



Babylon Union Free School District

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May 23, 2017

Dear Babylon Families, Students and Staff,

As a district, we are continuously looking for ways to enhance the school/community partnership. Even though we have made some strides, we must continue to ask, "How can we empower parents to help their children succeed in school and in life?"

Earlier this year the District's newly-formed Shared Decision Making Team, comprised of a terrific group of people representing all stakeholders, set out to explore a large-scale project that would help in this endeavor. Our objective was to solicit feedback and host a district-wide event next winter over two evenings called "Parent University".

"Parent University 2018" will be a community collaborative supported by the Babylon School District. It will be a two-night event that will partner parents with educators, other parents, community agencies, organizations and possibly student "experts"; it is our intent to offer free workshops that will equip today's parents with additional skills, knowledge, resources and confidence.

We are pleased at this time to offer an opportunity for your feedback through the attached short survey created by our team of stakeholders. Workshop topics will be driven by the survey results we receive. Workshop offerings may span several themes:

- ✓ How to support a child's academic opportunities in the home setting;
- ✓ How to be a most effective advocate for your child;
- ✓ How to build upon social/emotional health, and
- ✓ How to encourage a safe and healthy lifestyle.

Please take the time to complete the short survey by going to <https://goo.gl/forms/IK1af3zhCKXO40US2>.

We specifically made our survey simple and convenient to complete, knowing the demands of your busy lifestyles. Your feedback will drive the workshops we offer. Additionally, if you have a gift to share, join in the fun and run a parent workshop!

Thank you in advance for your thoughts and ideas! You will be hearing more about this in the fall as our team continues to plan for this wonderful 2018 early-winter event!

Fondly,
Superintendent Rozzi

BABYLON MEMORIAL GRADE SCHOOL
Music Department
169 Park Avenue
Babylon, NY 11702
(631)893-7980
E-board:www.BMGSSBandClass.babylon.site.eboard.com

May 2017

Dear Parents:

Next year, your child will have the opportunity to study a musical instrument in the Babylon Memorial Grade School band program. Instrumental music students will receive half-hour weekly instruction in school on their instruments and will become members of the Cadet Band. Upon successful completion of one year's study of an instrument, and after having been a member of the Cadet Band, your child will have the opportunity to advance to the Concert Band or Symphonic Band.

Studies have shown that instrumental music students are the ones who enjoy a successful school career, go on to college, and become leaders. We know that they are stronger in verbal and math scores than other members of the student body, therefore averaging higher on SAT tests. Their social skills, communication skills, self-concepts, and cooperative talents are all nurtured through their study of music. These life skills will serve as an important foundation for future opportunities.

A good positive attitude towards learning an instrument, coupled with consistent practice and personal responsibility, will ensure a great deal of success in the band program. You can be assured that **attitude, responsibility, and practice** will not only create a positive experience in the making of music, but will carry over into numerous other areas of your child's development.

Prospective beginning band students are asked to indicate their first, second, and third choices of a band instrument. Students may choose from either category below. ***PLEASE NOTE THAT STUDENTS DESIRING TO BEGIN THE FLUTE, CLARINET, ALTO SAXOPHONE, TRUMPET, TROMBONE, OR PERCUSSION (bells and snare drum) MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN INSTRUMENT.**

CATEGORY A: Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, Percussion. These instruments **ARE NOT** provided by the school district. Percussionists must obtain a bell and snare drum kit, as they will be playing both bells and snare drum. All rentals and bell/snare drum kits are available at local music stores. ****A very limited number of percussionists will be accepted. Those choosing percussion are strongly urged to consider their second and third choices.**

CATEGORY B: French Horn, Trombone, Baritone Horn (Euphonium), Tuba. These instruments are available for loan on a limited basis from the Babylon Schools Music Department. All instruments **MAY NOT** be available. Those wishing to play French horn will be asked to complete at least one-half year's study on the trumpet. A trumpet will be provided for that period of time. This will allow for an easier transition to the French horn.

Please refer to the reverse side for instrument selection considerations.

PLEASE NOTE THAT STUDENTS WHO PLAYED A STRING INSTRUMENT IN THIRD GRADE WHO WOULD NOW LIKE TO PLAY A BAND INSTRUMENT HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION BETWEEN STRINGS AND BAND. THEY CANNOT DO BOTH!

Please fill out the attached form and return it to Mr. Meier, the Grade School band director, by Friday, June 2nd. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Meier

Mr. Donald Meier
Grade School Band Director

Student's First and Last Name _____

Grade _____ Teacher _____

First Instrument Choice _____

Second Instrument Choice _____

Third Instrument Choice _____

(MEIER)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS!

What if I am not sure if I want my child to do band?

Remember when your children wouldn't eat the food you made for them? You always said, "Try it before you decide you don't like it." Band is the same way. Your child should sign up for band even if you or they are unsure. If at some point you decide that band is not for you, drop the class. It is much easier to drop something after trying it, than to join late when everyone else has already started.

What if I don't know anything about music?

That's ok! We will teach your child everything they need to know, step by step. From how to assemble and care for the instrument to reading notes and rhythms, we will guide your child through the process. All that is needed from you is an enthusiastic attitude and patient ears when your child comes home and makes their first sound.

How much out of school time is required?

Band is no different than any other curricular area. We ask that your child spend some time with their instrument each and every week. Think of it as musical homework, but much more fun.

What instrument should my child play?

The answer depends on a variety of things, but in the end, it is most important that they play something that they enjoy. I encourage you to visit the resources I have on my eboard: www.BMGSBandClass.babylon.site.eboard.com. Another helpful website is www.bepartoftheband.com, where you can watch the different instrument videos with your child, and discuss the various options. I will also help guide your child based on his/her musical interests, physical make-up, and instrument availability. Your child knows what she wants, you know your child, and I know music. Together we will find the instrument that she will not only enjoy but will give her the best chance of musical success.

What if I have other questions?

Please know that I am here to answer any and all questions that you may have. Feel free to contact me at dmeier@babylonufsd.org or (631)893-7980

JUNE
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LUAU~SURF, SUN & BEACH PARTY

6th Grade Dance ~ 7pm-9pm

Come in your beachiest attire, and wear some comfy shoes, because you will be dancing the night away with D.J. Officer George.

Tickets will be sold May 31 and June 1 at lunch for \$7. Admission includes a bag of chips, a water, and a cookie! (Brought to you by the fabulous Brandy Sasuk of Beyond Cakes)

**PLEASE CALL MICHELLE KUNTZ WITH ANY
QUESTIONS: 631-767-3384**

6th Grade Dance Permission Slip

Tickets will be sold May 31 and June 1 at lunch for \$7

My Child _____ has permission to attend the PTA sponsored dance on June 2nd, from 7pm-9pm.

Parent Signature

Please contact Michelle Kuntz with any questions @631-767-3384



Please join us for K-6 PTA Adventureland Night
Wednesday June 7th, 6pm-9pm
(rain date June 14th)

We will have the entire park to ourselves! No lines! No Waiting!
All Familiar Faces!

Please bring your whole family along to celebrate! Sixth graders can come and ride the rides for free. Families will only need to pay for additional family members that attend.

K-5, head to the PTA [School Store](#) to get your tickets today or send in a check to the PTA mailbox. Remember tickets only need to be purchased for those who intend to ride the rides.

Tickets are \$25 each and are available until May 31st.

In order to enjoy the "Babylon Exclusive" status at the park we must pay for a minimum of 300 tickets. We therefore encourage parents/guardians to include and purchase tickets for immediate family, extended family members and friends.

Please contact Courtney Howard 631-404-7561 or Nicole Armyn 516-641-4782 with any questions.



3rd Annual Golf Outing

hosted by



**Thursday July 27th, 2017
Bergen Point Country Club**

- 11:30 - Check-in Lunch, Driving Range & Putting Green
- 1:00 - Shotgun
- 6:00 - Dinner, Awards and Presentation of Ernie Busch Scholarship winners

THE DAY INCLUDES

- Prizes for individual and team low scores
- On Course Games
- Raffles Prizes



Here's how to enter:
 Fill out order form below;
 Please Make Checks Payable to **Babylon Booster Club**;
 Mail Check and Order Form to: PO Box153, Babylon NY 11702
 (**Note:** Payments for individual golfers or "dinner only" can be made using Paypal at www.babylonboosterclub.org)

Fees	
	\$170.00 per golfer
	\$55.00 Dinner Only
Sponsorship Opportunities	
1 – Event Sponsor - \$1,200.00 (Includes Foursome)	
2 – Hole in 1 Sponsor - \$750.00	
3 – Dinner Sponsor - \$400.00	
4 – Cocktail Sponsor - \$400.00	
5 – Luncheon Sponsor - \$400.00	
6 – Cart Sponsor - \$250.00	
7 – Game Sponsor - \$250.00	
8 – Driving Range Sponsor - \$200.00	
9 – Putting Green Sponsor - \$200.00	
10 – Tee Sponsor - \$100.00	

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Golfer(s):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Your Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

Sponsor Type: (if applicable) _____

Name on Sponsor Board _____



3rd Annual





Golf Outing

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Thursday July 27th, 2017
Bergen Point Country Club



WANTED TEE SPONSORS

-  Want to Support our Hometown Student Athletes?
-  Want to celebrate that special student, 2017 Graduate or Alumni from BHS?
-  Looking to show your family's support for the Booster Club?
-  Can't make this Year's Golf Outing?



Your 100.00 tax deductible donation buys you a tee sign at this year's OUTING and the proceeds raised will go to support our hometown student athletes. The money raised will go towards equipment and other needs for the Babylon School Athletic Programs.



GET YOUR 2017 TEE SPONSORSHIP TODAY!!

Fill out order form below; Please Make Checks Payable to **Babylon Booster Club**;
Mail Check and Order Form to: PO Box153, Babylon NY 11702
(**Note:** Payments can be made using Paypal at www.babylonboosterclub.org)

----- (tear here) -----

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Your Name _____

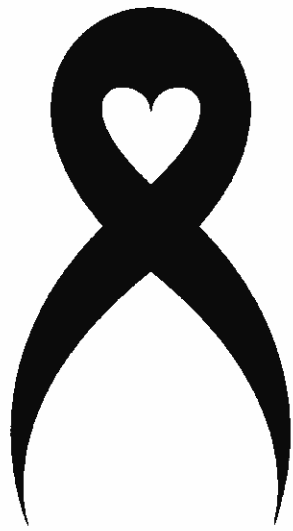
Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Sponsor Type: (if applicable) _____

Name on Sponsor Board _____





Shannon's Soldiers

Saturno Softball Game

When: June 2nd at 5 p.m.

Where: Babylon High School Baseball Field

Admission: \$5

**Food and Refreshments will be sold
"Shannon's Soldiers" T-shirts will be available for
purchase**

**All Proceeds will be donated to the:
"Shannon Saturno Memorial Scholarship Fund"**

***If you would like to make any additional donations,
please contact:**

Mrs. Linda Fama: lfama@babylonufsd.org

Or

Mrs. Jaime Harrison: jharrison@babylonufsd.org



BABYLON SOCCER CLUB

Attention all Babylon Families

Babylon Soccer Club Registration is now open

<https://libbabylonsc.siplay.com/site/>

We offer soccer programs starting at pre-K through High School

Core Soccer Programs 2017-2018

Instructional: U5 (Birth Year - 2013)
Intramural: U6 (Birth Year - 2012)
Intramural: U7/U8 (Birth Year - 2010/2011)

Travel Soccer 2017-2018

U9 Boys or Girls - Birth Year 2009
U10 Boys or Girls - Birth Year 2008
U11 Boys or Girls - Birth Year 2007
U12 Boys or Girls - Birth Year 2006
U13 Boys or Girls - Birth Year 2005
U14 Boys or Girls - Birth Year 2004
U15 Boys or Girls - Birth Year 2003
U16 Boys or Girls - Birth Year 2002
U17 Boys or Girls - Birth Year 2001

Our programs are run by the Maximum Potential Training Group

For further information or questions:

Please contact Kathleen Lutz at Kathleen@babylonsoccer.com



After School Program

We are taking reservations for our 2017-2018 All In Program.

Our after school program offers a staff to member ratio of 2 to 10. Our home setting is preferred by many members. Start saving money and providing a better environment for your child today.

- Transportation from the Grade School to the Youth Center on school days.
- Free snack and drink daily.
- Unlimited programming!*
- Homework Helpers Program.
- Small personal groups.
- Increased hours 2:30-6:30pm.
- Professional staff.

All for only \$200 per month.
Space is limited so act now!

*Excludes after hour programs.

Call or visit our center for more details.
147 North Carll Ave Babylon NY 11702
631-587-7117
www.bvyp.org/all_in



SUMMER DAY PROGRAM

The Babylon Youth Project Summer Day Program is a two-week program of trips, activities and fun to fill summer days. Our program is designed for a small, personal group, so limited space is available.

For your convenience, we will be opening from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Breakfast will be provided daily. Members must bring their own bagged lunch. In addition to scheduled activities, arts & crafts, computers, board games and game systems will be available daily.

1st Week: Monday through Friday, July 10 – July 14

- Monday: Breakfast: Bagels w/butter or cream cheese; Mini Golf/Lunch
- Tuesday: Breakfast: Waffles; Cook your own dinner & dessert
- Wednesday: Breakfast: Yogurt, fruit & granola; IDEAS: Building rockets
- Thursday: Breakfast: Homemade Egg Mc Muffins; Nature Walk, Scavenger Hunt & Craft
- Friday: Breakfast: Pancakes; Trip to Village Pool/Lunch, afternoon movie & popcorn

2nd Week: Monday through Friday, July 17 – July 21

- Monday: Breakfast: Waffles; Bowling Trip/Lunch
- Tuesday: Breakfast: Bagels; Cooking: Wednesday breakfast; IDEAS: Snap Circuits
- Wednesday: Breakfast: Muffins; Trip to FI Lighthouse/Lunch
- Thursday: Breakfast: Pancakes; Tape Painting on Canvas Art Project
- Friday: Breakfast: Egg in a Nest; Trip to Village Pool/Lunch, afternoon movie & popcorn

The program is eligible for children ages 8 (entering 3rd grade in Sept.) to 18.

The fee for the two-week program is \$200 per child. Registration closes May 31, 2017.



BABYLON VILLAGE ARTS COUNCIL

P O Box 141, Babylon, NY 11702 631-669-1810 www.babylonvillagearts.org

Creative Dramatics Summer Workshop

For Children Ages 9 – 12

Discover your inner actor in a fun theater class that teaches improvisation, creative movement, concentration and acting skills.
Make new friends and create your own drama!

SESSIONS: Monday through Thursday
July 10-13, July 17-20

TIME: 12 Noon-1:30 PM

WHERE: Rowe Hall, Babylon High School

A minimum of 15 students are required to run summer workshop.

REGISTER EARLY!!!!

FEE (non-refundable): \$40 by June 23; June 24 and after: \$45

For further information contact Laura Albert at laura4250@gmail.com or 631-747-1976.

Creative Dramatics Workshop Registration Form

Grade: _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Cell Phone _____

Parent: _____

Return form including fee made payable to **BVAC, P O Box 141, Babylon, NY 11702**

JUNE CHILDREN'S ROOM HAPPENINGS

Registration for June programs will begin on Monday, May 1st @ 9:30am. Either by phone, in person, or online with your CHILD'S Babylon Library card. Please note age requirements.

Registration is required unless otherwise noted.

Out of district residents may register for programs with an asterisk () two weeks after registration has begun, in person only, using a CHILD'S library card.*

*Inchworms

(Child must be 2 by first session)
2's & 3's with parent/caregiver
Mondays, June 5, 12~10-10:30am
Stories, Music and Craft.



*Get Along Gang

3's, 4's, 5's not yet in Kindergarten
Wednesdays, June 7, 14~1-1:45pm
Storytime and Craft.

*My First Storytime

6 to 23 months with parent/caregiver
Fridays, June 16, 23~10-10:30am
Storytime and Songs.

Drop In & Play (drop-in)

6 to 23 months with parent/caregiver
Friday, June 9~10am-12:00pm

Father's Day Crafts (drop-in)

Friday, June 16~3-4:30pm
For all ages up to 5th grade.
Make something for Dad!

Summer Reading Club Kick-off Community Builders Storytime, Crafts, and face painting

Drop-in for Babylon patrons only
Monday, June 26th~3-5:30pm
For families with kids birth- 5th grade
Stories. Crafts. Face Painting.

Book Buddies (training session for first time Big Buddies is Monday, June 5~4-4:45pm)

Big Buddies—grades 5th-8th

Little Buddies—Pre-K-2nd grade

Program begins Tuesday, June 27th and ends Thursday, August 3

Summer Reading Club Registration

Build a Better World!

For all ages up to entering 5th grade

Registration begins: Saturday, June 10 @ 9:30am

In-Person Only, using your CHILD'S Babylon library card.

(Child does not need to be present for parent/caregiver to register, just bring the child's library card).

