

Summer 2023

Hello Cardinals!

I am glad that I can finally send out information about this summer and all of the happenings in the band program at BA. I was waiting on some final information to end this out, but I finally got it, so without further ado, please see below about summer band information.

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER BAND CAMP: On July 25th and 27th, along with the 1st, 3rd, 8th, and 10th of August, we will be having a high school summer band camp at the BA Band Room. This camp will run from 3:30 through 6:00 pm each day and is for scholars entering Grades 8-12. During these days, we will be working pep band music, learning our homecoming parade marching routine, and having fun. Scholars will set goals for the year and learn about what the program will be doing throughout the academic year. The expectation is that every scholar in the high school band is at the camp every day, but if a scholar needs to miss time, please let me know. If a scholar is at the camp every day, they will earn points towards a band academic letter. For those who use a school-owned instrument, please email me your name and instrument so that I can have those set up and ready to go for camp.

HIGH SCHOOL PERCUSSION INFORMATION: If you are a percussionist, or you are interested in being in the drumline for pep band, please send a recorded video of you playing the linked snare solo, entitled *Avenger*, and the linked xylophone solo, *Bohemian Rhapsody*. You only need to play the snare part from *Avenger*, and the first 16 measures of *Bohemian Rhapsody*. If you would like to practice these in the BA band room, or even record your videos in there, let me know and I can get you in there. These are expected to be sent in by 11:59 pm on Sunday, July 25th. The pieces can be found at [Avenger](#) (scroll to the fourth row of selections and click on the PDF link) and [Bohemian Rhapsody](#). These videos should be sent to me in an email. If you have problems getting to the music or into the band room during this time, please let me know.

NEW/ RETURNING NON-BAND SCHOLARS: If you have not been to band, or if you are rejoining band after a time away, I would love to have you in band. However, so that you are not too far behind your peers, you will need to take summer lessons to catch up. You can find information about summer lessons in the next section of this letter. If you do not know what instrument to play, you can set up a meeting with me to figure out which instrument would be

the best fit for you. If you have questions or concerns about this, please let me know. I appreciate your looking into the BA band.

MS/HS SUMMER MUSIC LESSONS: If you are in middle school or high school and are interested in lessons or interested in getting back into playing an instrument this summer, I am attaching a sign up for summer lessons. These will be weekly half hour lessons on instruments that the scholars already play or are interested in learning, as well as beginning piano lessons for those interested. These lessons will begin the week after the 4th of July, or Monday, July 10th. If you are not able to make the lessons weekly, let me know and I can see what we can do. The sign up sheet can be found at [Lesson Sign-Up](#). Please include name, grade, a good contact email, and the instrument that the lesson will be covering. Lessons will cost \$10 per session, payable at the beginning of each lesson. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. All of the band information for middle school scholars, or those that will be in 6th and 7th grade, will be coming at the beginning of the school year.

If you have any questions for me, feel free to email me at brad_lorence@bacards.org. May God bless you.

Yours in Christ,

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