



Braden River High School

# Colorguard

## 2023-2024 Audition Packet

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*Please read completely and follow all instructions.*

### **Audition Week Information**

Open House Dates: May 16<sup>th</sup> – May 17<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday – Wednesday) 5-7PM  
All skills will be taught over the course of the 2 days.

Audition: Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm

Where: BRHS Band Room/Auditorium

Attire: Any form fitting dance clothes or workout attire, dance shoes or lightweight sneakers. **NO JEANS, SANDALS, OR JEWELRY!**  
On audition day you must wear all black with hair and make-up done for a performance.

What to Expect: During open house rehearsals we will do a quick warm-up stretch, then begin rehearsal. Students will work on dance basics and learn a few across the floor sequences. A short contemporary dance piece will be learned for auditions using elements of ballet, hip-hop, jazz, and modern. A few flag basics will be explained and taught, then a short flag phrase. Elements will continue to be added over the course of the 2-day Open House. You will not need to have any choreography prepared.

Spectators: Rehearsals and Auditions are closed to the public. No one other than candidates, staff, and judges will be allowed into the rehearsal/audition space.

Paperwork: All forms need to be turned in by 7:00pm Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. This includes: Application, Financial Agreement Form, and a copy of your last Report Card.

Audition Requirements: You will be judged on the following:

Dance Across the Floor Sequences

Dance Routine

Flag Basics

Flag Routine

Turning in forms on time

Report card GPA (Must maintain a 2.0 GPA)

Punctuality and proper audition attire.

Maintaining a positive attitude at all rehearsals

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### IF YOU MAKE THE TEAM!

Commitment: Members of the 2023-2024 BRHS Colorguard will be obligated to perform for one entire school year. This includes both Fall Marching Band and Winter Colorguard. Students will be placed in either Varsity or JV Winterguard at the director's discretion, based on their talent and performance levels.

Colorguard Constitution: Upon making the 2023-2024 BRHS Colorguard, each team member (and their parent/legal guardian) will be required to sign the team constitution.

Guard Class: All members are required to take Colorguard Class as an elective. This class will be used to teach technique on Flag, Rifle, and Sabre. It will also be a comprehensive dance technique class. Once selected as a member, Eurhythmics automatically becomes your #1 elective choice.

Rehearsal Schedule: The 2023-2024 school year is divided into 2 different seasons for colorguard. From May-November is considered Fall Guard (MBOP Guard) and December-April is considered Winter Guard (the Braden River Visual Ensemble). ALL MEMBERS will perform as members of both groups.

During Fall Guard, weekly rehearsals are Tuesday and Thursday evening from 4:00pm-8:00pm with the Marching Band. There will also be Monday Colorguard sectionals from 2:45pm-4:00pm. At the height of competition season, most Saturdays will be rehearsal days as well.

During Winter Guard, Varsity evening rehearsals will be held on Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00pm-8:00pm. JV rehearsals will be held Monday and Friday 4:00pm-8:00pm.

Uniforms/Equipment: Official Uniforms and Show Equipment are supplied by the Band Department and are property of Braden River High School. All members are required to purchase their own shoes, warm-ups, duffle bags, flag bags, and home practice flags. (All are ordered through the Colorguard and the Braden River Band Boosters and are included with Band/Guard fees)

Fundraisers: There will be several optional opportunities for members to fund raise their membership dues. There will also be a few MANDATORY FUNDRAISERS that are required to assist the program. ALL GUARD MEMBERS will be required to participate in these fundraisers.

Guard Camp: ALL GUARD MEMBERS must attend Guard Camp this summer. Failure to attend will result in dismissal from the group.

Dates: June 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>

Times: 9:00am – 5:00pm

Where: Braden River High School

Band Camp: Colorguard members are considered members of The Braden River Marching Band of Pirates and must also abide by the same rules as band members. This means that participation in the season requires that ALL GUARD MEMBERS must attend Band Camp.

Dates: July 17<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup>

Times: 9:00am – 4:00pm Week 1

9:00am – 8:00pm Week 2

Where: Braden River High School

Winter Guard Camps: There will be 3 weekend camps per colorguard (Friday Evening/Saturday/Sunday) in December/January/February that will be used to stage and learn choreography for the indoor show. These dates will be announced in late October.

Insurance/Medical Sports Physical Requirements: ALL GUARD MEMBERS are required to purchase the basic school medical insurance (\$50) and complete a medical sport physical and evaluation before ANY participation in school related activities. This is a Manatee County School Board Policy!

Performances: (Subject to change)

BRHS Varsity Football Games (September to November)

BRHS Homecoming Events: Pep Rally & Game

FMBC Regionals (October to November)

FBA District Band Festival (October)

Bands of America Regional Championship (October)

Veterans Day Parade (November 11<sup>th</sup>)

FMBC State Championships (November)

FFCC Winterguard Competitions (January to March)

WGI Regional Championships (February and March)

FFCC Circuit Championships (April)

WGI World Championships (April)

TBA: Competitions

TBA: Performances

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If you have any questions pertaining auditions or the colorguard year, contact:  
Ricardo Robinson-Shinall, BRHS Colorguard Director  
Email: [guard@brhsbands.org](mailto:guard@brhsbands.org) or [robinsonr@manateeschools.net](mailto:robinsonr@manateeschools.net)

# Color Guard Member

**Cost of 2023/2024 Participation = \$1,450** (\$200 deposit + six payments due by November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023)

## Discounts: (Discounts can be combined)

**Pay in Full Discount:** save 10% by paying in full by June 1, 2023 (only applies to ONE student per family)

**Sibling Discount - \$200 OFF additional sibling(s): (First student full price, additional student(s) \$1,250 each)**

## Volunteer Rebate:

Families can receive a \$100 rebate off their fees by volunteering 30 hours during the Marching Band season (June 1 to November 25). In order to receive the rebate, volunteer hours must be documented and verified by signing up in Charms and then signing in on the day of the event. The rebate must be requested on the Volunteer Rebate Request Form no earlier than November 1, 2023, and NO later than December 15, 2023. Upon approval of rebate request, families will have the option to receive their rebate via check or by credit towards the 2024/25 registration fee. Limited to ONE rebate per FAMILY.

## Payments:

- **All student accounts are required to have a VALID credit card on file. Any student that does not have a VALID credit card on file will not be allowed to participate in program activities.**
- BRBBA accepts cash, check, or credit card (ALL credit card payments are subject to 3% service fee)
- Cash and check payments MUST be deposited in the Band Safe located outside the Director's Office in the Band Room. Student's name MUST be included on envelope. Please note: only the President & Treasurer of BRBBA have access to the safe.
  - \$200 deposit (**\$100 is NON-REFUNDABLE**) due today
  - Fees can be divided into 4 payments (See Page 2 for payment schedule)
  - Payments are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month
  - All payments MUST be received by November 1, 2023
  - If payments are not received on time, your credit card on file will be charged by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. (PLUS 3% service fee)

## Refund Policy:

**\$100 of \$200 deposit is NON-REFUNDABLE.** If a student decides not to continue participating in Marching Band before June 1<sup>st</sup>, a refund of fees excluding the deposit may be requested. However, a refund will **NOT** include any materials bought for a MBOP member up to that point. (e.g. t-shirts, gloves, hats, Color Guard uniform, tights, shoes, etc.)

**NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER JUNE 1, 2023 DEADLINE.**

## Guard Uniform:

Color Guard uniforms are custom made for each individual guard member. Uniforms are generally ordered early summer. ***At least \$300 in fees will need to be paid BEFORE the guard uniform is ordered.*** (If the Payment schedule is followed, this will not be a problem) Uniforms take six weeks to make, therefore, if the fees are not received and the uniform cannot be purchased, the color guard member may not be able to participate in the competitive portion of marching band. **All fees must be paid before winter guard uniforms are ordered. All guard uniforms are the property of BRBBA.**

## Participation Policy:

If a student's account has a balance from the previous marching season, they will not be allowed to register for the new 2023-24 season. If a student's account becomes delinquent, they could be pulled from practice and performance opportunities. Students are still required to attend all events on the official rehearsal and performance calendar.

## Fund Raising Policy:

Guard fees do not cover all of expenses associated with program. To help cover costs, BRBBA organizes several fundraisers over the course of the year. Your participation, support, and sharing fundraising opportunities with the community helps lower costs and the financial burden for everyone. Fundraising events may require individual participation.

## Scholarship Program:

A limited amount of scholarship funds are available every season. Students must qualify and apply to receive a scholarship. Scholarship funds only cover general fees, cannot be used for physical supplies (including uniforms, shoes, personal equipment, etc.), and cannot be redeemed for cash. For additional information on scholarships please contact BRBBA President for application.

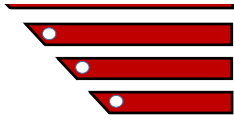
## Contact Information:

[president@brhsbands.org](mailto:president@brhsbands.org) and/or [treasurer@brhsbands.org](mailto:treasurer@brhsbands.org)

Website: [www.brhsbands.org](http://www.brhsbands.org)

Facebook: [facebook.com/BRHSBandandGuard](https://facebook.com/BRHSBandandGuard)

**Communication/Payments/Calendars Webpage:** [www.charmsoffice.com](http://www.charmsoffice.com) (login information will be sent to email provided)



# BRADEN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

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Director of Bands – Cliff Dawson    Colorguard Director – Ricardo Robinson-Shinall



Color Guard Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Invoice for Fees for Color Guard Members

Families have two options for payment of fees: 1) onetime payment of total fees, or 2) installment payment plan  
Installment payments require a down payment of at least \$200 at sign up and all fees must be paid in full by November 1, 2023.

**GUARD FEE PAYMENT OPTIONS, PLEASE CHOOSE ONE: ALL MEMBERS OF MBOP MUST SELECT AN OPTION**

\_\_\_\_ Option 1: Onetime payment of total amount due (10% discount if paid in full by July 1<sup>st</sup>): **\$1,450.00** or (\$1,305.00 w/ Discount)

\_\_\_\_ Option 2: Installment payment plan.....**\$1,450.00**

Deposit - \$200 nonrefundable (due March 28 <sup>th</sup> )	\$200.00	Paid _____
Installment payment 1 (due June 1, 2023)	\$208.33	Paid _____
Installment payment 2 (due July 1, 2023)	\$208.33	Paid _____
Installment payment 3 (due August 1, 2023)	\$208.33	Paid _____
Installment payment 4 (due September 1, 2023)	\$208.33	Paid _____
Installment payment 5 (due October 1, 2023)	\$208.33	Paid _____
Installment payment 6 (due November 1, 2023)	\$208.33	Paid _____

**Guard Specific items are REQUIRED and will need to be purchased. See attached list identifying these possible items.**

Various guard specific items will be billed separately prior to the start of the season when needs are identified							
Ultimate Drill Book (device application account) -----	\$10.00	-----	\$				
Outstanding balances on student's account – account must be paid in full to register	-----	-----	\$				
Charms credit on student account -----	-----	-----	\$				
Credit Card Usage Fee -----	+3%	-----	\$				
<b>Total Amount Due for 2023/2024 Season</b>		-----	\$				
Check #	Cash	Credit Card	Other	Total Amount Paid:	-----	-----	\$

**A student WILL NOT be allowed to participate in Marching Band with ANY Outstanding Balance from previous years.**

- See the BRBBA treasurer for status of accounts. Email [treasurer@brhsbands.org](mailto:treasurer@brhsbands.org) for additional information.
- Parents, or legal guardians, and students agree to treat all Directors, staff, volunteers, and parents with respect.
- As the parent, or legal guardian, and on behalf of the student listed on the registration form, I agree that the information provided is accurate. I also commit to and shall be responsible for paying the fees as scheduled above in my selection. I understand that I/we are responsible for any additional fees relating to and including returned checks, insufficient funds, additional approved activities, and any other related fee(s). Any and all disputes shall be addressed to the Braden River Band Booster Association Board, and I understand that their decision related to any and all disputes shall be final. Any unpaid fees will be turned into the school for collection.
- I hereby consent and agree that the BRHS Marching Band has the right to utilize photographs or video or audio of my child (&/or property) taken during the Marching Band program and to use these for educational or promotional materials, including BRHS and BRHS Band websites and social networking pages. I further consent that my child's name and identity may be revealed therein or by descriptive text or commentary. I do hereby release to BRHS all rights to exhibit this work publicly or privately. I waive any rights, claims or interest I may have to control the use of child's identity or likeness in the photographs, video, or audio, in perpetuity and agree that any uses described herein may be made without compensation or additional consideration.

Parent/Guardian Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ **Participation Policy: If a student's account becomes delinquent, they could be removed from practice and performance opportunities. Students are still required to attend all events on the official rehearsal and performance calendar to stay current with newly taught material.**

Parent/Guardian Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ **Payment Schedule: Any deviation from the required payment schedule must be approved in writing by the President of the BRBBA.**

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_