JOIN THE BAND

This year I am **requiring** all students to sign up and use the BAND App. Parents have the option to join but it is not required. BAND is an App that brings the power of mobile social networking to everyday life in a private and secure way. Family, friends, neighbors, classmates, coworkers, and teammates can use social building blocks called "BANDS" for everyday collaboration, knowledge sharing, and group communication on any Smart phone, Tablet, or Computer.
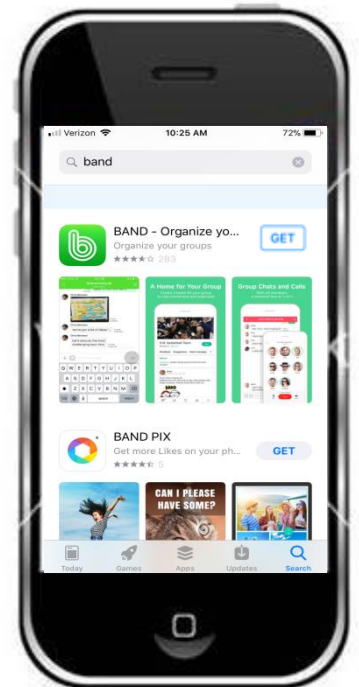
- Download and use the App to Join in seconds or create an account online at https://band.us/home
- Works on both iOS and Android systems
- App available for free download.
- **PHONE NUMBERS ARE KEPT PRIVATE** – Easily communicate with Mr. Racchini at school and on field trips without giving away personal information.

MR. RACCHINI'S STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRE TO JOIN THE FOLLOWING BAND.

23-24 JRac's Science Class: This BAND will be used throughout the year in class and will also serve as your PRIMARY MODE direct line of communication between you and Mr. Racchini.

> THIS BAND IS FOR CURRENT
> **STUDENTS and Parents of Mr. Racchini's Science Class ONLY**,
> **ALL OTHERS WILL BE REMOVED**.

Just because you don't have a smartphone doesn't mean that you can't use the BAND. If you are do not have a Phone, please send an email to Mr. Racchini to inform him, so he can send you the ***alternate BAND invite Code*** so you also can have the same line of communication.
jracchini@franklinregional.k12.pa.us

HOW TO CREATE A BAND ACCOUNT

HOW TO SIGN-UP : with iPhone or Android.

1. If you are new to BAND, you must first download the BAND APP
2. Open the APP and Click the "Sign up with Mobile or Email"
3. Enter your
   a. *Cell phone Number* (Will NOT be shared with anyone)
   b. *Password* (Don't forget it – must contain at least 1 number)
   c. *Username*: **First** and **Last name** (NOTHING ELSE)
   d. *Add a Profile Picture (Optional):* After you log in, go to MORE > SETTINGS > My profile > Click on your profile *(twice)* >Edit profile.

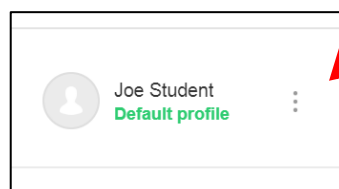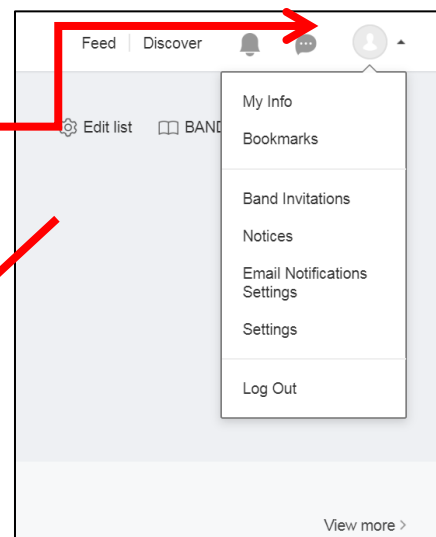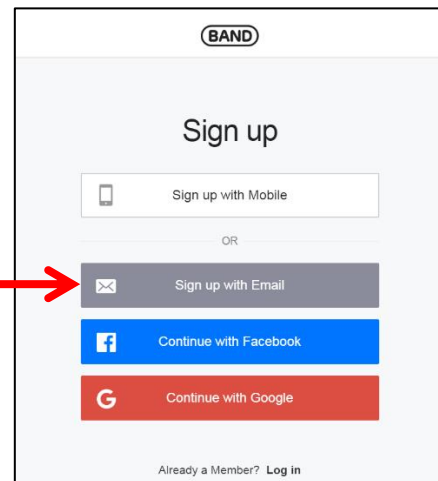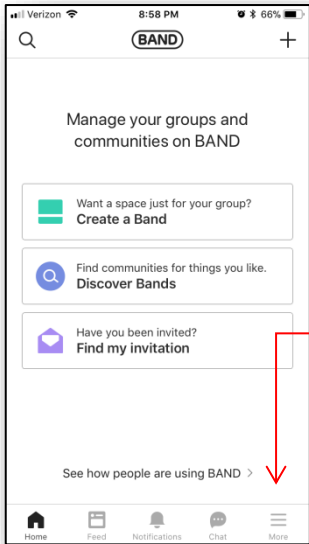***Parent Profiles Must include their student's name** – See more instructions below

Remember: Cell phone numbers are never seen by anyone else in the group including the admin but are used to send you important notifications.

HOW TO SIGN-UP : without a Smartphone.

1. If you are new to BAND, and you do not own a smartphone, you must first go to the BAND website: https://band.us/home
2. Then Click "Sign up" in the upper right of the screen.
3. Click on the Signup with email button
4. Enter your
   a. *Email* (Will NOT be shared with anyone)
   b. *Password* (Don't forget it – must contain at least 1 number)
   c. *Username*: **First** and **Last name** (NOTHING ELSE)
   d. You will be asked to go to your email account, find and enter the verification CODE that was sent to you.
   e. *Add a Profile Picture (Optional):* After you log in, Click on the dropdown arrow next to your profile picture and then select MY INFO > and click MANAGE next to your profile information.
   f. Click on the "3Dot" menu next to your name and select> EDIT PROFILE.
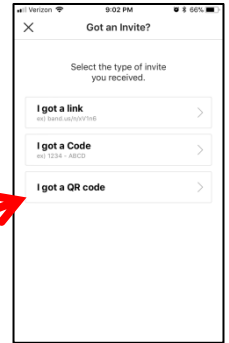
HOW TO Join a BAND group: <u>Using a Phone</u>

1. If you are new to BAND, then after you have logged into the APP for the 1st time, the screen pictured to the left will appear. Choose the "***Find My Invitation***" button.

   (If you have already been a BAND user you will first need to click on the ***MORE*** button and then the ***Check Invite*** button on the next screen to get the screen pictured to the left.)

2. Click on the 3rd option: ***I got a*** **QR** ***code***. This will open your phone's camera. <mark>**Allow access**</mark>, and then scan the <u>QR code</u> at can be found in Schoology (Class Resource Folder)
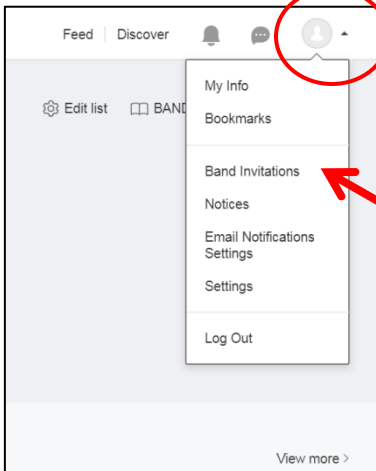
3. Your invitation will appear. Click on ***Accept.***

4. <u>Select your Profile (username)</u> and click ***Request to Join.*** Your request will be sent to Mr. Racchini for approval.

   <u>**STUDENTS**</u> **- AS LONG AS YOUR PROFILE is your first and last name indicating that you are a current student,** your request should be approved soon.

   <u>**PARENTS**</u> **– YOUR PROFILE must also include your child's name in parentheses.**
   Parent Profile Example: John Smith (Timmy Smith)

   If your request has not yet been approved after 3 days, please contact or see Mr. Racchini in room 205.

HOW TO Join a BAND group: <u>WITHOUT a Phone</u>

5. Inform Mr. Racchini that you will be using a computer for BAND and not a phone and he will send you an Invite CODE. (This code will only be good for 48hrs and if not used in that time, a new code will need to be requested.)
6. Go to the BAND website, and log into your account.
7. Click on the dropdown arrow next to your profile picture and then select **BAND Invitations** > and input your invite code.

8. Your invitation will appear. Click on ***Request to Join..***

9. <u>Select your Profile (username)</u> and click ***JOIN THIS BAND.*** Your request will be sent to Mr. Racchini for approval. **AS LONG AS YOUR USER NAME INDICATES THAT YOU ARE A CURRENT SCIENCE STUDENT**, Your request should be approved soon. If your request has not yet been approved after 3 days, please contact or see Mr. Racchini in room 205.

Reminder: If you do not have a smartphone, then you will need to request an invite code from Mr. Racchini

23-24 JRac's Science Class BAND

J-Rac's STUDENTS ONLY
Students are <u>required</u> to join this BAND
Parents of these students are <u>encouraged</u> to join
(ALL others will be removed)

J-RAC'S 2023 - 2024 SCIENCE CLASS

HOW TO Use the BAND APP:

To **Receive a class update**

1) Once you join this BAND, there is nothing else to do. class updates and Alerts will automatically be sent to your phone.
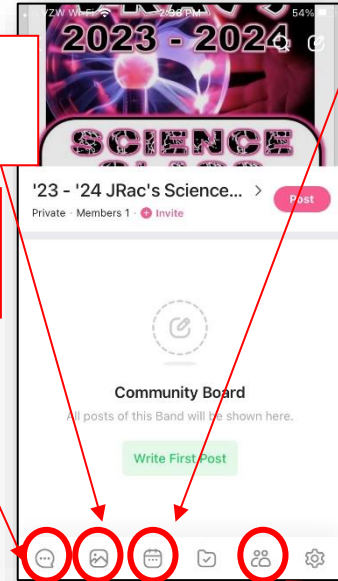
To **send a message** to Mr. Racchini

1) After joining this BAND, **Part of your first assignment is to send Mr. Racchini a chat message** (Send him <u>your name</u> and <u>favorite thing that you did this past summer</u>)

2) Open your APP and select the **23-24 JRac Science Class BAND**.

3) Select the Members icon at the bottom of the screen.

4) Here you should see all current members of the BAND. Mr. Racchini should be at the top of this list. Tap the <u>Chat icon</u> next to his name.

5) Enter your message and tap send. You have now opened a direct line of communication to Mr. Racchini.

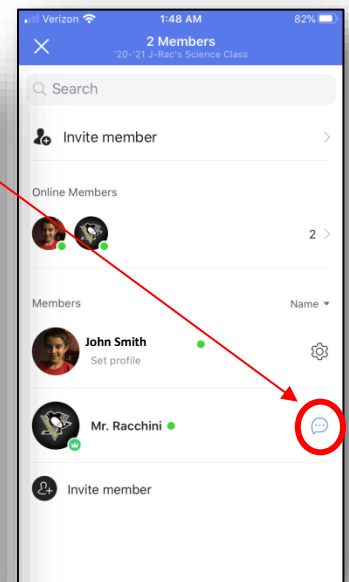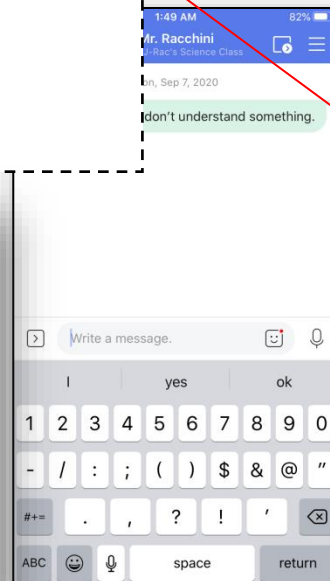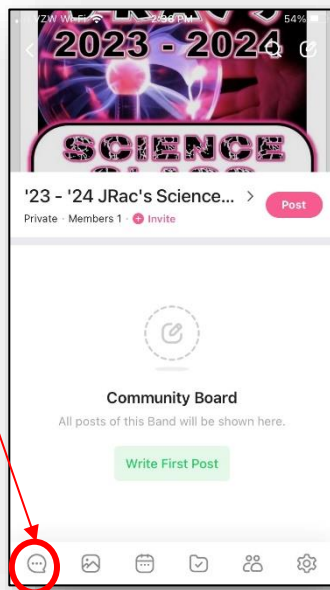6) You can now easily access this chat thread by tapping on the chat icon on the BAND's main page.

Calendar: Find Class and House upcoming events here (Some events may require RSVP)

Photo Gallery: Uploaded photos from class and the house.

Chat: Send a private message to Mr. Racchini and/or your assigned group

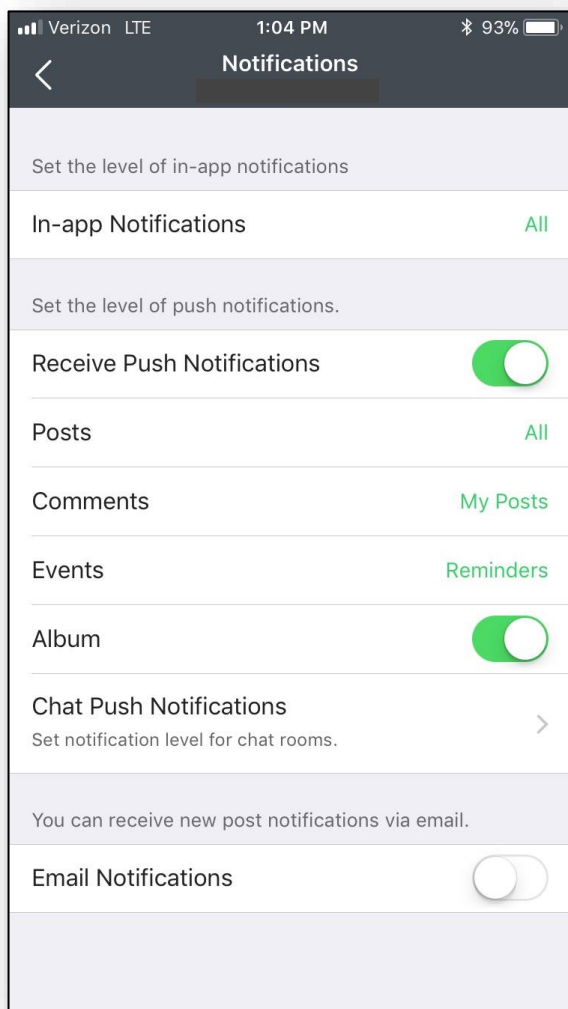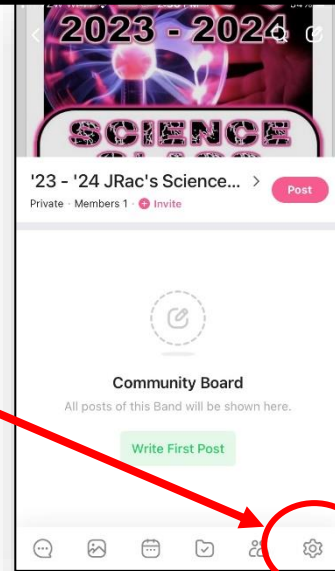**Members:** see a list of all members on this BAND

Make the Madness Stop!

How to set-up your BAND Notifications so you don't miss important information, but also don't get overloaded with notifications

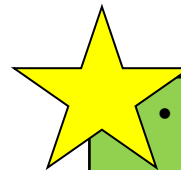## *** YOU MUST SET-UP YOUR NOTIFICATIONS FOR EACH BAND

Here's what you need to do:

1. **Open up each BAND** that you are a member of and tap on the **SETTINGS** button at the bottom of each BAND.

2. Then select **Notifications**

3. Make sure your notification settings look like the one to the Left:

   a. In-app Notifications…………………………ALL

   b. Receive Push Notifications………………ON

   c. Post……………………………………………ALL

   d. Comments……………………………………My Posts
      (Comments on my post)

   e. Events…………………………RSVPs and Reminders

   f. Album…………………………………………..ON

   g. Chat Push Notifications………………...You may choose which chats to turn ON or OFF

- You <u>must leave</u> the **Mr. Racchini Chat notification** turned **ON**

- You may, however, <u>choose</u> to turn on or off the notifications for <u>any other chat</u> listed. But by turning these off you might miss out on important small team communications