

MBG Director Newsletter

October 15th

Congratulations on a great performance this weekend at Rutgers University for the 2018 Yamaha Cup! Given the rain, cold, adjusted warm up time, and less than our full instrumentation, you were able to put on a great show! With two weeks left, we still have **plenty** of opportunities for improvement. Please come to rehearsals focused and ready to work.

Big Weekend for MBG Well, they are all big weekends, but this weekend we are hosting of **40 middle school band students** at our home football game Friday **and** hosting 12 visiting bands on Saturday for our 4th Annual "Music in Motion" Competition.

While we still need to fill in the blanks in a few places, we are close to entering "**Mr. Schwartz** **needs to beg**" territory to fill the **Parking Shifts** needed to ensure traffic flow is adequately taken care of this weekend. Without volunteers to help direct equipment trucks, school buses, and visitor parking, we run the risk of having providing a disorganized experience for our guests. Please review the link below and sign up for a shift to assist. Other jobs/shifts are available (click the tabs at the top of the page), but populating the parking shifts is a huge priority.

Home Show Volunteers, Donations, Assistance

Parking and Band Flow Shifts - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0549aaab2ca46-mbg20164>
(*Parking help, parking help, parking help!*)

Friday, October 19th - Home Game vs. Princeton This Friday is MBG Night at the varsity game and we will be hosting over 40 middle school students for the duration of the game. Parents, please chat with any middle school parents that may be sitting next to us and share your marching band experiences! Students - please be welcoming and encouraging with our guests - this experience could shape the future of these young band students!

3:30 pm	Rehearsal with Timberlane Band Students (likely at AFT #4)
5:00	Pizza Dinner with TL students (pizza provided - 1 gluten free pie will be available) MBG Bus and Truck Loading
6:00	Line Up and Depart to CHS
6:30	Get settled in bleachers
7:00	Game Begins
8:15	Approximate Half Time Performance
9:30	Approximate End of Game, Return to TL, Dismissal

PIT EQUIPMENT WILL BE LOADED INTO HIGH SCHOOL AFTER HALFTIME

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Saturday, October 20th - 4th Annual Music in Motion Competition We will rehearse on the high school campus

12:00	Rehearsal Begins in CHS Band Room
1:00	Rehearsal Moves to Ackerson Field
2:30	Rehearsal Ends (Pit Equipment stored in CHS New Gym) Students move to TL for Lunch (on your own), Change
4:00	MBG in Home Bleachers to Watch Visiting Bands
5:00	Return to TL, Dinner/Snacks on Own
6:15	Warm Up at TL (pit in CHS New Gym)
7:15	Moving to CHS
7:20	Gate Time
7:35	Exhibition Performance <i>Equipment will need to be loaded and returned to PODS - NEED PARENT HELP</i>
7:50	Awards
8:50	Approximate End, Stadium Cleanup, Return to TL, Change, Dismiss

Full Show Schedule <https://trigonroad.com/yea/eventDetail.cfm?searchState=&eventID=1939>

HV Bands Gear The update from the printer is that it should be done late tomorrow (Tuesday) or early Wednesday morning. **If there is a parent who is willing to pick order up, please send me an email and we can coordinate.** Printer is Aztec Graphics in Hamilton.

Coming Up *Below are some tentative times based on scheduling information currently available*

10/26	Home Football - Report Time 5:45
10/27	Cavalcade of Bands Competition - Abington HS, 8:30 pm Performance <i>3 pm Rehearsal? 6:00 Departure?</i>
10/28	USBands State Championships - Performance Block 12:00 - 2:45, Awards 2:45 <i>No rehearsal, report and depart (time dependent on specific performance time)</i>

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. Schwartz)
- **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 davidschwartz@hvrsd.org

Thank you!

