



BISHOP CHATARD HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT SUMMER NEWS 2020, vol. 2

Hey, Champs!

This summer is cruising right along and our mini-camp is already next week! I'm so pumped to see you all and I wanted to get you a few reminders and information concerning camp to ensure our success.

DAILY CAMP SCHEDULE

Monday, July 20th

9:00-11:00 AM - **Band** rehearsal

1:00-3:00 PM - **Vox Troiano/Sounds of Silas** rehearsal

Tuesday, July 21st

9:00-11:00 AM - **Band** rehearsal

1:00-3:00 PM - **Vox Troiano/Sounds of Silas** rehearsal

Wednesday, July 22nd

9:00-11:00 AM - **Band** rehearsal

1:00-3:00 PM - **Vox Troiano/Sounds of Silas** rehearsal

5:00 pm - Meet at the stadium (specific location TBA) for the Senior Mass

6:00 pm - **Senior Mass** begins

7:00 pm - **Senior Mass** concludes

Thursday, July 23rd

NO REHEARSALS

Originally, I had tentatively planned for us to provide music for commencement exercises for the Class of 2020. With the number of attendees being limited overall, and the graduation ceremony being abbreviated, it has been decided that live music need not be provided.

Friday, July 24th

9:00-11:00 AM - **Band** and **Vox Troiano/Sounds of Silas** rehearsal and celebration

11:00 AM - SENIOR MEETING

PLEASE BE PUNCTUAL (on time) regarding rehearsal schedule and times. We want to set the strong precedent of the important work we do as artists and musicians to our members, both new and old alike. If you have a conflict, please be courteous and let me know as soon as possible. Remember, no folksy-bumpkins!

WHAT TO BRING TO MINI-CAMP REHEARSALS

- your positive and cheery disposition and “ready to dig-in” attitude

While many of you are veterans of the *Band*, the old, *Liturgy Choir* and *Sounds of Silas* (A Cappella), and the newly branded, *Vox Troiano*, we have a number of new members in our midst who are in need of a community of new friends and colleagues. We also need to lift each other up in our collective work ethic and musicianship. Remember to “be as smart as you are” when it comes to your artistry and not be afraid to stretch out with your musical gift.

- your instrument

Whether your bringing your vocal instrument (voice, Vox) or your mechanical instrument (band, orchestra instruments), make sure it is in good, working condition.

Singers, take care drink plenty of water and get good rest between now and next Monday and between rehearsals. Try not to shout or scream.

Band members, check that your instrument is in good working order. Clean, grease/oil, and play it to ensure it’s ready to go for that first day of rehearsal. Nobody wants to show up ready to play and have to endure a lengthy repair or a scramble to find a solution. Woodwind players, a limited amount of reeds are available in my office for you - just ask.

If your instrument needs to be repaired or maintenance, contact Paige’s Music as soon as possible:

(317) 842-2102
5282 E 65th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46220

Let Paige’s Music know what school you attend. Let them know that you’ll need a loaner instrument and make arrangements to drop your instrument off at the store and pick up the loaner instrument. If you need any help with this or have any questions, let me know.

- your music folder, and all music and materials (no worries, new members!)

The pandemic and the subsequent stay-at-home order created quite a challenge getting materials collected. Only a very few folders and instruments showed up when the time came available for students to turn materials in.

Hey, it’s just one of those many things to deal with in light of COVID-19, right?

PLEASE BRING IN YOUR MUSIC FOLDER, AND ALL SHEET MUSIC AND MATERIALS (method books, instructional handouts, etc...). I need to begin making an inventory of all music and materials as soon as possible and your help is critical. Thank you in advance!

- **lunch/snack or a plan for lunch/snack**

If you are a member in both *Band* and *Vox Troiano/Sounds of Silas* and plan to stay for both rehearsals, feel free to pack a lunch or a snack to eat between rehearsals. Students who drive themselves may also drive to a local restaurant to eat or pick up food for lunch.

- dress comfortably - spirit-wear is encouraged

For rehearsals, feel free to wear casual and comfortable clothing that would work indoors or outdoors. I need to work on getting us some BCHS Music spirit-wear, but feel free to wear what spirit-wear you may already have. Whatever you wear, please remember to DRESS MODESTLY. Though the weather may be hot, LESS IS LESS, and Jesus is watching.

Hey, INCOMING FRESHMEN BAND MEMBERS!

If you haven't already done so, please email Mr. Duray (mduray@bishopchatard.org) at your earliest convenience to indicate the following:

- 1) the instrument you play
- 2) I am bringing my own instrument (either by rental or ownership).
- 3) I am in need of an instrument.
- 4) For all reed instrument players, please include size of reed you prefer to use.

Like I said earlier this summer, this will ensure that the proper instructional materials and supplies are available for use once you arrive. We are absolutely committed to your success as an artist and servant-hearted musician as God has designed in you!

ADDITIONALLY, if you have received a [bishopchatard.org](mailto:mduray@bishopchatard.org) email address or have your own, shoot me an email to mduray@bishopchatard.org so I can continue building my contact list for future communications.

AND FINALLY...

I can't begin to tell you how excited I am to finally see all of you and get busy making music again - LIVE and IN-PERSON! While being away from BCHS and you all for such a long time has provided many challenges and heart-aches, it has also come with many blessings. One of those blessings is being illuminated to the gratitude that I have for each and every one of you. Making music, sharing our time, and sharing our stories are just a few of the many things I missed daily with you during our sequestration - and look forward to when I see you next week.

As always, if you have any questions, just holler at me. Otherwise, see you on Monday!

Our Lady of Providence...

Hail To Chatard!

Mr. Duray
Director of Music

