

Hello Cardinals!

My name is Mr. Lorence and I am the new band director at BA and I am excited to get to know you! There are lots of great opportunities coming this summer for you to get involved in the BA band program. Please see below for more information.

**HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER BAND CAMP:** On July 26th and 28th, along with the 2nd, 4th, 9th, and 11th of August, we will be having a high school summer band camp at the BA Band Room. This camp will run from 3:30pm through 6:00pm 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 toward a band academic letter.

**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. 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.

**NEW/ RETURNING NON-BAND SCHOLARS:** I understand that not all of you who are receiving this are in the BA high school band, or the band program at all, and that is ok. Middle school band scholars, the next paragraph is for you. For those of you who are not currently in the band program, let this be an invitation to join the band program at BA. If you have any interest in joining the BA high school band, but you have not signed up yet, feel free to come to the first night of the summer band camp. This will be a trial to see how you like the band and is not a commitment to joining the BA band program. That night, we will be getting the band handbook and pep band music. We will also play some music and go over some marching

fundamentals for the homecoming parade, **and we will finish the night with pizza.** You can email me directly if you have questions about joining the program or if you have questions for me in general.

**MS/HS SUMMER MUSIC LESSONS:** If you are in middle school or high school and are interested in band or interested in getting back into playing music 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 same week as our summer band camp (week of July 25). 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 will be coming at the beginning of the school year.

I look forward to meeting many of you and being part of the BA community. If you have any questions for me, feel free to email me at [brad\\_lorence@bacards.org](mailto:brad_lorence@bacards.org). May God bless you.

Yours in Christ,

Mr. Lorence

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