

Burley Bobcat Band

2010 - 2011 Handbook
Burley Senior High School



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Welcome.....

The Burley Bobcat Band is one of the largest and best bands in Idaho. This requires a great deal of organization and planning on our part. This handbook contains information that will make your year with us easier. Please be sure that both you and your parents read the handbook - it will help prevent misunderstandings and make the year more fun for all of us! *It is important to note that performances of the band are a required part of the class.* (see page 13) If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask, we will do all we can to help.

It is important that both you and your parents read this handbook, fill out the form on page 13 and return it to Mr. Floyd by Friday, September 3rd.

Thank You,

Steve Floyd

If Better is Possible... Good Is Not Enough!

Burley Bobcat Band Mission Statement

The mission of the Burley Bobcat Band is to responsibly challenge and guide each student toward his/her potential by preparing each student in the following areas:

1. Goal setting and the effort necessary to meet goals.
2. Team work, cooperation and helping others.
3. Refining performance on their instrument to the limit of their ability.

Bobcat Band Schedule

<u>August</u>	2-3-4-5-6	M-T-W-Th-F	Band Camp 2010
	18	W	Fair Parade
	24	T	Night Practice
	25	W	Night Practice
	30	M	Night Practice
<u>September</u>	3	F	Night Practice
	4	S	<u>Wagon Days Parade</u>
	10	F	Night Practice
	11	S	Practice - 9am- Noon – Skaggs Field
	13	M	Night Practice
	15	W	Night Practice
	17	F	<u>Football Game – Twin Falls Here – March Pregame & Halftime</u>
	21	T	Night Practice
	25	S	Practice – 9am –Noon – Skaggs Field
	27	M	Night Practice
<u>October</u>	1	F	Night Practice
	2	S	<u>Marching Competition @ Caldwell High School</u>
	5	T	Night Practice
	6	W	Night Practice
	7	Th	<u>Football Game – Kimberly Here – March Pregame & Halftime</u>
	9	S	<u>ISU & Vallivue Marching Competitions</u>
	11	M	Night Practice
	13	W	Night Practice
	15	F	Football Game – Homecoming – Woodriver – March Pre & Half
	19	T	Night Practice
	20	W	Night Practice
	22	F	Football Game – Jerome – March Pregame & Halftime
	23	S	Southern Idaho Band Showcase Competition – Skaggs Field
	26	T	Night Practice
	27	W	Night Practice

Bobcat Band Schedule (Changes have been made!)

<u>November</u>	2	T	Night Practice
	3	W	Night Practice
	4-5-6-7	Th-F-S-Su	Auburn, WA Marching Competition: Parade & Field Show
	13	S	GBB – Skyline – Green
	23	T	Cassia County Clinic/Honor Band Concert - 6:30 pm - KFAC
	30	T	GBB – Poky – White
<u>December</u>	1	W	BBB – Filer – Green
	8	W	GBB – Wood River – White
	10	F	BBB – Kuna – Green Added to the schedule!
	11	S	BBB – Middleton – White Added to the schedule!
	14	T	GBB – Preston – Green
	15	W	Band Christmas Concert @ 7pm KFAC
	16	Th	Jazz I Play @ Lion’s Club Christmas Party
	16	Th	Pepband (all not in Jazz I) Play @ Minico – Load @ 5:30pm
	17	F	Pepband Jazz I + Play @ Minico (again) – Load @ 5:30 pm
	21	T	GBB – Century – White Cancelled!
	22	W	BBB – Century – Green Cancelled!
<u>January</u>	7	F	BBB – Jerome - White
	11	T	BBB – Canyon Ridge – Green
	12	W	GBB – Jerome – White
	19	W	BBB – Preston – Green
	20	Th	GBB – Minico – Green & White
	25	T	GBB – Canyon Ridge – Green
	26	W	BBB – Minico – Green & White
<u>February</u>	2	W	BBB – Wood River – Green
	4	F	BBB – Twin Falls – White
	5	S	ISU Jazz Festival
	11	F	BBB – Poky – White
	14	M	Jazz Dinner Show @ 6:30pm – KFAC Stage
	16	W	Jazz Dinner Show @ 6:30pm – KFAC Stage
<u>March</u>	7	M	Band Pops Concert Dress Rehearsal 7pm – KFAC
	8	T	Band Pops Concert – 7pm – KFAC

<u>April</u>	6-7-8-9	W-Th-F-S	Gene Harris Jazz Festival @ Boise State University
	11	M	D4 Jazz Festival
	18	M	BHS Band/Choir Spring Concert – 7pm – KFAC
	20	W	D4 High School Festival – KFAC – All Day
<u>May</u>	2	M	Annual Band Banquet – KFAC Stage
	25	W	Jazz in the Park
	26	Th	BHS Graduation – Band plays @ 6:30pm

Bobcat Band Class Rules

- 1) Bring your instrument, music and a pencil to class.
- 2) Be on time for class.
- 3) Do not talk while the band is rehearsing.
- 4) Listen to the director – work at your part - help others.

CONSEQUENCES

- 1) Verbal warning.
- 2) Conference with director & parental contact
- 3) Conference with parents
- 4) Conference with parents, vice-principal and director.

STUDENTBODY CARDS

VERY IMPORTANT!!!

Many activities at Burley High School are supported by the funds generated through the sale of Activity Cards. Fees for band festivals and competitions are also covered through these funds. The band receives a portion of every card purchased by a band student. You are very highly encouraged to help support the school and the band by purchasing an Activity Card.

You really do need to do this!

TRANSPORTATION POLICY

Students participating in a school function should ride to and return from the activity on the school provided transportation. A parent (only a parent or legal guardian) may always pickup a student after an activity. Any other arrangements must be made in advance and have the approval of both the Band Director and the Administration of Burley high School.

INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR

Many of the performances of the band require traveling. It is absolutely necessary that the director be able to trust the students while on any kind of a trip. If a student has exhibited behavior in any classroom at Burley Senior High School during the current school year, that has resulted in disciplinary action against the student, the director may elect to give the student an alternative assignment in lieu of the activity which involves traveling.

UNIFORM INFORMATION

Marching Band

The uniforms are to be kept at the high school. They may go home only to be washed! Uniforms must be returned properly hung up after a performance. Hang the pants with the crease flat, the coat hung over the pants with the front of the coat on the concave side of the hanger. Use only one hanger. Only pants, coat, shoes, socks, gloves & a tee-shirt may be in the garment bag.

The school will provide the coat, pants, shoes, gloves, hat & plume. The student must provide WHITE socks & a WHITE tee-shirt. There will be a \$10 uniform fee for repair and replacement of buttons, purchase of gloves, etc. The fee will be collected the first two weeks of school. Hair MUST be put up at competitions, however, JEWELRY MAY NEVER BE WORN WITH THE UNIFORM!

Concert Band

The standard dress for concerts will be dress shirt, tie, slacks and dress shoes for boys and dresses/skirt & blouse and dress shoes for girls. Exceptions may be made for special concerts. The director may require the band uniforms to be worn at any Concert Band performance.

Jazz Ensemble

Jazz Ensemble students will be expected to purchase a uniform for performances. This usually does not exceed \$50.

Pepband

Students will need to purchase a pepband shirt. These normally cost approximately \$25.

GRADING POLICY

Participation in Class	30 per cent
Playing Tests & Music Passed Off	5 per cent
Outside School Hours Rehearsals.....	15 percent
Minor Performances	10 per cent
Major Performances	40 per cent

Attendance at major and minor performances is required. (See page 8) Alternate assignments are available for students who miss a performance. In order to receive full credit for the alternative assignment, the student must notify the band director before the missed performance. This prior notification must be in time for the director to make adjustments for the student's absence. Emergencies will be taken into account.

Extra rehearsals will be a part of the class grade. Attendance is required. If a student is habitually absent, they may be removed from the activity at the discretion of the director. If they are removed they will not be allowed to participate in the activity. Missing these activities will require the student to do an alternative assignment or they will lose the portion of their grade related to the activity. Arrangements can be made for those students with unavoidable conflicts or extended illness.

ALTERNATIVE ASSIGNMENTS

Minor Performances

Points lost for missed minor performances may be made-up by preparing a research paper. The paper must be typed and double-spaced with a bibliography. The length must be at least 500 words. The paper will be graded on content, style, spelling, grammar and originality. The research paper must be phrased in the words/style of the student...plagarism is never acceptable.

Major Performances

Points lost for missed major performances may be made-up by preparing a research paper. The paper must be typed and double-spaced with a bibliography. The length must be at least 2500 words. The paper will be graded on content, style, spelling, grammar and originality. The research paper must be phrased in the words/style of the student...plagarism is never acceptable.

Examples of major & minor performances:

Major: Concerts, competitions, festivals, etc.

Minor: Games, clinics, etc.

Since the determination of major or minor performance depends entirely upon the band's planned activity at any given event, students must check with the director to determine the classification of a particular performance. The above list is an example only and may not always be accurate.

Acceptable Topics

The history and development of any band instrument.

The history and development of any of the following eras of music: Baroque, Renaissance, Classical, Romantic or Impressionistic.

The history and development of American Music.

The history and development of bands in America.

The history and development of popular music since 1930

The life of any American composer.

All alternative assignments must be turned in during the grading period that the performance was missed, unless the performance was less than two weeks before the end of the grading period. The assignment will then be due no later than two weeks after the end of the grading period.

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

There are some expenses involved with the band program. We realize that at times it may be difficult for a family to cover all these costs. Students with financial difficulty can take advantage of various fundraisers, etc. to help with these expenses. Every effort will be made to help students cover motel/transportation/uniform/etc. costs.

INSTRUMENTS AND MUSIC

- 1) All brass instruments must have moveable tuning slides
- 2) Brass players must have valve/slide oil. Reed players must have extra reeds. Drummers must have their own drum sticks.
- 3) All instruments must be kept clean and in good repair. Drummers must pay special attention to all the hardware on their drums & carriers.
- 4) Marching music must be memorized by pre-set pass-off dates. Concert music is subject to playing tests.

BAND LETTERS

Students can earn a letter in high school band. The requirements are as follows:

- 1) Complete one full year of high school band. AND...
- 2) Attend **ALL Major** Performances of the band during the year, AND...
- 3) Attend at least two non-band BHS school concerts and two non-BHS concerts during the year.
Bring the program or ticket to Mr. Floyd, OR...
- 4) Earn a superior or an excellent at solo & ensemble, OR....
- 5) Be a **FEATURED** soloist with the Concert or Jazz Band. OR...
- 6) Show outstanding effort & attitude during the year.
- 7) The director may award letters to individuals at his discretion.

REQUIRED PERFORMANCES

In general, all performances of the Bobcat Band are required and are part of the student's grade (see page 8). However, there are a few exceptions. Please check the following descriptions to be sure that you understand your responsibilities for performance.

Football Games

Attendance is required. Football games are considered minor performances. Points for missed performances may be made-up (See page 9)

Marching Competitions & Parades

Attendance is required at the competitions. Marching competitions are major performances. The Wagon Days Parade is required and is considered a major performance.

Basketball Games

Attendance is required at approximately one-half of the basketball games. The band will be split into two pepbands with a performance schedule (see pages 4 & 5) published, so students know in advance when they need to play. Schedules for district & state tournaments will be given to students as soon as the band director is informed of the dates and times by the athletic director. Basketball games are minor performances

Concerts and Festivals

All concerts and festival performances of the band are required. They are considered major performances.

Student Participation

Students who are members of the team for which the band is playing, i.e. football players or basketball players, will be counted present for band if they are present for the game with the team. When a conflict arises between another school activity and a band activity, performance/games always take precedence over practice. If both activities are performances/games then it becomes the responsibility of the band director and the coach (with input from the student) to work out the best possible compromise. First priority always must be what is best for the student.

FUND-RAISING

In order to help the band students pay for the various trips, uniforms, etc. that require money, the Bobcat Band will have a number of fund raising activities during the year. These are designed to allow students to earn the money needed to cover expenses in band. Individual records will be kept by either the band director or the band boosters club so that proper credit may be given to each student. These fund raisers will normally cover a range of activities from selling various items to concession stands to working. It is hoped that these fund-raisers will alleviate financial pressure placed on families by the activities of the Bobcat Band. Participation in fund-raising activities is encouraged...however, it is not required. Some parents prefer that their students not be involved in fund-raising activities...that choice is most certainly left up to the students and their parents.

BOBCAT BAND BOOSTER CLUB

All parents of Bobcat Band members are encouraged to become active in the band boosters. It is not possible to run a program of this size and complexity without the active involvement of parents! We seek your participation! We fervently hope that you will spend some of your time each year helping the booster club help your student! You most certainly expect your student to practice - you don't want to see the investment in that instrument wasted! Welllll....we hope that you will help insure that the investment returns the maximum possible gain by being an active part of the Bobcat Band Boosters! This is one area where a teacher here at Burley High School is seeking....almost begging....PLEASE HELP ME HELP YOUR CHILD!

CONSENT & MEDICAL FORM

(Due September 3rd)

(Please print, fill out, sign, and give to the director)

Student Name _____ Grade _____

We have read the Bobcat Band Handbook. We understand the rules and policies and agree to abide by them. We further give our permission for our student to participate in all trips and activities that the band will undertake for the 2010-2011 school year. We authorize the supervisor of this group, during any activity of the band, to arrange for emergency treatment for any accident or illness and to act in our stead in providing any medical care required. It is understood that, if time allows, an attempt will be made to contact the parents before treatment is administered. This authorization shall cover travel to and from any activity as well as the activity itself.

Parent/Guardian (please print) Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Student (please print) Student Signature Date

Home Phone# Work Phone # Cell Phone Numbers

Insurance Carrier Policy Number

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Does the student have or require any of the following:
(please circle Y or N - if Y give details on back)

- 1) Special Diet Y N
- 2) Medication..... Y N
- 3) Allergies Y N
- 4) Chronic/recurring illness Y N

- 5) Physical condition that would limit activity.....Y N**
- 6) Surgery/serious illness in the past year.....Y N**
- 7) Other.....Y N**