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Upcoming events

Marching Band Camp:
July 22-August 2 (weekdays only)
8 a.m.-noon, 1:30-5 p.m.

Mandatory Parent Meeting:

August 2 at 6 p.m.

Band Camp Performance:
August 2 at 7:30 p.m.

First Home Football Game:
August 23 at 7 p.m.

Welcome from the Band Booster President!

Welcome to our 2019-20 Band Year! My name is Celine Reyes and I will your President this year! This is my third year with RRHS and I have a daughter, Brooke, that plays the flute and is a junior. I was in band myself and enjoyed what it taught me. My husband, Benny Reyes, also volunteers his time with the band.

I am looking forward to serving this position to fulfill the goals set by our boosters. It is such an honor to be working with the group of selected parents that have volunteered their time and efforts for our band students. We have the most talented band teachers to teach our students and we must all do our part to make this a successful year! The RRHS band kids are AMAZING!

We welcome the new families that will be entering our program and wish to assist with anything . Feel free to email or contact us. Welcome back former families and we will see you all in the bleachers, concerts, and fundraisers!

Best,

Celine Reyes



Help Wanted!

Welcome new and returning band members and families! This year will be a very fun and exciting season. Along with all the great activities planned out for the year comes the responsibility of keeping our kids healthy, happy, and safe. It truly does take a village to raise a band.

The 1st Vice President of the Band Boosters is the lead booster over Chaperoning. This person will be responsible for coordinating chaperones for the various events such as football games, parades, concerts, and competitions. Currently, this position is not filled. If you are interested in the position or want to learn more, please contact Mr C.

Being a chaperone is a wonderful opportunity to get involved and be a part of this great community. In order to be an overnight chaperone (Colorado trip), the district requires volunteers to go through the application process to become an authorized chaperone. Please visit the www.rmps.net website, click the A-Z directory, select Volunteers, and follow the online instructions to submit your application. Please do this as soon as possible as it does take some time to go through the process. Looking forward to a great year!



Hospitality with Joy and Jen

Hello! We are so excited for this upcoming Marching Band Season. Hospitality is responsible for feeding and hydrating your kiddos while they practice, practice, and practice some more to perfect their skills for competition and half time shows. **We need your help!!** There are 11 days of Band Camp where we give out water, Gatorade, and snacks.



Hospitality runs on donations, any non-perishable donations you are able to send in would be greatly appreciated by the Band Boosters and most importantly the kids. **Some ideas to donate are large containers of Gatorade, individually wrapped snacks such as fruit snacks, rice crispy treats, granola bars, gold fish, cheese crackers, and cookies are fun too!**

Volunteers: Volunteers will be needed during Band Camp **July 17, July 22-August 2** (you will be able to sign up on Charms). We start setting up at **8:00-12:00, daily**. We will be serving water, Gatorade, and snacks several times during the outdoor rehearsal. We serve 120+ kids in about 15 minutes, so those of you that are able to come out and help, you will be **GREATLY** appre-

ciated!! We also need at least 2 volunteers for after school watering from **2:45-4:15 M, T, TH, F and 1:45-3:45 on Wednesdays**. Other volunteer opportunities include tailgate party, extra practices, and competitions.

Thank you so much for all your support to help make this marching band season a success! If you have any questions, please contact us. We look forward to working with you!

Jen Honaberger 505-803-6971
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What to wear—the scoop on band uniforms



Hello Band Parents!

My name is Angela Kau and I, along with Rani O'Brien, am in charge of Marching band and concert uniforms. There are many ways to help and we are looking for parents who can donate some time. Some of the ways you can help are:

- 1). Sizing Marching band uniforms on Saturday July 27th
- 2) Washing Marching uniforms after games and competitions
- 3) Sizing concert uniforms. This is done during school and will start in Sept or Oct.
- 4) Steaming the girls dresses before concerts and other general duties for concert prep.

Please look on Charms for volunteer opportunities to help keep the kids looking their best!

Marching Band:

- Students are receiving a show shirt at no cost. Having a 2nd

show shirt is recommended but not mandatory. The cost will be announced at band camp and is not included in the band fees.

- If your student has marching band shoes from last year and they still fit, they may wear them again this year. Otherwise, the kids will be fitted with new shoes during the fitting on July 27th and are ordered through the band. The cost is around \$30 and is not included in the band fees. Cost will be announced at band camp.
- The kids will also be fitted for marching gloves. 2 pairs of gloves are required; 1 pair for games; and 1 pair for competitions. The competition gloves are only to be worn for competitions. The cost is usually \$3/pair. The cost will be announced at band camp.
- These uniforms are not to be brought home after performances. The kids will change in and out for uniforms the day of the event (games and performances).
- Parents, please do not give your kids snacks that will stain the uniforms. We parents who wash work hard to keep

them clean and looking their best. We appreciate your consideration.

- Please make every effort to get your student to the sizing as this is the only scheduled day we have to get them in their uniform before the first game.

Concert Band:

- Freshmen and new students will be fitted for a tux or concert dress. Returning students will try on their uniforms from last year and adjustments will be made at that time. These garments have been dry-cleaned and the cost was covered in the band fees. A contract will be handed out to the kids in class at the time of the fitting and MUST be returned before receiving their uniforms NO EXCEPTIONS! Mr. C will give them the return by date when he hands out the contract. These contracts state that the cost of any damaged or lost items of the uniform will be the responsibility of the parent. Uniforms handed

out to students must be brought back at the end of the school year.

We are going to have a great band season this year and we are super excited for what the kids will learn! Thank you for your time and if you have any questions or comments, please email me.

Angela Kau – 3rd VP

Rani O'Brien – 3rd VP

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Join the Moving and Set-up Crew

Dan O'Brien and Floyd Longbottom are the 4th VP's for the Band. We are responsible for getting the band equipment to and from band events as creating the props for the Marching Band. This is going to be a great year and we hope everyone is excited and ready to support the kids Band Program.

We will be asking for volunteers to help build, load, and move equipment throughout the year. The most demanding time will be Marching Band competitions and prop building. There will be a lot of equipment that needs to be moved and set up for not only the marching band competitions but football games as well.

Parent support is what makes the program work, and we are looking forward to working with all the band parents this year. Please contact us if you would like to volunteer!

Dan O'Brien and Floyd Longbottom





Color Guard

Hello and welcome to another great year of Marching Band and Color Guard! My name is Kathi Filkins and I am very excited to be your Color Guard coordinator for the 2019-2020 season. I have been involved with RRHS Marching Band since 2012 as a volunteer, chaperone, and Color Guard coordinator for both Marching Band and Winter Guard.

Our spin camp, held in June, was a huge success and the guard worked very hard learning new drill. I've been busy this



summer ordering uniforms, flags, and all of the other behind the scenes things that make our guard the best they can be.

My contact information is on the front of this newsletter. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Kathi Filkins



News from the Treasurers

Hello parents and students!

Your treasurers for the Band Boosters this year will be Rani O'Brien and Elias Archuleta. This will be Rani O'Brien's second year as treasurer and Elias Archuleta's first full year as treasurer. The Charms program is a wonderful tool for the band. You will receive emails and statements sent from Charms, so it works best when parents have an updated email in the Charms system. Through Charms you are able to access your student's account at any time, see exactly what fees you owe, and how much your student has in their miscellaneous ledger.

If you want to use funds from your student's miscellaneous ledger to pay any money due you can make a transfer request. If you want to use the miscellaneous ledger funds to purchase music materials, please contact us with the request as it may need to be approved by the director. Please do not go out and purchase products and ask for reimbursement as the Band Boosters can not write a check directly to a parent or student; the check must be payable to the store you are purchasing the product from.

No cash will be accepted! You can use PayPal to make payments but remember there is a 3% fee that goes to PayPal. Otherwise all fees and fundraising needs to be paid by check. Please make your checks payable to BBRRHS (Band Boosters of Rio Rancho High School). On the memo line of the check please reference your student's name and what the check is for (shoes, instrument rental, etc.). Place the check in an envelope, and on the front write your student's name and what was written in the memo line and drop the envelope in the safe outside the Band Director's office.

Disclosure – The incoming Executive Board shall draft a budget for the coming year and present it for approval to the general membership during the fall regular membership meeting. The treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements, showing each activity separately, as well as a complete record of all funds. The treasurer shall be required to prepare a financial report at the close of his/her term and to file copies with the Executive Board.

Rani O'Brien and Elias Archuleta

Communications Director Keeps You Informed

Welcome to the 2019-2020 band season!

We are looking forward to a fun, smooth, and rewarding season of great music, student excellence and participation. While we will occasionally send our direct emails to parents, our goal is to have every band parent registered on the new band web site www.rrhsband.com. When accessing the band website, don't forget to sign up for our newsletter. The newsletter will help you stay informed with any upcoming events, latest news, and any changes that may occur during the year. Don't forget to link the calendar to your personal calendar, join RRHS Band Boosters site on Facebook, and students can access Rio Rancho

High School Marching Band. For the First Time Band Newsletter Readers: The Alumni/Communications Director handles email and web communications to students and families as well as alumni. The position also assists parents and students by providing answers to the questions that our incoming freshman/new students and parents may have about the band. These may include some of the following: • Practice times and locations • Performance times and locations • Needed supplies for the year • Uniforms • Schedules for any trips planned. PLEASE MAKE SURE I HAVE YOUR CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESS SO YOU CAN BE NOTIFIED OF SPECIAL EVENTS AND NEWS. Who do I

contact if I have questions or problems? Feel free to contact me via e-mail

www.rrhscommunications.com, if you have any questions or concerns about accessing, registering for, or using the web page. Please make sure to sign up for Amazon miles to help our booster club raise money with each purchase you make. (There is a link at the bottom of the band web page.) Here is to a great 2019-2020 Year!!

Julia Giese



Fundraising

Fundraising is a crucial part of making the band program a success. There will be many opportunities this year to help support both the band's general expenses as well as your individual student's accounts. Fundraising can be as easy as posting something on social media or passing the word along to friends and neighbors. More information regarding the various fundraising opportunities will be shared throughout the year. If you have any questions or would like to help out, please contact Matt Harris at rrhsbbgeneralfundraiser@gmail.com.

Matt Harris



**MANDATORY BAND PARENT
MEETING**

Mark your calendar for a MANDATORY band parent meeting on Friday, August 2, at 6:00 p.m. in the band room. At this meeting, you can ask all of those questions that you think of this summer! You can also order show shirts, volunteer for the many opportunities described in this newsletter, learn more about the chaperone application process, and

GO RAM BAND!

