

BETSY BAND SCHEDULE – FALL 2017

FRESHMAN BAND CAMP – May 8 & 9 (3: 15-4:30p) these practices are designed for all freshmen to learn the basic elements of marching and playing needed for our fall marching season. At this time the new students will meet their section leaders and prepare for the coming year in band.

COLOR GUARD PRACTICES – The color guard will practice on **Tuesday nights** throughout the summer. We will decide on these times and dates before the end of the school year. Please inform your instructor as to the dates that you will not be able to attend. **There will be no practice on June 29 or July 6.**

PERCUSSION PRACTICE – All percussionists will practice on **Tuesday nights** this summer. Times and dates will be set before school ends. **There will no practice on June 29 or July 6.**

JULY HORN LINE – July 11 (9:30a- 12:00p) this morning practice will be used to get a jump start on the music for the fall season.

FULL BAND PRACTICES – July 18 & 20 (6:00-8:00p) these Tuesday and Thursday evening rehearsals will be for all band students (grades 9-12) that are not on vacation and are in Elizabethton. At these rehearsals we will refine our marching skills and work on music that will be used in the halftime show.

BAND CAMP – July 24-28 (8:30a-9:00p) this week long camp is required for all band students!! At this time the halftime show will be taught with assistance of special instructors that will help this week only. This is the most important week of practice for the band. There is a fee for this week. This fee is used to help pay the cost of the camp. PLEASE CLEAR THIS WEEK SO NO PRACTICES WILL BE MISSED!

PRE-SCHOOL REHEARSALS – August 1 & 3 and August 8 & 10 (6:00 - 9:00p) these four preschool meetings will help us finish any details from camp and help "brush up" the show for our first halftime performance.

REGULAR NIGHT REHEARSALS – Monday night rehearsal is required and will **begin on August 14**, 5:30- 8:00p, and will continue through the fall competitive marching season.

COLOR GUARD AND PERCUSSION – These groups will begin regular practice for the school year on Tuesday, August 15, 6:00-8:00p.

HORN LINE PRACTICE – Beginning August 15 & 16, we will begin extra music practices on Tuesdays (brass) & Wednesdays (woodwinds), 3:00-4:15p. These practices are required for all students not involved with a fall sport and will continue until the end of the competitive marching season.

SPECIAL PRACTICES – Due to Labor Day on September 4, we will practice on Thursday, September 7, to ensure we are ready for the Friday performance. We will have two Saturday practices, the first on **August 19** and the second on **September 30**. These practices are required. The schedule for these rehearsals will be: full band practice (8:30a-12:00p), lunch (12-1:30p, on your own), and full band practice (1:30-5:00p). The second practice on September 30 will be with our consultant Trey Harris.

FALL BREAK – With no school on October 16 -20, the band will have one extended practice: Thursday, **October 19**, 5:00 - 8:30p.

BAND CONTEST and GAMES – The Betsy Band will have three contests this fall. Please reserve **October 14, 28, and November 4**. November 4 will be the State Championship in Smyrna, TN. All band contests are full-day activities, and attendance is required. Friday nights this fall are reserved for our football game commitments.

These dates and all fee requests will appear on our website, betsyband.org. Please clear these dates now or communicate any conflict with your director.