

Brea Junior High School Instrumental Music Department

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Dear BJH Band Parents and Guardians,

The first semester of the school year has come and gone in a whirlwind, and we are about to embark upon the second half of the year. The spring semester is an exciting time of year for the instrumental music department as we have many concerts and events for which to prepare. During March and April, your child will be participating in not only a Spring Concert at Brea Junior High, but also in a number of community and school performances as well as three concert festivals and competitions.

Concert festivals are the bands' opportunities to perform for an audience of educated musicians including fellow music students from all over southern California, their music teachers, and a panel of adjudicators who are respected educators and performers. The Intermediate and Concert bands will receive a rating of Superior, Excellent, Good, etc., accompanied by valuable criticism from the judging panel to help us improve future performances. Likewise, the students will also have the opportunity to listen and evaluate other groups. These festivals are non-competitive; they are solely used as means for evaluating our performance.

Concert festivals are our main means of assessment in music and therefore the equivalent of a final exam in an academic class. Like any performance, all students are required to attend these festivals. One of them will take place on a school day and the students will miss their classes. They are responsible for making up any missed work in these classes. There is no cost to your child for the festivals (with the exception of the cost of any meals that may take place during the festival). Festivals are also free of charge for all audience members, so I strongly encourage you to attend!

For your reference, a calendar of events is attached. Specific details (call times, dress requirements, etc) will be given to students in the form of a flyer at least a week in advance of each performance and posted on www.bjhband.com. **Please note that some events may be added to the calendar. If there are any changes, you will be notified ASAP.**

I'm looking forward to another wonderful season, and I hope you will join us at upcoming performances!

Sincerely,

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Upcoming Events Brea Junior High Concert Band

- Thursday, March 7** Festival Concert, BJH Auditorium, 7:00 pm
Call time – 6:30 pm
Intermediate, Concert, and Jazz Bands - more details TBA
- Saturday, March 16** Irvine Jazz Festival at Irvine High School - Jazz Band only, details TBA
- Thursday, March 21
OR Friday, March 22** Concert Festival at Garden Grove High School - details TBA
- Saturday, March 23** Bonita Jazz Explosion - Bonita Center for the Arts, San Dimas, details TBA
- Thursday, April 4 and
Friday, April 5** 6th graders tour BJH - Concert Band performs (period 2)
- Saturday, April 6** Music in the Parks festival/competition – Disneyland
Intermediate and Concert Bands
More details TBA
- Thursday, April 25** BJH Open House – selected students will perform, details TBA
- Thursday, May 23** Pops Concert, BJH Auditorium, 7:00 pm
Call time – 6:30 pm
All BJH Bands, Orchestra, and Color Guard – More details TBA
- Friday, June 7** End of the Year Banquet – details to be announced
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- Wednesday, June 12** Eighth Grade Promotion Ceremony – details TBA

