

Bert Lynn Music Corps Back-To-School Night

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2. Music Corps Handbook – Found online at BertLynnMusic.org

The Handbook gives you all of the information needed for Bert Lynn Music Corps, including performance schedule. Parents were to review the information with their student, then sign and return the form to me for credit. Didn't get a form to sign? Talk to your student – it means they didn't bring it home! You may still go online to view it.

3. Common Core Arts Standards: Create, Perform, Reflect

Our curriculum revolves around the Common Core Arts Standards of creating music, performing music, and reflecting on music. Our daily rehearsals and weekly homework assignments, are part of learning to create music. As music is meant to be performed, this is a performance based class so attendance is required at all performances and is a large part of students' grades in this class. Please see performance schedule on other side. Finally, larger Reflections Assignments later this year will allow the students to connect what we do on a large scale.

4. Grading

Total points system, mainly based on effort

Basic points per quarter:

1. Rehearsal	100 points/quarter
2. Weekly Assignments	10 Points each
3. Performances	100 points/performance
4. Music (Playing) Exams	Usually 20 points each
5. Reflection Assignment (Quarters 3-4)	50 points each
6. Other Assignments	Various

5. Fundraising/Contributions

Because of the unique activities of our music program (especially the Forum Festivals), fundraising and/or donations are essential for our program. Please see the BLMC Donation Request for more information on how to support our program. Bert Lynn Music Corps is a 501(c) 3 organization, so your contributions are tax deductible. Also, if you work for a company that offers a company matching program, you can choose to direct that to us as well!

Other donations needed:

- Reams of colored paper for concert programs

6. Smart Music (Band Students Only)

The Bert Lynn Music Corps Association has purchased Smart Music subscriptions for all band students this year. Smart Music is a wonderful practicing tool which gives the student immediate feedback to their progress. In addition, I will use Smart Music for playing exams for all band students, which means they don't have the pressure of playing alone in front of their peers. All students have access on any computer with internet instead of a separate download, so they can access it at home or at school using their personally created login.

6. Volunteering – How to get involved.

The Bert Lynn Music Corps Association is a parent-volunteer organization committed to supporting the music program and students at here at Bert Lynn. We would love to have you become involved by volunteering on various committees, or even as part of the board of directors. Please contact Mrs. Banim if you would like to help out.

1. **Chaperones** – All chaperones must follow the TUSD policies for volunteers. If you are interested in chaperoning at Forum Festivals and Knott's Berry Farm or Disneyland. please fill out the Volunteer Forms located on our website at BertLynnMusic.org/Downloads. Please turn the form into Marybeth Spadafino in the Bert Lynn Main Office, along with proof of a negative TB test within the past 2 years. Our chaperone chair will contact you once you are cleared to arrange for chaperoning. Please note that this is an ALL DAY commitment (from early morning until we return at night, usually 9:00-10:00 PM) and you must ride the bus as a chaperone.
2. **Fundraising** – We need volunteers for all of our fundraising to help count money, organize things, etc. Please let Mrs. Banim know if you are interested in helping out with fundraising this year.

Bert Lynn Music Corps Performance Schedule

Students will be informed of exact times, places, and schedules closer to the concerts. Most performance will be in the evenings, unless otherwise noted. Students are only required to attend the ones for their particular performance group. We hope you can join us, as all of our performances are free and open to families and the public!

Friday, November 3 – Home Football Game with West High Entertainment Unit – 8th Grade Band and students interested in Color Guard only, 6:00 PM report time

Tuesday, December 5 - Winter Band Concert - West High Gym 6:30 PM – All Bands

Tuesday, December 12 - Winter Chorus Concert – BLMS Cafeteria 6:30 PM – All Choruses

Monday, March 12 – West Area Choral Festival – West High Pavilion 7:00 PM – Advanced Chorus

Friday, April 13– Forum Festival/Disneyland –Symphonic Band, Advanced Chorus (All Day)

Monday, May 14 - West Area Instrumental Music Festival - West High Gym 7:00 PM – Symphonic Band

Friday, May 25 – Forum Festival/Knott's Berry Farm - Beginning Band and Beginning Chorus (All Day)

Tuesday, June 12 – Spring Spectacular! Band and Chorus Concert – BLMS Time TBA – All Music Corps students