

Hopewell Valley CHS

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Dear 8th Grade Band Member and Parents,

It is an exciting time to be continuing your music education at Central High School and I am here to answer any questions you may have about our program! As course selection is upon us, please select the “Symphonic Band” course as your first elective choice to make sure you are placed in the class. Please know, you can always reach out to me with specific questions using the contact info listed above, or visit our website (also listed above) to take a look at what we are up to in our band program.

A few points to consider about our band related program offerings -

- Symphonic Band is a curricular course, most similar to the band experience at Timberlane. Symphonic Band, however, is grades 9-12 inclusive.
- The marching band, the “Marching Black & Gold” is an extracurricular activity. While it is encouraged to participate, Symphonic Band students are not required to be a part of the “MBG”.
- Other extracurricular opportunities for band students include jazz band, indoor percussion, indoor color guard, auditioning for honor bands, and pit orchestra, to name a few.

The band program at Hopewell Valley is focused on developing the whole musician while providing enriching performance experiences for students in a kind, caring, and supportive environment. Our students who take Symphonic Band for four years go on to the best universities and colleges in the nation and treasure the experiences that were cultivated during their time in the band. Our Symphonic Band students are athletes, scholars, and are deeply invested in a variety of clubs and organizations in our school and community.

It is my sincere hope you will join us for the 2019 - 2020 school year. Please complete the brief survey attached, sign, and return by March 1st so we may begin planning for an exciting year ahead.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have!

Musically,

David Schwartz