



Beech High School

Buccaneer Brigade

Get ready for a great fall! The coming season seems to be starting out to a fantastic beginning, and now is the time for preparation. There are several great things that have been set in place for you so that your part in the season is a smooth one, but also so that the band's season is a great one. Included in this folder are your music for the fall, a supply list for you to bring with you to band camp, a list of the board members and some general information about the band booster board, a summer calendar spelling out all the dates and times that are important for you to remember, and a little information on the dates scheduled.

This year we have several on staff helping put the show to the field. Mr. Clark will be writing the drill charts and Mr. Fritz will be back working with the drum line. Mr. Miller will be of course working with the horn line and Eric & Rachael will be heading up the guard caption. Mrs. Martin is back again helping out with uniforms, chaperones, and much of the behind-the-scene work. We are happy to also have TJ Taylor with our staff, as well as another visual instructor TBA. We will also have some additional staff running sectionals through band camp.

The Show Title for the Fall is "Angels in the Architecture," and is a local composer's arrangement of the symphonic work by Frank Tichelli. We will be exploring gothic Architecture through sound and visual representations throughout the show. It will pull several melodies from church liturgy, but with a unique twist that may make them not as familiar. We will have some soloists, and bring unique sounds to the field as we present our show. The show may be a bit more abstract than we are used to, but I know with hard work it will be very successful.

There are a large number of optional rehearsals on the calendar that happen on various Monday nights throughout the summer. Anyone from the group is welcome to attend all practices, but we only will **require** your attendance at **two** of the rehearsals. We are just going to meet and play through the tunes. We will try and work out some tough spots and listen to the recordings to get the concepts in our head. The sooner we get the music memorized and under our fingers the more quickly we can advance.

This year we will also be taking an over-night away trip. We will be headed back to Disney World in Orlando, Florida for performance in the Magic Kingdom. This is sure to be a great time for everyone! We have plans to compete in several great competitions in the area. Be sure to come to our July 4th fund-raiser at Moss Wright park, and you and your parents are invited to every band booster meeting to keep up with all the latest info. They happen on the first Monday in every month.

Mr. Miller and Mr. Clark are both thrilled about each one of you participating in the program. We have some exciting plans and some high expectations for our season. Please practice your parts and try and iron out as many problems as you can so we can bring it together more quickly. Don't forget to come prepared for hot weather and hard work. We look forward to the fall and hope you have a wonderful summer.