band and should be respected equally during rehearsal and performance. Meaning, ANY staff and/or member of the leadership team may correct any section if they see a correction to be made.

Attendance and Punctuality

- All band members are expected and required to attend EVERY practice and performance during the season.
- Students should have all instruments and equipment ready and be in the rehearsal location at the start time of rehearsal.
- If a student misses any rehearsal time during the week they may be suspended from performing at the discretion of the band staff.

Excused Absences

- Absences may be excused for the following reasons: weddings, funerals, extended family vacations*, religious observances, school-related activities (sports, drama), sickness, and emergency situations.
- In order for an absence to be excused, Mr. Visco must receive a note in writing signed by a parent or guardian. In emergency situations, Mr. Visco must receive a phone call or e-mail from parent/guardian before the band function begins.
- The following are NEVER excused absences: work, doing homework, attending a party, other concerts, instrument and voice lessons. If you are unsure whether an absence will be excused, check with a staff member.

*Parents and Band Members, Please do your best to avoid planning events during rehearsals (Especially Band Camp - which cannot be missed)

Other Attendance Information

- Students who are involved in sports, drama, or other organizations must be proactive about sharing their schedule with the band staff.
- Communication is key! As a general rule of thumb, if the staff does not know where you are during a band function, the absence is unexcused.
- You are part of a team. If you miss a rehearsal, it affects everyone else in the band. Take responsibility for the excellence of your organization!

Competitions

- Like a football game, the entire competition day is a performance. Spectators and members of other bands will be watching you warm up, move as a group, and perform.
- The entire band will stay in uniform and ALWAYS move as a group unless instructed by a staff member to do otherwise.
- If there is time between our performance and awards, the band will move to the stands to watch the remaining ensembles perform. You will be respectful and supportive of performing groups at all times!
- Your conduct is being watched at all times, not just by the band staff and chaperones, but by other performing groups.

Behavioral Expectations

All marching band members are reminded that you are representing Point Borough at all times. Inappropriate language or conversation is not tolerated while in the band room, on the field, or at any time while in uniform and/or traveling with the band.

We have a NO TOLERANCE policy regarding bullying of ANY kind. If a staff member deems something as "bullying", a student may be removed from the group at the discretion of the band director. This decision will be supported by the high school administration.

A few things to keep in mind...

- Staff and leadership may correct anyone's mistakes - focus on correcting your own! If you are asked to move or fix something, do it. For example, "But I'm in the right spot" does not fly - the cardinal rule is to guide the form.
- If an emergency arises, immediately notify the director or nearest staff person.
- All aspects of the rehearsal are important - warm ups, exercises, marching, music, spinning, or whatever pertains to your responsibility must be attended.
- No food or drink (except water) may be consumed around instruments and equipment.
- Student leadership will communicate rehearsal location before the start time.
- If you must leave early, notify the director prior to the start of the rehearsal.

- Help others carry equipment. The pit and colorguard will often need help with equipment.

Work as a team! There will be a rotating schedule for sections to help the pit.

- Show up with a positive attitude. Try your best to leave "personal issues" at the band room door. The great thing about music and band is that we can forget about everything else for a few hours and come together to perform and do an activity we all love!

Clothing/Weather

Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times. Sneakers or shoes with a soft rubber sole are acceptable - no sandals, flip-flops, clogs, boots, cleats, dress shoes, or high-heeled shoes. This includes color guard as well. Students will not be permitted to rehearse without proper footwear. Use common sense and watch the forecast. Don't be surprised when you are asked to go outside in foul weather - this is an outdoor activity!

Medical Considerations

All students participating in marching band MUST have medical forms filed in order to participate.

Emergencies do happen and we make every effort to be prepared to deal with situations if they arise.

Finally, a staff member should be made aware of any injuries that occur during a band event as soon as possible, no matter how minor. This is for the safety of all participants.

Thank you in advance for complying with these policies.

Music & Drill

- Music will be handed out at the beginning of the season, and it is your responsibility to keep track of it! You should have a three-ring binder with page protectors to keep your music and dot sheets safe.
- Memorize show music as soon as possible - it will make the ensemble better faster!
- You must always have your own copy of music (and sometimes drill, too!) If you misplace it, ask your section leader to get a copy from the staff. Do not rely on sharing with a friend!

Facilities

- Any area that the band uses should be left cleaner than we found it.
- The Band room is NOT your house or personal storage area. Things left behind will be donated or thrown out.
- When attending competitions or football games at the facilities of other schools, keep in mind that you represent Point Pleasant Borough High School. Treat their equipment and facilities even better than your own

Transportation

- All student personnel will ride the bus to games and competitions. If a student is being picked up from a game or competition, a signed letter/email must be submitted to Mr. Visco, and a parent/guardian must be the one to pick up the student.
- Band bus etiquette is the same as that of the school. Excessively loud talking, music, and dangerous activity will not be tolerated.
- Students are encouraged to Carpool with Parents / Families that Live close to each other.
- It is imperative that students are picked up in a timely manner at the end of rehearsals and performances.

Uniforms

- Because one of the primary goals of marching band is for everybody to look the same (unified), the uniform is a symbolic representation of the band's ideals! It should be respected at all times. Disrespect of the uniform is disrespect of the ensemble and your school.
- When not in use, uniforms must be hung properly. Proper technique for hanging uniforms will be demonstrated.

The following are prohibited when in uniform:

- Cursing
- Running/Rough-housing
- Spitting
- Chewing Gum
- Public displays of affection
- Eating ketchup, mustard, chili, sauce, or any other food with messy condiments
- This list could go on forever.

Keep this rule in mind: Always look good. Think before doing. If you are not sure if it is appropriate, it probably is not.

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Andrew Ferrie - Color Guard- aferrie@pointpleasant.k12.nj.us

2019 Schedule

- July 9, 11, 16, 18, 19, 23, 25 - 5:30 - 8:30 PM (Tuesdays / Thursdays)
- August 6, 8 - 5:30 - 8:30 PM (Tuesday / Thursday)

(Band Camp - Mandatory Attendance)
- August 12th - 16th - 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM (M-F) **Tues / Thurs Evening Rehearsals 5:00 - 8:00**
- August 19th - 23rd - 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM (M-F) **Tues / Thurs Evening Rehearsals 5:00 - 8:00 PM**
- August 23rd- 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM (Friday) (Parent Preview performance at 4 PM) Band Camp
Pool Party to follow that evening
- September 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26 - 5:30 - 9 PM (Tuesdays / Thursdays)
- September 6th Friday Evening Football Game (Home vs Barnegat)
- September 13th Friday Evening Football Game (Away vs Donovan Catholic)
- September 14th TOB ManchesterTownship Competition (Saturday)
- September 16th Board Of Education Performance 6-7 PM (Monday)
- September 20th Friday Evening Football Game (Away @ Raritan)
- September 21st USBands Brick Memorial Competition (Saturday)
- September 27th Friday Evening Football Game (Home vs. Shore Regional)
- September 28th TOB Brick Memorial Competition (Saturday)
- October 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24- 5:30 - 9:00 PM (Tuesday / Thursday)
- October 4th Friday Evening FB Game (Away @ Monmouth Regional) *May be moved to Sat*
- October 5th TOB Toms River East Competition (Saturday)
- October 12th USBands Somerville Competition (Saturday)
- October 18th Friday Evening FB Game (Away @ Ocean Township)
- October 19th TOB State Championship Competition- Toms River North (Saturday)
- October 25th Friday Evening FB Game (Away @ Donovan Catholic)
- October 26th TOB ACC Competition @ Harrisburg Area (Saturday)
- November 1st Friday Evening Football Game (Home vs. Manchester)

2019 POINT PLEASANT BOROUGH MARCHING BAND
MEMBER CONTRACT

A note to parents about this document:

This is a Participation Contract between your child and the 2019 Point Pleasant Borough High School Competition Marching Band. We know you realize the importance of teaching our students responsibility and commitment. In an effort to teach our young people the importance of commitment, we have prepared this contract between you, your child, and the band. We need this commitment from your child if we are to continue our tradition of having an outstanding marching organization. We are asking you to co-sign this contract indicating that you understand the commitment in time, talent, and effort that your child is making, and guaranteeing your assistance in your child's fulfillment of this commitment. If we all work together – teachers, students, and parents – we can provide a valuable and enriching experience for the members of the marching band. If you have any questions, please feel free to call upon the staff at any time.

I certify that I have read and fully understand the 2019 Marching Band handbook. I will follow all rules and do my best to meet the expectations of the staff. I understand the consequences if I do not comply with the rules of the organization and staff.

Name of Student (print)

Student Signature

Name of Parent/Guardian (print)

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date