

MBG Director Newsletter

October 1st

Congratulations to the members of the Marching Black and Gold for getting all movements of their show on the field in time for Homecoming and thank you to all the parents who assisted last Friday night!

Please remember to sign up to volunteer using the SignUp Genius (linked below) for events throughout the season.

Regular Season Volunteers The SignUp Genius website lists the parent volunteer opportunities throughout the season. When we travel we need assistance distributing and collecting uniforms, loading (and then moving and loading) equipment, chaperoning the students, and more! Please visit this link to sign up to volunteer to assist:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0549aaab2ca46-mbg20182019>

This link is permanently available on the top of the Marching Black and Gold page at www.hopewellvalleybands.org and is a pinned post on our Twitter and Facebook page (@HVBands).

Home Show Volunteers and Help A separate sign up for the home show is linked here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0549aaab2ca46-mbg20161>

Any parent, family member, or friend who volunteers to work at the show and donate their time to staffing the many areas where we need assistance will be admitted to the show for free. In order for us to have an accurate record, we need you to sign up using the website. Each specific area that we need assistance has its own tab at the top of the page. It takes a village and we need all hands on deck to make sure we can take care of the hundreds of students and parents who will be visiting our school on Saturday, October 20th. Please reach out to myself, Andrea Rise, or Meredith Tallo if you have any questions about helping out.

We still need another volunteer or two to help lead our concessions effort. Please reach out to Mr. Schwartzer ASAP if you are able to assist.

Spring Band Trip to Virginia Beach Music Festival Permission slips were due yesterday, Monday, October 1st. All students, even if they aren't participating, should turn in the permission slip found on the MBG website.

Uniform Reminders for Percussion & Winds

- Show shirt under your jacket
- Long black socks
- Hair off the shoulders when wearing shako
- Remember your gloves
- Athletic/mesh/gym shorts, athletic pants, sweatpants, etc. should **not** be worn under the uniform pants (compression shorts are acceptable). Students have the opportunity to change in the locker rooms and rest rooms at TL

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Friday, October 5th - Off

Saturday, October 6th - Cavalcade of Bands Competition at Plymouth Whitemarsh High School

(201 E Germantown Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462). This will be our first competition as a marching band in the "Cavalcade" circuit (we normally attend USBands sanctioned competitions). If you are interested, visit <http://cavalcadeofbands.com/marching/> to learn more about their organization. We will be one of five bands competing in the "Yankee" classification. Groups are divided by size in Cavalcade and don't have an "Open" or "A" class designation until championships.

10:30 am	Band Room Opens - Truck and Bus Loading at PODS
11:00	Rehearsal at Ackerson Field (on turf)
1:00 pm	Lunch (bring your own), Change, Load MBG Bus and Truck at Ackerson Field
2:30	Depart TL
3:30	Arrival, Get Settled, Warm Up, Travel
5:00	MBG at Gate
5:15	Performance (MBG Pit Crew loads) <i>Bring "street clothes" to change into and \$ for concessions</i>
7:45	Awards and Judges Critique <i>The staff members participate in a roundtable with the judges to gather feedback</i>
8:45	Approximate Departure
9:45	Approximate Return to TL, Unload, Unpack, Dismissed

USBands Yamaha Cup Moved I've been informed by USBands that the management team at MetLife Stadium is not letting them use the facilities on Saturday, October 13th because the Jets have a home game on Thursday, October 11th and the Giants have a home game on Sunday, October 14th. The Yamaha Cup will now take place at Rutgers University. We will attend the Yamaha Cup at Rutgers University on October 13th and throw down a performance for all to be proud of!

Performing Arts Parent and Student Form Supervisor of Visual & Performing Arts is asking all VPA families to complete this quick online form. The information contained will help us to be able to communicate effectively with students and parents who are involved in the Performing Arts during the 2018-19 school year. [Click Here](#)

Communication

- **Director Newsletter** Published weekly and emailed, distributed to students, posted on website and social media outlets (if you are not getting weekly emails, please contact Mr. Schwartzer)
- **SignUp Genius** Website to facilitate volunteer sign ups throughout the season. Available on MBG page of www.hopewellvalleybands.org as a pinned post on HVBands Facebook and Twitter Page and [HERE](#) A separate SignUp Genius for our Home Show will be available soon
- **Website** www.hopewellvalleybands.org acts as a resource to find forms and information
- **Remind** Text messaging service for important updates and changes - [Sign Up Here](#)
- **Social Media** Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) for photos, updates, and more!
- **Email** I can be reached at davidschwartzter@hvrds.org

Thank you!

