

BHS Band Preps for New Marching Season

Bayonne, NJ - September 21, 2009 - The Bayonne High School Band



The Bayonne High School band recently finished preparing for its fall marching band show entitled *Motown in Motion*. The Band help their annual summer band camp where they spent several days and evenings working on the musical numbers and drill moves for this half-time performance. The show includes popular favorites such as “My Girl”, “Ain’t No Mountain High Enough”, “Think”, “I Want You Back”, and other Motown classics. "We've already performed in the Bayonne Hispanic Day Parade," commented director Serge Puchinsky, "Now we're preparing for our first home game performance of the season on October 2nd as well as our U.S. Scholastic Band competitions", Puchinsky added. Besides performing at all of the BHS football games, the Band is also scheduled to perform at the Pulaski Day Parade in Bayonne on October 3rd, the New York City Pulaski Day Parade on October 4th, the Bayonne Columbus Day Parade on October 11th, and several marching band competitions including Piscataway, NJ on September 26th, Edison, NJ on October 17th, and Sayerville, NJ on October 25th.

The students are under the professional guidance of Serge Puchinsky, Bayonne High School Band Director; Dana Smerda-Mason, Assistant Band Director; Lisa Stachniewicz, Color Guard Instructor; Sarah Argul, Choreographer; Mike Fumento, Drum Instructor; Marisa Yerex, Marching Technician, and George Lavelle Jr., Drill Designer. This year, BHS senior, Dolores Bujnowski has been selected as Drum Major.

“It is at this time that we welcome new faces to the BHS Band family,” commented Mrs. Joan H. Rosen, Director of Music and Art for the Bayonne Public Schools. “Incoming Freshmen as well as advanced eighth grade students are eligible for participation,” she added. “These talented young people join the more ‘seasoned’ members of the band that represent 10th , 11th and 12th grade students.” “I think having band camp open to new students that are coming to Bayonne High School for the first time is a great opportunity,” stated Mrs. Dana Smerda-Mason. “It helps students create friendships before the school year starts, and acclimates them to their surroundings, prior to their classes in September,” she said. “This will help them anticipate what to expect once school does begin.”

The Bayonne High School Marching Band had an exciting summer opportunity to perform in Dorney Park, where they marched in a parade through the park. “As always, the Marching Band will be performing in all of Bayonne’s parades, and will be marching at the Pulaski Day Parade in New York City,” commented Mr. Richard Baccarella, Bayonne High School Principal. “You can also catch a glimpse of them during half time at the football games at Don Ahern Memorial Stadium, where they will be performing their entire marching band show at each home game,” he added. Mr. Baccarella, Mrs. Rosen, Mr. Puchinsky, Mrs. Smerda-Mason and the entire band staff urge everyone to support the Bayonne High School Band events and all the Bayonne High School performing arts events. For more information about upcoming performances, or how to join the band, please visit our website www.bayonneband.org, or call us at (201) 858-7886. Also, watch for upcoming band events listed on the marquee outside of the Bayonne High School Alexander X. O’Connor Auditorium on 30th Street and Avenue A.

About The BHS Band

The Bayonne High School Band is comprised of several award winning student ensembles including the BHS Marching Band, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble and several chamber ensembles. Directed by Serge Puchinsky and Dana Mason, the BHS Band students perform at school events, civic events, and at their own student run productions including their annual winter concert and their annual indoor production entitled SLAM!

The Bayonne Band is also a member of the U.S. Scholastic Band Association and performs at marching band competitions across the tri-state area. For more information about the band, it's staff, and about Bayonne High School, please visit their website at www.bayonneband.org.