

FLAGLINE 2020-2021

AUDITION DETAILS AND REQUIREMENTS

Summary of Audition Requirements:

1. Have your parent submit the brief Parent Consent Form online. (This must be completed BEFORE borrowing a practice flag, but if you do not need to borrow a practice flag, this must be submitted any time before the audition deadline.)
2. Submit the Student Audition Questionnaire online before the audition deadline.
3. Submit your Fundamentals Audition Video before the audition deadline. (This video will be of you presenting all Fundamentals in one take – no cuts in the video.) Submit by sending an email to ivory.kovach@gmail.com with the YouTube video link.
4. Submit your Routine Audition Video before the audition deadline. (This will be the video of you performing the routine to the music.) Submit by sending an email to ivory.kovach@gmail.com with the YouTube video link.
5. If you borrowed a practice flag from the school, RETURN your flag to the school on the designated date, drive-by style, similar to when you picked up your flag. Your audition WILL NOT be considered if your practice flag has not been returned.

AUDITION DEADLINE: Monday 5/25, 11:59pm.

Flag Drive-By Pickups will be on Thursday 5/14 between 8:00am-10:00am.
Flag Drive-By Returns will be on Tuesday 5/26, between 8:00am-10:00am.

Requirements for the Audition Videos:

1. Fundamentals Audition Video
 - a. State your name at the beginning of the video. SMILE! 😊
 - b. Stand in the frame so your entire body can be seen. Be sure to leave some space above your head so we can view the flag as well.
 - c. Perform each Fundamental and count out loud while twirling. Name each fundamental before you twirl it, and count yourself off “5,6,7,8” as well. Be sure to count clearly and loudly enough to be heard in the video.
 - d. Fundamentals can be twirled in any order, but be sure to include each of these listed:
 1. Flutter
 2. Flourish
 3. Box
 4. Slam Series
 5. Flutter Head Pass
 6. Around the World
 7. Cradles
 8. Jolly Roger
 9. Ivory Butterfly
 - e. IMPORTANT: The Fundamental video should be done all in one take, with no cuts between Fundamentals.
2. Routine Audition Video
 - a. State your name at the beginning of the video. SMILE! 😊 Be sure the music can be heard in the video.
 - b. Stand in the frame so your entire body can be seen. Be sure to leave some space above your head so we can view the flag as well, high enough to see it tossed.
 - c. Do not count out loud while twirling the routine. Rather, perform as if you were in front of an audience, with your BEST smile and energetic performance.

Additional Info for Audition Videos:

Attire required in both videos is a plain t-shirt (any color, but no patterns or designs – SMALL logos are ok), athletic pants or shorts (any color, but no patterns or designs), athletic shoes, hair pulled back if possible, and minimal to no jewelry.

Be sure to plan ahead for plenty of daylight and good weather to create your audition videos. Do not let yourself get stuck with rainy weather on the last day your videos are due.

When videos are uploaded to YouTube, you can select the privacy setting as “Unlisted”, so the video is unsearchable and does not show up on your channel. The video can only be accessed with the direct link, which you will send in an email to the Advisor.

Instructional Videos will be found at our BBHHS Flagline YouTube channel! **This channel will Go Live on 5/14. We will post this information on the band website www.bbhsband.com when the channel is ready for all to view (the same day Flag Drive-By Pickups will occur).**

These videos were created by our 2019-20 Flagline Captains. A HUGE THANK YOU to them for contributing all of this content!

We HIGHLY recommend you view and learn from the videos in the numbered order they are listed in. BEST OF LUCK!

Judging Criteria:

- Fundamentals should appear clean and effortless, with composed body language and posture.
- All twirling should be fluid and graceful when necessary, or sharp and controlled when necessary.
- Free hands and feet should be clean/neat, and in the proper positions at all times.
- Twirling and body movements should stay on count with the beat/music.
- In addition to the twirling, your performance factor is a LARGE component of the judging criteria.
 - Your confidence/showmanship should shine through during your videos
 - Don't hesitate to show your personality, especially during the routine
 - We are looking for an energetic performance and your best, bright smile / facial expressions
- We know the videos will be your best work (unlike what the factors of a live audition may bring), but we also know that not all performances can be perfect. If your best take does include any mistakes, be sure that you show good recovery skills and move on in the routine without displaying any negative reactions.

Additional 1-On-1 Help Available:

We know that it may be considerably difficult learning how to twirl a flag through instructional videos rather than in-person clinics. However, please do not get discouraged! We will be more than willing to set up a Zoom video conference, by appointment, for anyone who would like feedback or help with their twirling. We will do our best to walk you through any corrections. Please contact the Flagline Advisor at ivory.kovach@gmail.com if you would like to set up an appointment. Appointments can be made from 5/16 through 5/24, outside of regular school hours. Your appointment could be with an advisor or a current captain.

Results Posting and Follow-Up Email:

- Results will be posted on the Band website, www.bbhsband.com on 5/29.
- Be sure to keep an eye out for an email from the Flagline Advisor if you have made the line, so we can begin getting everyone signed up for the “Remind” communication and be able to contact you with further updates about the upcoming season.
- We will also send out further details on Captain Auditions as soon as the Flagline audition results are posted. Captain Auditions will follow a similar video audition process.

Happy twirling!!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns!

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HOW TO BORROW A PRACTICE FLAG FROM THE BBHHS MARCHING BAND/FLAGLINE

In order to keep everyone safe and follow Ohio's guidelines to social distancing, we will be lending out practice flags with a drive-through system outside the high school band room.

Flags may be picked up on **Thurs 5/14**, from anytime between **8:00am to 10:00am**. **BEFORE YOU PICK UP YOUR FLAG**, be sure that a parent has filled out the brief Parent Consent Form online with your contact information.

This is the only date/time available to pick up a flag, but you may have any family member or friend pick the flag up for you, as long as the Parent Consent Form has been filled out online **PRIOR** to picking it up.

When picking up your flag, drive to the Band Room entrance at the very end of the building past the auditorium. You can come at any time between 8-10am, no appointment necessary. The Flagline Advisor will be there outside to hand you a flag and confirm the name of the student who will be auditioning. This is the only interaction that will be necessary, so please do not get out of your car. We will be as safe as possible with gloves and masks being used.

Please take great care of the flag while it is in your possession, as it is school property. It is recommended that beginners twirl on grass whenever possible, especially while practicing tosses, to avoid dents or tears to the pole or silk.

These practice flags **MUST BE RETURNED** to the band room on **Tues 5/26** between **8:00am and 10:00am**. We will follow the same simple drive-through system, returning the flag and mentioning the name of the auditioning student. Your student's audition **WILL NOT** be considered if the flag is not returned on time, as we take our care of school property seriously. We will sanitize all flags upon return.

We understand if you make the decision to not audition after practicing on your own (although we truly hope you do!), but please return the flag to the high school on 5/26 even if you do not submit an audition.

Thank you!!