

Welcome to Band at Interlake High School!

Dear Interlake Band Students and Parents,

Welcome to the award-winning Interlake Saints Marching Band! This letter provides an introduction and communicates important information about band in incoming Interlake freshmen students and their families.

All 9th grade band students enroll in the Concert Band class. Interlake band students in grades 10 through 12 place in the Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble classes through an audition process that occurs over the first weeks of the school year. Together all band students participate in the Interlake Saints Marching Band and Interlake Pep Band.

The Interlake Saints Marching Band performs field shows and pep music at home football games and marches in at least three parades. There are typically five regular-season home football games over the fall months of the school year with the possibility of playoff games. The following parades occur in the 2018 – 2019 marching season:

Issaquah Salmon Days Parade, Saturday, October 5, Issaquah

Macy's Holiday Parade, November 23, Seattle

17th of May Parade, May 17, Ballard

The Interlake Pep Band performs for select home basketball games at dates to be determined in December, January, and February.

2018 Early Week Interlake Saints Marching Band Camp **August 13 – 17 from 9am to 3pm at Interlake High School**

Over the second week of August Interlake band students participate in a fun-filled week of marching drills and music, learning new marching band music, gaining a lasting comradery and *esprit de corps* among band members. It is during this week of marching activities that band students are fitted for marching and uniforms, learn fundamental marching drills, and work to prepare the first two marching field shows. Early Week activities culminate with a BBQ lunch celebration provided by the Interlake Music Parents Association at noon on Friday.

On Monday, August 13 at 9am all band students will meet in the Interlake band room (1313). From the main entrance of Interlake High School, proceed through the commons area past the main office towards the cafeteria kitchen. Then, take a right to the music wing adjacent to performing arts center stage rear entrance.

Please consider and plan accordingly that for a number of students Early Week Marching Band Camp is a physically demanding week. We ask that students prepare for this experience as they would ready themselves for a sports camp. Get plenty of rest, wear shoes that are appropriate for extended periods of marching, eat breakfast before each session, stay hydrated, and dress according to the weather. Instructors will provide regularly occurring breaks for rest and water throughout the day, but beware that temperatures on the turf field can be uncomfortable in the summer, and learning to march while carrying and playing an instrument is an energetic and physical activity.

Remember to bring the following to Early Week Marching Band Camp:

- Lunch and snacks
- Water bottle that can be refilled
- Marching band instrument
- Sunglasses and Sunscreen
- Comfortable shoes to march in
- A positive attitude -- be ready to have fun!

Uniform Sizing – An important function of band week is to fit students for their marching band uniform so that alterations can be completed before the first performance in September. Please complete the attached uniform info sheet (also found at www.interlakemusic.org) and send the completed form by August 6 to Paul Gillespie at gillespiepa@bsd405.org. A uniform fee of \$50.00 must be paid to the accountant in the Interlake High School main office. Please pay before Early Week, or by 9am Monday, August 13, and bring your receipt to Early Week.

Band Camp Barbeque – On Friday, August 17, we will have our traditional BBQ lunch after marching practice. Parents, you are invited – this is a great way to meet the band directors and other band parents! The BBQ is provided by the Interlake Music Parents Association at no cost. Please RSVP how many will attend from your family, other than your band student, to Paul Gillespie at gillespiepa@bsd405.org. Let us know if you would like a hamburger, hotdog, or garden burger, and if you can help with the BBQ by providing a salad, participating in setup or cleanup, or even grilling! We would like to thank the Golden Steer butcher shop for donating hamburgers and hotdogs for the BBQ. Stop by the Golden Steer at 15255 Bel-Red Road, see their products, and say thanks!

MUSIC FEES

The following music fees for the 2018 - 2019 academic school year paid to the IHS accountant:

Uniform fee	\$50	cleaning, repair, etc. of uniforms
Music Fee	TBD	pays for sheet music
Transportation Fee	\$30	transportation to any local events by school bus
Equipment Fee	TBD	(only if using a school instrument)
Jazz Band	\$25	must be paid only if student becomes a member of Jazz I or II

You may submit payment for fees at the Interlake accounting office, or through the Bellevue School District Online Payment website (<https://touchbase.bsd405.org/>). Call the main office at 425-456-7200 or check the Interlake High School website to confirm office hours.

JAZZ BAND

All students registered for a band, orchestra, or choir class at Interlake High School are invited to audition for placement in Jazz I or Jazz II classes. Jazz Ensemble is a full year credit class meets regularly during zero period, 7:05 – 7:55am. The jazz band audition process happens over the first two week of September. All jazz band students attend class during this time, beginning with a mandatory meeting held during zero period on the first day of school on Thursday, August 30. Information about procedures, and sign up sheets for Jazz Band auditions, will be available at Early Week.

INTERLAKE MUSIC PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The Interlake Music Parent Association (IMPA) provides support and funding to the Interlake music program. The IMPA meets monthly during the school year, usually on the third Wednesday of each month. All music parents are members, and are welcome and encouraged to attend meetings! The meeting schedule will be posted at the beginning of the year.

There is a mandatory parent meeting at a date to be determined in September, at 7 p.m. in the Interlake Commons. At least one parent should attend the meeting. The directors will explain and outline go over the expectations of the year for the Band program. Please plan for the meeting to run until about 8:30pm.

Communications – The Interlake Music Parents Association (IMPA) communicates primarily by email. Please make sure that your names and email addresses are up to date in the Charms Office Manager system (instructions below) so that you will receive timely email updates. Announcements are also posted on Facebook. Parents and students can like our page “Interlake Music,” to receive posts. Our website, www.interlakemusic.org, includes the music department calendar, forms, and other pieces of information.

Parent volunteers – The music program needs parent help in many ways. We will provide information on needed volunteer assistance at the first IMPA meeting.

Fundraising – One of the goals of IMPA is to meet the gap in funding for the music program. Funds raised in the past have paid for clinicians, new instruments, instrument repair and maintenance, sheet music, festival fees, and travel costs to festivals. Our fall fundraising plans currently include the football concession stand sales, cookie dough sales or Entertainment Coupon Books. We encourage your help with these important fundraisers. Remember that your employer may match your donations when making a cash donation to the IMPA-take advantage of your gift matching program if available! A list of employers providing matching funds can be found on the Donations page at www.interlakemusic.org.

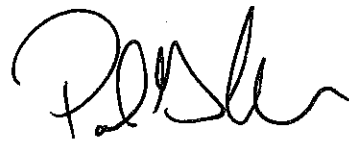
Charms Office Manager

At the end of the current 2017 – 2018 school year, all 8th grade band students will graduate into the Interlake High School Charms Office Manager system. Students and their parents will be asked to register their student account and enter email and phone number contact information. Please see the attached Charms Student Login and Account Set-up page for information.

Sincerely,



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INTERLAKE SAINTS HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

Welcome new and returning students!

During Early Week, August 13 - 17, 2018, you will be fitted for a marching uniform. **The uniform fee of \$50.00 must be paid before you can be fitted!** Write the check to Interlake High School, pay at the school accountant's office, **and bring the receipt to the uniform room as proof of payment.** Please call the main Interlake office at 425-456-7200, or check the school website, to confirm hours of operation for the accounting office.

Please email the following contact information by August 13, 2018 (see below for address)

Student Name: _____

Marching Instrument: _____ Grade _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Parent/Guardian Names _____

Parent Phone _____ Parent E-mail _____

For marching you will need to supply a pair of comfortable, **all BLACK athletic shoes** (no white stripes, logos or anything else), and **black socks**.

E-mail this completed form to Paul Gillespie by **August 13, 2018**

Questions about uniforms? Contact Paul Gillespie at gillespiepa@bsd405.org

Frequently Asked Questions

(for incoming 9th grade Interlake High School Band students)

Which band class do I sign up for?

All 9th grade band students sign up for **Concert Band**.

If I'm in band at Interlake, am I also in marching band?

Yes! All band students at Interlake High School participate in the marching band and pep band. This is the case at every comprehensive high school in the Bellevue School District. We typically perform at 4 – 5 regular season Friday night home football games through the first quarter, and multiple parades during the school year.

Are there rehearsals in the summer, before school starts?

Yes! Every year our Interlake band students meet before the school year to start learning music, teach new students how to march, review marching for returning students, and start learning our halftime shows. For the 2018 – 2019 school year, our Interlake High School Early Week Marching Band Camp will happen August 13 – 17.

What is I have a conflict with the band schedule and other activities that I'm involved in?

Many of the 120+ Interlake band students participate in other activities, sports, and classes at Interlake. It's possible to participate in band AND any other activities that you may be interested in! Communication between parents, students, coaches, and teachers in resolving schedule conflicts makes this possible. Bottom line, if a student wants to play in band, there is a place for them to do so at Interlake!

Does band travel?

Yes, the Interlake band does a handful of performances that are one-day trips (Central Washington University, University of Washington, and Seattle for example), and there is opportunity for all band students to participate in an overnight trip. Generally every three years the Interlake Marching Band travels to Disneyland in Anaheim, CA. The Jazz I and Jazz II bands may also travel on overnight trips.

When does Jazz Band start?

Jazz Band at Interlake begins on the first day of the school year—on August 30—during zero period. The jazz students will audition over the first two weeks of September for placement in the Jazz I and Jazz II bands. Audition materials are first available during Interlake Early Week Marching Band Camp.

Please contact Paul Gillespie or David Kim with any further questions that you may have.

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www.interlakemusic.org

BSD Graduation Requirements, College Entrance Requirements, and MUSIC Classes all 4 years

It is possible to take music classes throughout all 4 years of high school and take all the courses necessary for college admissions. .

Key: G = Fulfills BSD Graduation Requirement, C = Fulfills Typical College Entrance Requirement

Semester 1		Semester 2	
9	G: English 9	G: English 9	G: English 9
	G: Math	G: Math	G: Math
	G: Social Studies	Open for Elective	Open for Elective
	G: Science	G: Science	G: Science
	G: PE	G: PE	G: PE
	G: World Language	G: World Language	G: World Language
	G: Music	G: Music	G: Music

10	G: English 10	G: English 10	G: English 10
	G: Math	G: Math	G: Math
	G: World History I	G: World History II	G: World History II
	G: Science	G: Science	G: Science
	G: Health	G: PE	G: PE
	G: World Language	G: World Language	G: World Language
	G: Music	G: Music	G: Music

11	G: American Lit	G: American Lit	G: American Lit
	G: Math	G: Math	G: Math
	G: US History I	G: US History II	G: US History II
	G: Science	G: Science	G: Science
	C: World Language	C: World Language	C: World Language
	G: Occ Ed (CTE)	G: Occ Ed (CTE)	G: Occ Ed (CTE)
	Music	Music	Music

12	G: Sr English	G: Sr English	G: Sr English
	C: Math	C: Math	C: Math
	G: American Gov	G: Cont. World	G: Cont. World
	C: Science	C: Science	C: Science
	G: Occ Ed (CTE)	G: Occ Ed (CTE)	G: Occ Ed (CTE)
	Open for Elective	Open for Elective	Open for Elective
	Music	Music	Music

This template is just one way to fit in required graduation requirements, college entrance requirements, and take music throughout all four years. There are other ways to fit in these requirements. There is flexibility for taking PE, Health, CTE classes in different years than shown above. Students may earn 1 semester credit for PE by participating in school sports or community-based athletics. The 7 period day allows students a great opportunity to stay enrolled in music classes while also allowing many other electives.