

WELCOME TO THE 2018-2019 SBRHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT INTRODUCTORY MEETING

AS YOU ENTER, PLEASE GO TO WWW.SBRHSMUSIC.ORG, FIND THE
“*SBRHS Music Department 2018-2019 Student Contact Information Form for All Performing Musicians*”
GOOGLE FORM AND FILL IT OUT.

Google Form URL = <https://goo.gl/forms/Rsk68zHfWGJxmoL73>

SOMERSET BERKLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT
Home of the Blue Raiders

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SBRHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Welcome to our new Music Department Website! Please be patient as we continue to add content in preparation for the new school year.

ALL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN SBRHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT ENSEMBLES AND THEIR PARENTS MUST COMPLETE THE CONTACT INFORMATION GOOGLE FORM BY THE **HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT INTRO MEETING** THAT WILL TAKE PLACE ON **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29 @ 6:30 p.m.** IN THE SBRHS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER.

2018-2019 STUDENT CONTACT INFORMATION FORM FOR ALL PERFORMING MUSICIANS

SEARCH

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SBRHS Music Department

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	Aug 1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	Sep 1

Events shown in time zone: Eastern Time - New York

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For the most up-to-date departmental information, check out the following sources:

Specific member and parent, ensemble information

www.sbrhsmusic.org

BAND app (Need the free app & an invite code)

Friends of Music (weekly Music Dept. Updated are posted here)

2018-2019 SBRHS “Blue Raider” Marching Band

SBRHS Show Choir (for parents & students)

Amplified 2018-2019 (for students by invite only)

Electrify 2018-2019 (for students by invite only)

Voltage 2018-2019 (for students by invite only)

SBRHS Show Choir Pit Band

SBRHS Jazz Band

SBHRS Winter Marching Arts Ensembles

SBRHS Winter Hornline

SBRHS Marching Arts Homeshow (Fall & Winter)

SBRHS Chamber Ensemble

Publicity / Social Media

Facebook ensemble pages

2018-2019 SBRHS Blue Raider Marching Band

SBRHS Show Choir Parents’ Page

Twitter

@SBRHSMusic

@SBRHSShowChoir

BAND App. The SBRHS Music Department will continue to use the BAND app to disseminate all information quicker and more efficiently to you! Documents, calendars, weekly announcements, and up-to-date information will be available now in this one application rather than checking weekly emails or paper documents. The BAND App is completely free to use! You can download the BAND App on your iPhone, Android device, or access it on your computer by going to **band.us**. I suggest that you set it up on a computer first and then download the app once you have an account established. The names of our BAND groups are listed above. Everyone should be part of the **Friends of Music** BAND app group as weekly announcements for the department will be posted there. The additional groups are ensemble specific groups set up by the ensemble directors: Below are the invite codes for each group:

Friends of Music – invitation located at <https://band.us/n/a4afXfj5lb05s>

2018-2019 SBRHS “Blue Raider” Marching Band - invitation located at <https://band.us/n/a9a7Xcj5l4S91>

SBRHS Show Choir - invitation located at <https://band.us/n/a6a4X9j6lfT35>

SBRHS Show Choir Pit Band - invitation located at <https://band.us/n/a8afX1jeleTce>

SBRHS Jazz Band - invitation located at <https://band.us/n/a0adXfjcl7T4i>

SBRHS Winter Marching Arts Ensembles - invitation located at <https://band.us/n/a4a2Xdj7l0T7s>

SBRHS Winter Hornline - invitation located at <https://band.us/n/aca1Xejbl4U7d>

SBRHS Marching Arts Homeshow (Fall & Winter) - invitation located at <https://band.us/n/a7a0X0jal7U1N>

SBRHS Chamber Ensemble – invitation located at <https://band.us/n/afa2X3Za67BbH>

I. Staff Introductions: Mrs. Isidoro, Mr. Bianco, and Mr. Marshall

II. SBRHS Music Department In-School Performing Ensembles

- *Students can participate in multiple in-school ensembles. However, all students are required to fully meet the expectations of each ensemble. The more ensembles that you participate in, the more responsibility to learn and master your music you will have. We recommend that incoming freshmen do not exceed 2 in-school ensembles, and upperclassmen do not exceed 3.*
- **Concert Band** – Meets 3 times a cycle during the 1st Block on B, F, & G days
- **Symphonic Wind Ensemble** – Meets 3 times a cycle during the 1st Block on C, D, & H days
- **Concert Choir** – Meets 3 times a cycle during the 1st Block on B, F, & G days
- **Chorale** – Meets 3 times a cycle during the 1st Block on C, D & H days
- **Orchestra** – Meets 4 times a cycle during the 1st Block on C, D, G, & H days
- **String Ensemble** - Meets 2 times a cycle during the 1st Block on B & F days

III. Music Department Student Expectations

- Personal Responsibility – Equipment, Necessary Materials, Practicing Music Concepts (i.e. scales, articulations, bowing, vowel shapes, etc.), Learning Literature for performance, Uniform Maintenance, KNOWING YOUR SCHEDULE AND VOICING CONFLICTS AS SOON AS THEY ARISE TO THE DIRECTOR, etc.
- Conduct – Always conduct yourself in a mature manner and show respect to all
- Extracurricular Activities – Academically Eligible...SCHOOL COMES FIRST
 - Per school regulations, each extra-curricular activity has a User Fee. Notification of the User Fee amount and due dates will be disseminated by the ensemble director during the first rehearsal of the ensemble.
 - Students in these ensembles are held to a higher standard. Attendance, participation and performance expectations are listed in those ensembles' handbooks.
 - Must participate in an in-school music ensemble or with special exemptions based on teacher recommendation / administration approval.
- Instrument Lockers – Are assigned for the purposes of storing instruments and sheet music...NOTHING ELSE
- String Instrument Racks – String students must bring personal instruments to the PAC in the morning and place ON THE RACKS, and pick them up after school. DO NOT LEAVE THEM THERE OVERNIGHT. Instruments left on the floor will be removed at the end of the school day and moved into the chorus room. There are many rehearsals on the stage and instruments left on the floor cause tripping hazards. Multiple offenses may lead to disciplinary action.
- Positive attitude and professional manner – Always come ready to work and remember, “If you fail to prepare; you prepare to fail” and “to be early is to be on-time and to be on time is to be late”

IV. Extracurricular Ensembles

- **“Blue Raider” Marching Band – Mr. Marshall and Support Staff**
 - Open Enrollment, currently in session, competes in NESBA and USBANDS Competitions

- **Jazz Band – Mr. Russell**
 - Audition ONLY ensemble which rehearses on Thursday evenings from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. starting on September 6, 2018

- **“Electrify” & “Amplified” Show Choir Pit Bands – Mr. Marshall**
 - Audition ONLY ensemble which rehearses on Tuesday afternoons from 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. starting Tuesday, September 11, 2018, competes in Show Choir Competitions throughout New England

- **“Electrify” Show Choir – Mr. Bianco and Support Staff**
 - Audition ONLY ensemble currently in session, competes in Show Choir Competitions throughout New England

- **“Amplified” Show Choir – Mr. Bianco and Support Staff**
 - Audition ONLY ensemble currently in session, competes in Show Choir Competitions throughout New England

- **“Voltage” Show Choir – Mr. Bianco and Support Staff**
 - Audition ONLY ensemble currently in session, competes in Show Choir Competitions throughout New England

- **Chamber Ensemble – Mrs. Isidoro**
 - Audition ONLY ensemble which rehearses before school
 - Stay tuned for the audition date that will take place during the second week of school

- **Spring Musical – Mr. Marshall, Mr. Bianco and Mrs. Levesque**
 - Auditions for casting and orchestra pit
 - Open Call for backstage crews
 - Auditions in November, Rehearsals begin in December, Performances in May

- **Winter Percussion Ensemble – Brandon Carrita, Skyler Grillo and Support Staff**
 - Open Enrollment with the following requirements: must participate in the Marching Band program or in special circumstances, based on instructor recommendation
 - Rehearsals begin in December and the ensemble competes in the NESBA Winter Circuit

- **Winter Color Guard – Miss. Desmarais**
 - Open Enrollment with the following requirements: must participate in the Marching Band program or in special circumstances, based on instructor recommendation
 - Rehearsals begin in December and the ensemble competes in the NESBA Winter Circuit

- **Winter Hornline – Mr. Russell**
 - Open Enrollment with the following requirements: must participate in the Marching Band program or in special circumstances, based on instructor recommendation
 - Rehearsals begin in December and the ensemble competes in the NESBA Winter Circuit

- **Community Service Opportunity**
 - North Elementary School will be presenting a musical in the PAC in November. They will be presenting “**CINDERELLA**”!
 - **North Elementary Principal - Dr. Manchester** is looking for a few volunteers from the drama department to work with the students starting the second week of school and will offer community service hours. Rehearsals are Tuesday’s and Thursday’s from 3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 - Please contact Dr. Manchester at paula.manchester@somersetschools.org if you are interested!

V. Somerset Friends of Music – President, Mrs. Jennifer Lazaro

- Every family is strongly encouraged to be a member of the organization. Annual Membership Fee is \$10 and Membership Forms are available at tonight’s meeting.
- Please consider volunteering – we need everyone to help in some way. Please list how and when you might be available to help the music department on the “*SBRHS Music Department 2018-2019 Student Contact Information Form for All Performing Musicians*” Google Form.
- SFOM General Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month. The first General Board meeting will be on Tuesday October 2nd in the SBRHS library. Meeting notices are posted on the Facebook page as well as the “Friends of Music” Band App.
 - Goals of the Somerset Friends of Music (Support K-12)
- **Fundraisers**
 - Mattress Fundraiser – Sunday, October 28th
- A **CORI Request Form** must be filled out and submitted with a readable copy of your driver’s license to volunteer or chaperone at any school sanctioned event. *These forms can be obtained from the homepage at www.SBRHSMusic.org, should be returned to Mr. Marshall prior to volunteering or chaperoning, accompanied by a readable copy of your driver’s license. This must be done every year.*

VI. Review Musictown Events and 2018 - 2019 Fine & Performing Arts Calendar

- **45th Anniversary of the Musictown Festival** – **It’s an ALUMNI YEAR!!! We encourage all alumni to participate in these events!!!** The intent of our annual festival is to give back to our community for the support we receive for our students in the music department. This year marks another milestone and our 45th festival is going to be celebrated by welcoming all Somerset High School & Somerset Berkley Regional High School Music Alumni and their directors by inviting all of them to come back and perform with the current music students and faculty. Please join us on Facebook (SBRHS Music Department) and get up-to-date information on events and where to register so you will not miss out on anything.
- More details for Alumni participation will be located in the September 2018 Newsletter available at www.SBRHSMusic.org, on the “Friends of Music” BAND App, and on the “45th Musictown Festival Alumni Information” Facebook Group Page.
- **Musictown King and Queen Judging - Mrs. Sowa**
 - *Musictown King and Queen Applications are due by Monday, September 24, 2018 by 2:30 p.m. in Mr. Marshall’s Office*

- *Musictown King and Queen Preliminary Meeting will take place in the SBRHS Distance Learning Center at 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2018*
- **Musictown King and Queen Judging - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**
 - King and Queen Judging at SBRHS. Students will have to answer questions from a panel of judges, and write an essay on “What Music Means To Me.”
- **Musictown Alumni Rehearsal for Marching Band and Show Choirs – MONDAY, OCTOBER 8**
 - **Times are TBA** – Due to the visual components of the performances for these ensembles, this rehearsal is necessary to coordinate the performance prior to the day of performances.
- **Musictown Ball – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11**
 - 6:30 pm at Venus de Milo. Performers for the event include **Electrify and Amplified Show Choirs, String Ensemble** and the **Marching Band**. The King and Queen of the Festival will be crowned. **SFOM** will be selling tickets – **don’t wait until the last minute to get your tickets!**
- **Musictown Kiddies Day – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13**
 - 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at SBRHS Field and Student Dining Center. Children from throughout the community get to learn about marching band and march with the SBRHS “Blue Raider” Marching Band. Special children’s activities will be planned following a performance by the SBRHS Marching Band.
- **Musictown Pops Night – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16**
 - 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. – Rehearsals
 - 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. – Dinner
 - 7:00 p.m. – SBRHS Performing Arts Center. This concert includes the **Jazz Band, Chamber Ensemble**, as well as the “**Electrify**” and “**Amplified**” Show Choirs.

- **Musictown Concert Night – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18**
 - 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. – Rehearsals
 - 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. – Dinner
 - 7:00 p.m. – SBRHS Performing Arts Center. This concert includes the **Concert Band, Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Orchestra, String Ensemble, Concert Choir and Chorale.**

- **Musictown Grand Day and USBands Field Show – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20**
 - **Parade** will begin at approximately 12:30 pm
 - **USBands Show** will begin at 5:00 pm

**We need you! Volunteers are needed to make all these events successful
and we hope you will come forward!**

VII. SBRHS Fine & Performing Arts Department Calendar 2018-2019

- All dates are included in the “Calendar of Events” Page on SBRHSMusic.org
- **Starting today 8/29/2018, that page is notification to all members and parent(s) / guardian(s) of each SBRHS Music Ensemble regarding rehearsals and performance dates.**
- Rehearsal and Performance Dates are subject to change with at least two-week notice. Please check often throughout the year!
- All students must inform their Ensemble Director(s) of an absence of a performance using the proper absence notification process for that ensemble at least two-weeks prior to the performance for that absence to be considered an “Excused Absence”. Unexcused absences have consequences for each ensemble. Absence policies including exceptions and consequences are available in each ensemble’s student handbook or syllabus. This form of communication is necessary for all ensembles to be able to reach their goals.

VIII. Concert Uniform Order Forms for In-School Music Ensembles

- The “2018-2019 SBRHS Concert Attire Uniform Order Form” is located on the home page of www.SBRHSMusic.org
- All Forms must be submitted with payment by Friday, September 14, 2018.
- If you do not submit by then, we must place the order so as to have the uniforms for the Musictown concerts, therefore a slip with information to purchase them directly from Cousin’s Concert Attire will be provided on the web site. Unfortunately, you will not receive our discount or free shipping. GET YOUR ORDER IN ON TIME!!!
- Checks payable to “Somerset Friends of Music” and write **CONCERT UNIFORM and the STUDENT NAME** in the memo of the check. Please include your phone number on all checks.

IX. Questions and Meeting adjourned