

# ***SBRHS Music Department Weekly Announcements 11/5-11/10***

## **Ways to get the information that you need:**

### **Specific member and parent, ensemble information**

[www.sbrhsmusic.org](http://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

SBRHS 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



## **The SBRHS "Blue Raider" Marching Band is the 2018 USBands Division 1A National Champions:**



What an incredible weekend! The students truly learned this weekend that hard work, dedication, passion, commitment and teamwork is worth the time and effort. Additionally, for all of the parents and supporters, your time chaperoning, planning-building-fixing and moving props, volunteering at various events, waiting in cars until rehearsal ends...that was all worth it for your children's incredible experience. Awards, trophies, titles, and accoutrements aside; the best reward for me was the faces of the students as they came off the field after their performance knowing that they gave the performance of a lifetime! I'm sure that you feel the same way. Everything else is just someone else's opinion, and for me the only opinions that mattered were the kids! However...it is nice for others to recognize the accomplishments of our students!

The Somerset Berkley Regional High School "Blue Raider" Marching Band ended the fall competitive marching band season by participating in the 2018 USBands Division 1A National Championships on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at J. Birney Crum Stadium in Allentown, PA. In competition, they presented their 2018 competition field show entitled "FLIGHT". For their performance, the band received their highest score of the season with a 94.400. With this phenomenal performance, they also won the Division 1A National Captions Awards for Best Overall Effect and Best Color Guard. Their score earned them a 1st place finish and the title of 2018 USBANDS DIVISION 1A NATIONAL CHAMPIONS, completing the band's very first, undefeated USBands season! The band also won the 2018 USBands Division 1A Massachusetts State and New England Regional Championship earlier in the week. This marks the second time the band has won the USBands Division 1A National Championship as they won the title for the first time in 2015.

As for the rest of this week, we have one rehearsal on Wednesday and a home football on Friday that was just added to our schedule by the Athletic Department. This will be a wonderful way to celebrate the students' achievement and perform under the lights one more time before the home crowd prior to Thanksgiving! Please make plans to come to the game to cheer on the 2018 SBRHS "Blue Raider" Marching Band in an encore, victory-run performance of "FLIGHT"! Also, details about Winter Color Guard and Winter Percussion will be forthcoming. Stay tuned, but for the time being, relax a little, give your child a hug and tell them how proud you are of them, and bask in the satisfaction that their hard work and talents were recognized on a National Stage. Congratulations to the 2018 USBANDS DIVISION 1A NATIONAL CHAMPIONS, THE SOMERSET BERKLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL "BLUE RAIDER" MARCHING BAND!

## **SEMMEA Senior District Auditions and Festival**

This information is for students in Grade 9 – 12 that have signed up to audition and paid the audition fee in time for the Massachusetts Music Educator Association's Southeastern Senior District Festival. **The auditions will be held on Saturday, November 17, 2018 at King Philip Regional High School in Wrentham, MA and our school district's audition time is 10:15 a.m.** You and a parent/guardian must report there one hour prior to the audition to meet your director so he/she may register you at that time. Auditions involve the thorough study of a solo piece and memorization of several scales. Students who study privately have a great advantage in these auditions as private instructors can assist in the learning of these selections. All those who wish to audition must purchase a copy of the solo piece and be available all-day for travel to the audition site. ***Transportation is not provided as this is not an ensemble performance but an individual audition. If you have the honor of being selected as a participant for the festival, it will take place on January 11 & 12, 2019 at Canton High School in Canton, MA.*** To gain more information regarding the auditions and festival, as well as audition requirement updates, please visit the SEMMEA website at <http://semmea.org>

## **SEMMEA Junior District Auditions and Festival**

This information is for students in Grade 9 that have signed up to audition and paid the audition fee in time for the Massachusetts Music Educator Association's Southeastern Junior District Festival. **The auditions will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at Furnace Brook Middle School in Marshfield, MA and our school district's audition time is 2:15 p.m.** You and a parent/guardian must report there one hour prior to the audition to meet your director so he/she may register you at that time. Auditions involve the thorough study of a solo piece and memorization of several scales. Students who study privately have a great advantage in these auditions as private instructors can assist in the learning of these selections. All those who wish to audition must purchase a copy of the solo piece and be available all-day for travel to the audition site. ***Transportation is not provided as this is not an ensemble performance but an individual audition. If you have the honor of being selected as a participant for the festival, it will take place on March 8 & 9, 2019 at Attleboro High School in Attleboro, MA.*** To gain more information regarding the auditions and festival, as well as audition requirement updates, please visit the SEMMEA website at <http://semmea.org>

## **Mattress Fundraiser on Sunday, October 28, 2018:**

Thanks to all of those who came out to support our Mattress Fundraiser. Initial numbers look like they have exceeded our expectations. It was nice to see so many out in support of the SFOM and the event. Those of you that purchased a mattress for delivery should be hearing from the company very soon to set up your delivery date. Enjoy your new mattresses and a better night's sleep!

## **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.

## **Somerset Friends of Music Meetings:**

Monthly General Body Meetings take place starting at 6:30 p.m. on the following Tuesday Evenings throughout the school year:

- November 13, 2018
- December 4, 2018
- January 8, 2019
- February 5, 2019
- March 5, 2019
- April 2, 2019
- May 7, 2019
- June 11, 2019

## **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/a4afXfj5IbO5s>

**2018-2019 SBRHS “Blue Raider” Marching Band** - invitation located at <https://band.us/n/a9a7Xcj5I4S91>

**SBRHS Show Choir** - invitation located at <https://band.us/n/a6a4X9j6Ift35>

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

**SBRHS Jazz Band** - invitation located at <https://band.us/n/a0adXfjcl7T4j>

**SBRHS Winter Marching Arts Ensembles** - invitation located at <https://band.us/n/a4a2Xdj7I0T7s>

**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>

# **SOMERSET BERKLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**

## **PERFORMING ARTS CALENDAR**

### **2018 - 2019**

**(updated 10/23/2018)**

#### **AUGUST 2018**

August 13-18 ..... SBRHS Show Choirs' Camp ..... 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. / SBRHS  
 August 13-17 and 20-24 ..... SBRHS "Blue Raider" Marching Band Camp ..... 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. / SBRHS  
 Wednesday, August 29 ..... High School Music Department Intro Meeting ..... 6:30 p.m. / SBRHS PAC

#### **SEPTEMBER 2018**

Tuesday, September 11 ..... Somerset Friends of Music Installation of Officer's Meeting ..... Location & Times TBA  
 Saturday, September 15 ..... Meriden, CT USBands Marching Band Competition ..... Francis T. Maloney HS  
 Saturday, September 22 ..... Blackstone-Millville USBands Marching Band Competition ..... Medway HS  
 Monday, September 24 ..... Musictown King & Queen Applications ..... due by 2:30 pm in Mr. Marshall's Office  
 Wednesday, September 26 ..... Musictown King & Queen Preliminary Meeting ... 5:15 p.m. @ Distance Learning Center  
 Saturday, September 29 ..... Dartmouth USBands Marching Band Competition ..... Dartmouth HS  
 Sunday, September 30 ..... Musictown King and Queen Judging Day ..... SBRHS PAC

#### **OCTOBER 2018**

Tuesday, October 2 ..... Somerset Friends of Music Meeting ..... 6:30 p.m. / SBRHS Library  
 Saturday, October 6 ..... Cranston East USBands Marching Band Competition ..... Cranston Stadium  
 Monday, October 8 ..... Alumni Rehearsals (MB, ESC, ASC) ..... SBRHS / Times TBA  
 Thursday, October 11 ..... Musictown Ball (MB, SE, Choral group(s) TBD) ..... Venus de Milo  
 Saturday, October 13 ..... Musictown Kiddies' Day (MB) ..... SBRHS Athletic Field and SDC  
 Saturday, October 13 ..... King Philip USBands Marching Band Competition ..... King Philip Reg. HS  
 Sunday, October 14 ..... New Bedford NESBA Marching Band Competition ..... New Bedford HS  
 Tuesday, October 16 ..... Musictown Pop's Concert (JB, ESC, ASC, CE) ..... 7:00 p.m. Concert @ SBRHS PAC  
 Thursday, October 18 ..... Musictown Concert Night (CB, SWE, CC, C, O, SE) ..... 7:00 p.m. Concert @ SBRHS PAC  
 Saturday, October 20 ..... Musictown Grand Day Parade ..... 12:30 p.m. SBRHS  
 Saturday, October 20 ..... Musictown / SBRHS USBands Marching Band Competition ..... 5:00 p.m. SBRHS  
 Saturday, October 27 ..... USBands New England Marching Band Championships ..... New Britain, CT  
 Sunday, October 28 ..... SFOM Mattress Fundraiser ..... SBRHS Gymnasium

#### **NOVEMBER 2018**

Saturday, November 3 ..... USBands National Marching Band Championships ..... Allentown, PA  
 Sunday, November 4 ..... NESBA Marching Band Championships ..... Lawrence, MA  
 November 9 and 10 ..... Bay State Show Choir Festival ..... Oliver Ames HS  
 Tuesday, November 13 ..... Somerset Friends of Music Meeting ..... 6:30 p.m. / SBRHS Library  
 Saturday, November 17 ..... Senior SEMMEA Auditions ..... King Philip HS  
 Thursday, November 22 ..... Thanksgiving Day Football Game ..... SBRHS  
 Sunday, November 25 ..... Quincy Christmas Parade ..... Quincy, MA

#### **December 2018**

Saturday, December 1 ..... Chorale @ Berkley Council on Aging ..... Berkley, MA  
 Saturday, December 1 ..... Fall River Christmas Parade ..... Kennedy Park – Fall River, MA  
 Sunday, December 2 ..... Taunton Christmas Parade ..... Taunton, MA  
 Tuesday, December 4 ..... Somerset Friends of Music Meeting ..... 6:30 p.m. / SBRHS Library  
 Saturday, December 8 ..... Junior SEMMEA Auditions ..... Furnace Brook Middle School - Marshfield, MA  
 Saturday, December 8 ..... Stoughton Parade of Lights ..... Stoughton HS  
 Sunday, December 16 ..... Vespers Concert (CB, SWE, CC, C, SE, O, CE) ..... 2:30 p.m. Concert @ SBRHS PAC  
 Thursday, December 20 ..... Show Choir Holiday Show ..... 7:00 p.m. / SBRHS PAC

## **January 2019**

Tuesday, January 8 .....	Somerset Friends of Music Meeting .....	6:30 p.m. / SBRHS Library
January 11 & 12 .....	Senior SEMMEA Festival .....	Canton High School – Canton, MA
Saturday, January 19 .....	Mill City Show Choir Festival .....	Lowell HS
Thursday, January 24 .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Annual “Somerset’s Got Talent” Talent Show .....	6:00 p.m. / SBRHS PAC
Saturday, January 26 .....	MMEA All-State Auditions .....	Shrewsbury HS

## **February 2019**

Saturday, February 2 .....	Central Mass Show Choir Festival .....	Shepherd Hill Reg. HS
Tuesday, February 5 .....	Somerset Friends of Music Meeting .....	6:30 p.m. / SBRHS Library
Saturday, February 23 .....	Dartmouth NESBA Winter Percussion / Guard Competition .....	Dartmouth HS
February, 28 - March 2 .....	MMEA All-State Festival and Conference .....	Boston, MA

## **March 2019**

February, 28 - March 2 .....	MMEA All-State Festival and Conference .....	Boston, MA
Saturday, March 2 .....	Connecticut Classic Show Choir Festival .....	Madison, CT
Tuesday, March 5 .....	Somerset Friends of Music Meeting .....	6:30 p.m. / SBRHS Library
Thursday, March 7 .....	SBRHS Jazz Band Festival ( <i>Snow Date 3/8</i> ) .....	SBRHS PAC
March 8-9 .....	Junior SEMMEA Festival .....	Attleboro High School – Attleboro, MA
Saturday, March 9 .....	Mansfield NESBA Winter Percussion / Guard Competition .....	Cranston East HS
Tuesday, March 12 .....	All-District Strings Festival (4-12) .....	7:00 p.m. Concert @ SBRHS Gym
Wednesday, March 13 .....	All-District Band Festival (5-12) .....	7:00 p.m. Concert @ SBRHS Gym
Thursday, March 14 .....	All-District Festival SNOW DAY .....	7:00 p.m. Concert @ SBRHS Gym
Saturday, March 16 .....	Cranston East NESBA Winter Percussion / Guard Competition .....	Mansfield HS
Sunday, March 17 .....	SBRHS NESBA Winter Percussion / Guard Competition .....	SBRHS Gym
Tuesday, March 19 .....	All-District Choral Festival (5-12) .....	SBRHS PAC
Wednesday, March 20 .....	All-District Choral Festival (5-12) SNOW DAY .....	SBRHS PAC
Saturday, March 23 .....	New England Show Choir Showdown .....	Andover, MA
Sunday, March 24 .....	Shepherd Hill NESBA Winter Percussion / Guard Competition .....	Shepherd Hill Reg. HS
Saturday, March 30 .....	NESBA Winter Color Guard Championships .....	Salem HS (MA)

## **April 2019**

Tuesday, April 2 .....	Somerset Friends of Music Meeting .....	6:30 p.m. / SBRHS Library
Wednesday, April 3 .....	Spring Pop’s Concert (WPE, WCG, WH, JB, ESC, ASC) ....	7:00 p.m. Concert @ SBRHS PAC
Saturday, April 6 .....	NESBA Winter Percussion Championships .....	Dartmouth HS
Saturday, April 6 .....	Eastern Show Choir Finals .....	Waltham, MA

## **May 2019**

Tuesday, May 7 .....	Somerset Friends of Music Meeting .....	6:30 p.m. / SBRHS Library
May 10-12 .....	SBRHS Spring Musical Production .....	SBRHS PAC
Tuesday, May 14 .....	Show Choir Captains’ Auditions .....	SBRHS PAC
Thursday, May 16 .....	Spring Concert Night (CB, SWE, CC, C, SE, O, CE) .....	7:00 p.m. Concert @ SBRHS PAC
Saturday, May 18 .....	SBRHS Music Trip to NYC / Broadway .....	(Show and Workshop TBA)
Tuesday, May 21 .....	Show Choir Auditions .....	SBRHS PAC
Thursday, May 23 .....	SBRHS Battle of the Bands .....	6:00 p.m. / SBRHS PAC
Friday, May 24 .....	Marching Band Student Leader Auditions .....	6:00 p.m. / Band Room
Monday, May 27 .....	Somerset Memorial Day Parade (Marching Band) .....	10:00 a.m. starting @ SBRHS

## **June 2019**

Thursday, June 6 .....	SBRHS Music Awards Night (All) .....	6:30 p.m. SBRHS PAC & SDC
Friday, June 7 .....	SBRHS Graduation (CB/SWE) .....	SBRHS Field or Gym
Tuesday, June 11 .....	Somerset Friends of Music Meeting .....	6:30 p.m. / SBRHS Library

**CB** = Concert Band, **SWE** = Symphonic Wind Ensemble, **MB** = Marching Band, **JB** = Jazz Band,

**WPE** = Winter Percussion Ensemble, **WCG** = Winter Color Guard, **WH** = Winter Hornline, **CC** = Concert Choir, **C** = Chorale, **ESC** = “Electrify” Show Choir & Pit Band, **ASC** = “Amplified” Show Choir & Pit Band, **O** = Orchestra, **SE** = String Ensemble, **CE** = Chamber Ensemble