



Directors

# REVERE HIGH SCHOOL BANDS



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## ***Hello Revere Band Family,***

*The past six weeks have been a whirlwind of activities in the band program. In class we discussed a sense of pride in accomplishment and unity in our efforts to navigate this action packed grading period. THANK YOU! Thank you to all the students, families, volunteers, and chaperones. We couldn't create these opportunities without a support system of positive and willing people. Congratulations to all involved! Proud to be Minutemen!*

**OMEA BAND EVENT (March 8):** Congratulations to both Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble for strong presentations on the stage for our OMEA adjudicated event. Off the stage everything went smoothly providing an appreciated experience to the 11 ensembles involved. Adjudicator commentary was positive and encouraging to continue what we are working on in class. Results concluded with Symphonic Band earning an excellent rating and Wind Ensemble earning a superior rating on the OMEA rubric. This qualifies the Wind Ensemble for an opportunity to perform at State Contest on April 20th.

**NYC TRIP:** WOW! Reflecting with the students after our return shared much pride in a job well done. Many pictures to share, stories to tell, and memories to save. Students, Staff, and Chaperones made a great team handling all the challenges of the Big Apple with grace. Loading the buses, the subway, meals and events with 154 people were no issues for our group. We saw more of that city than I thought possible in such a short time. We are confident and trust that future travel opportunities will be accepted with the same quality.

**APRIL 30TH CONCERT:** Our year end concert is scheduled for **Tuesday April 30th at 7pm**. Look forward to a pops program full of movie soundtracks and familiar medley's. A year end celebration is in the works to either be attached to the end of the concert or another available date. More details to come as we plan with our band council.

**BLUE LAKE SUMMER CAMP VISIT:** Blue Lake is a summer camp offering enrichment opportunities in all performing and visual arts located in Twinlake Michigan. A representative from [Blue Lake](#) will be visiting area schools on March 20/21, including Revere. A short presentation will be given in class, with the option to "audition" for scholarships if there is any interest from the student/family. Audition is low stress and casual display of students musical ability on varying music they already have prepared. If interested, please encourage your student to take advantage of the scholarship opportunity. No commitment necessary.

**PRIVATE LESSONS:** Private lessons are an invaluable resource for the growing musician. To continue challenging the gifted student, aid the developing student or foster the accountability any student needs for constant growth, private lessons are a tool all great musicians experience. Every school program has lost the culture of private lessons since the Covid-19 shut down. In an effort to re-energize our student involvement in private lessons we are [providing a list of options](#) we have been made aware of thus far.

**BAND LEADERSHIP:** Over the next few weeks students interested in leadership roles for the upcoming year will have clinic sessions, applications, and interest forms made available to them. Roles including Drum Major, Band Council, Section Leaders, etc are all integral to the function of our program but also an opportunity for individual growth that we encourage all students to consider.

**CLASS SCHEDULE NEXT YEAR:** Our band class will be during 5th period beginning next year. This creates flexibility for the band students between marching band, symphonic band, and wind ensemble as well as alleviates some scheduling challenges for the entire HS. The student schedule should read marching band during the fall and either symphonic band or wind ensemble for the Spring. Placement audition will occur conveniently during the fall with everyone having lunch opposite of band 5th period regardless of their placement. Please refer to Mr. Chiera and Mrs. Fassnacht with any questions.

**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE/GRADUATION BAND:** Graduation and the Memorial Day Parade will be the conclusion of the school year performances. All students are expected to participate. These performances will serve as our exam obligation for the semester, meaning there will not be a playing or written assessment on exam day this semester.

**Graduation is scheduled for Thursday May 23rd in the HS Stadium.**

The Memorial Day Parade and presentation is a civil service that we as musicians have an obligation to serve through our talents to those who have contributed so much to our country. All students are expected to participate. Students will be bussed to Richfield/Bath from the HS. Lunch will be provided. More info to follow.

If there are unique and unavoidable conflicts with either performance please communicate in advance and a makeup exam opportunity can be determined.

**Memorial Day, May 27th, Report to RHS 8:45am - Dismissal is 1:00pm**

**SUMMER SCHEDULE:** Our summer schedule will be posted to the Charms calendar soon. Families can anticipate that band camp will mirror last year's schedule beginning **July 29th** and continuing until school begins. We are intending to accomplish pre-summer camps/sectionals/rookie camp before June 1st providing as much time as possible for much needed summer plans.