

Rookie

# BAND PARENTS

Handbook



May 26, 2009

## **Welcome to the 2009-2010 Ryle Marching Raiders family.**

This will be a year of change, a year of growth and a year of excitement! With a 20% increase in band size this year, an influx of mega-talented rookies, the addition of some phenomenal guard and percussion staff, and award-winning music and drill writers, it promises to be a season where anything can happen!

*“Sounds great! Where do I start?”*

### **START OUT RIGHT - GET IN THE KNOW!**

#### **1) Put the Marching Band website in your favorites:**

[www.ryle.boone.k12.ky.us/band](http://www.ryle.boone.k12.ky.us/band)

The website is THE place to find out what is going on. I examined many band websites out there and ours is by far one of the best. Find messages from the staff, downloadable forms, and information about upcoming events, Band Boosters meeting minutes, competition photos, contact information, and much more.

It will help you to download the **calendar** and keep it on your fridge. Check a few times a month for updates, especially during competition weeks, because things can change and practices added. It is also a great place to keep up with fundraising activities. For fun, there are always new pictures of the band on there. I found myself in there weekly just to keep up with everything.

#### **2) Make sure you are on the email list so that you can get updates.**

Send your email address to [juliebombik@insightbb.com](mailto:juliebombik@insightbb.com)

During marching season you will get regular emails keeping you informed about upcoming events, changes in schedules, what parental help is needed, etc.

#### **3) Go to Some Booster Meetings**

They are only once a month (usually the third Tuesday of the month) and you will learn so much. You don't even have to participate, you can just listen, or use the opportunity to ask questions or add your opinion. If you print the online calendar from the website the booster meetings will be listed on there.

They are held in the Ryle library, and they go for an hour.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

### **Band Website**

[www.ryle.boone.k12.ky.us/band](http://www.ryle.boone.k12.ky.us/band)

### **Staff Contacts**

#### **Directors**

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#### **Percussion**

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Personal Cell Phone: (859)-240-6377

Andy Stoeckel—Director of Pit Percussion

#### **Guard**

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Band Office Phone: (859) 384-5333

School E-mail: [michelle.gibbs@boone.kyschools.us](mailto:michelle.gibbs@boone.kyschools.us)

Kelsey Brockman – Director of Guards

#### **Band Booster Contacts**

Jim Coots – President (I need to know who is in charge of something)

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Robin Haywood – VP (I have a question about a fundraiser or event)

[Rhaywood10@fuse.net](mailto:Rhaywood10@fuse.net)

Jane Donlin – 2<sup>nd</sup> VP (I have a question about a fundraiser or event)

[jane.donlin@regus.com](mailto:jane.donlin@regus.com)

Julie Bombik – Secretary/Sponsorships (I know of a company that may want to sponsor the band)

[juliebombik@insightbb.com](mailto:juliebombik@insightbb.com)

Tom Deja – Budget/Finance

[tomannedeja@insightbb.com](mailto:tomannedeja@insightbb.com)

Kim Leavens – (I volunteered to help on something and I have a question)

[glenandkim@fuse.net](mailto:glenandkim@fuse.net)

Pam Ollier – Treasurer (I need to know how much I owe)

[pam.ollier@boone.kyschools.us](mailto:pam.ollier@boone.kyschools.us)

Anne Deja – Webmaster (I have some pictures/info/corrections for the website)

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#### **Section Leaders**

Kaori Uozumi, Sarah Leavens, Jessica Harden - Drum Majors

Andrea Howes – Flutes

Sean Haywood - Baritones

Amber Deja – Clarinets

Nick Cobb - Saxophones

Beth Bailey - Low Reeds

Carl Groathouse - Trumpets

Desirae Bigelow - Horns

Matt Pearce - Sousaphones

Kevin Logan - Drumline

Michaela Mullikin-Trombones

Katie Ollier, Emily Meadors - Color Guard

Kyle Werling - Pit

## COMPETITION DAY – EXAMPLE ONLY!

*This form will be updated prior to each competition and is available in the slot on the wall to the left of Mr. Carron's office door. You will need this, so make sure you grab one when you drop off your marcher for practice on Thursday night. There will also be directions to the competition AND a schedule of all the competing bands on the back of this form!*

7:30 AM Band Room Opens—Arrive at school—get organized for the day  
8:00 AM Students report to the practice field  
8:15 AM Stretch and physical warm-up  
8:45 AM Fundamental Review  
9:15 AM Musical Warm-up  
9:30 AM Review Rehearsal  
11:00 AM Rehearsal Ends. Load all equipment. RELAX.  
12:00 PM Final Announcements. Students receive bag lunches and load buses by class.  
2:00 PM Band Arrives at Somewhere County High School—Visualization  
2:15 PM Students Change for performance  
2:45 Stretch/Warm-up  
3:45 Band Moves to the Stadium Gate  
4:00 RYLE MARCHING RAIDERS PERFORM  
4:15 Performance over—move to change and eat  
5:30 Preliminary Awards—announcement to finals  
6:00 Band changes and prepares for finals  
8:00 Finals performance  
10:30 Finals Awards  
11:00 Buses Depart Somewhere County High School  
1:00 AM Ryle Marching Raiders Return Home

## COMPETITION DAY FOR PARENTS

Know a few important things about competition day.

- Competitions take place outside at high school football fields. Prepare for a long day sitting on metal benches with changing weather. Keep a bag in your trunk with a blanket, sunscreen, a cushion to sit on, and rain gear.
- You do have to pay to get in, even if you are helping out for the day. This includes your small children. Admission is usually around \$5-7 for adults and a few dollars less for kids.
- Don't plan on running in at show time. Usually it's a long walk from the parking lot and then a wait at admissions. Also, you cannot walk in and out during performances, only between. Like the ATP Tennis tournament!
- Parents provide their own meals. If you're there at lunch, you can eat at the concession stand or stop at a nearby restaurant. Around dinner time there is usually a break in the show (usually 1 ½ hours.) This is a great time to get to know people. Grab some concessions for yourself and walk over to the band tent and help serve the kids, or get a few people and go to a local restaurant.
- Plan to spend the entire day and evening. Most shows are at least an hour away, and by the time the final awards are over it's usually 10pm.

If you are not volunteering on Saturday:

For your first few shows you should follow the band bus and stay with them the whole day. It is a great way to see all the cool stuff they do. I love watching the mental prep right before a show. It's really fascinating to watch!

The bands are divided by size (in Ohio it's size of band, in KY it's size of school) Ryle will likely be in class AAAA in OH and AAAAA in KY. The A bands go first, usually around noon, then the AA and so on. Each class usually has from 3 to 5 bands, and each band gets 15 minutes. I like to watch all the bands in our class so I can size up the competition.

Ryle parents sit together. There's lots of craziness going on here and the kids love it! Lots of people wear the gray Ryle Band hoodies or other Ryle gear. Lots of people wear things that are orange. Someone always hands me a pom pom to shake. Sometimes someone leads a cheer. Our kids are young, so we let them know their families are there yelling for them.

Things get a little crazy once the competitions start, and the parents are providing several support functions on this day. The parents on these committees welcome you with open arms!

### Meals

There are one or two meals served for the band every competition. We have a band tent (look for the Ryle trailer and it will be next to that) and the kids meet there to eat. Parents who volunteer on Saturday can also eat at the band tent. Different parents take turns planning and preparing the meals to make it easier on everyone. We do ask that everyone occasionally bring in cookies, fruit, chips or drinks though, to help keep costs down. This year's meal chair will be Kim Leavens ([glenandkim@fuse.net](mailto:glenandkim@fuse.net).) Email her if you want to grab a couple of buddies and host a meal, or if you would send a snack in with your marcher. The meal hosts do the shopping (with a budget and a Sam's card) the preparation, pack everything in the trailer, the setup and clean up. There is a one-sheet of instructions that will make it pretty turn-key. Also, if it's your student's birthday week, it is fun to send in a cake or some treats to the competition.

### Uniforms

This is run by the uniform committee, which is also headed by Kim Leavens. I have heard this is the best place to learn kids' names! Parents stand in the trailer and hand uniforms out to kids and collect them after performances. They also keep things clean and sewn!

### Percussion Equipment

You will see from past photos that there is quite a bit of heavy percussion equipment on the field. It all has to go from the bandroom to the trailer to a cart onto the field back onto a cart back into the trailer and into the bandroom. Usually Dads do all the heavy lifting, but some moms do, too.

### Bus Chaperones

With the high price of gas these days, bus chaperones appreciate getting a free ride on the buses. Mr. Carron is always happy to get volunteers to ride up and back with the kids. This is a great way to learn names, and it's especially fun riding home after we win!

### Other Ways to Help

Help is needed at Band Camp (July), Ryle-Hosted Marching competition (Oct), Senior Night (May), Band Banquet (May), the Spring Carnival (April) and the Winterguard Competition (April.) You can do anything from holding doors open to serving food to counting money. Watch the website for dates and times where help is needed.

# Calendar

*This calendar is found on the website and is updated regularly*

^	June 2009						v
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1 *Color Guard 4-7pm	2	3 *Last Day of School *Graduation	4 *Color Guard Movement 4-7pm	5	6	
7	8 *Color Guard 4-7pm	9 *Executive Board 6:00pm	10	11 *Color Guard Movement 4-7pm	12	13 *ACT	
14	15 *Color Guard 4-7pm	16 *Band Boosters 7pm	17 *Skyline Band Night @ Richwood	18 *Color Guard Movement 4-7pm	19	20	
21	22 *BOA Drum Major Camp *Color Guard Mini-Camp	23 *BOA Drum Major Camp *Color Guard Mini-Camp	24 *BOA Drum Major Camp *Color Guard Mini-Camp	25 *BOA Drum Major Camp *Color Guard Mini-Camp	26 *BOA Drum Major Camp *Color Guard Mini-Camp	27 *BOA Drum Major Camp	
28	29 *Color Guard 4-7pm	30					

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1	2 *Color Guard Movement 4-7pm	3	4	
5	6 *Color Guard 4-7pm	7 *Woodwinds 3-5pm *Brass 6-8:30pm	8	9 *Color Guard Movement 4-7pm	10	11	
12	13 *Color Guard 4-7pm	14 *Woodwinds 3-5pm *Brass 6-8:30pm	15 *Beef O'Brady's Band Night	16 *Color Guard Movement 4-7pm	17	18	
19	20 *Band Camp 8-1pm	21 *Band Camp 8-1pm	22 *Band Camp 8-1pm	23 *Band Camp 8-1pm	24 *Band Camp 8-1pm	25	
26	27 *Band Camp 9-9pm	28 *Band Camp 9-9pm	29 *Band Camp 9-4pm *Band Olympics 4-6pm	30 *Band Camp 9-9pm	31 *Band Camp 9-9pm		

## **FUNDRAISING**

Ryle High School Marching Band will have 112 members in 2009-2010, with a band fee set by Boone County Schools of \$600 per student (Reduced or Waived fees for designated reduced-income students.) These fees only partly cover the budget needed for transportation, staff, uniforms, music, drill, and numerous other expenses.

There are a few major fundraisers planned for 09-10 that are key to helping meet the budget, and parents are needed to help those events function smoothly. One new (and fun) event for this year is the addition of a Ryle-hosted marching band competition in October. All parents will be requested and students required to help in this important event.

Mr. Carron and the Band Parent Executive Committee are working on a complete list of fundraising events, which will be available on the website. You will receive further info via email when the information is finalized.