

## MBG Director Newsletter

October 22nd

**Congratulations** on a fantastic Home Show Competition! A wonderful day from top to bottom. Many thanks to all of the parents that helped make Saturday possible, along with a big thanks to the students for putting on a great show. The compliments keep rolling in on what a successful event we were able to put together! One week of competitive marching band left for 2018, let's see what we can do!

**Friday, October 26th - Home Game vs. Hightstown** This Friday will also be Senior Night as it is the last regular season home game. Senior members of the band, cheerleaders, and football team will be recognized along with their parents during the game. Hightstown will not be performing pre-game, their band is not coming. Senior students will be given a form to fill out this week at rehearsal that will need to be returned by Thursday.

5:30	Band Room Opens, Parent Bus/Truck Loading at PODS
5:45	Report, Change
6:15	Depart for Ackerson Field
6:30	Settle in Bleachers
7:00	National Anthem
7:30	Senior Parents Gather by Band - Brief Meeting
8:15	Approximate Half Time - Senior Recognition and Performance
9:30	Approximate End of Game, Return to TL, Dismissal

**Saturday, October 27th - Cavalcade of Bands Competition - Abington HS** The rehearsal before we depart COULD take place at Ackerson Field depending on how games play out over the course of the week. If we have the turf, we would load equipment into CHS following Friday's game. If we don't have the turf, we will rehearse at AFT #4. As soon as I know, I will share.

2:55	On Site, Ready to Rehearse
3:00	Rehearsal Begins
4:30	Rehearsal Ends, Bus/Truck Loading, Eat, Change, Load
5:30	Depart Timberlane
6:30	Arrive at Abington HS, Warm Up
8:15	Performance
9:45	Awards
10:45	Approximate Departure
11:45	Approximate Return (equipment stays loaded)

Visit [Cavalcade of Bands](#) to see full show schedule

### **Sunday, October 28th - USBands NJ State Championships - Wacker Stadium, Rowan University**

Our final show of the season! We will compete in Group II A against 10 other bands in our group. It's been a great season, let's finish strong!

9:00	Arrive, Change, Load Buses
9:45	Depart Timberlane
10:45	Arrival, Warm Up
12:30	Championship Performance
12:45	Return to buses, change, concessions (\$), stadium
2:15	Awards
3:15	Approximate Departure

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Approximate Return

**Coming Up** We will have at least one more football game. If we miss the playoffs, there will be a single consolation game. If we make the playoffs we would play until we were to lose. As soon as I know more, I will share. We will not perform our show at these games, we will cheer on the team with our music and spirit! Weekday rehearsals will be over beginning on October 30th.

**MBG Banquet** A date for the annual MBG Banquet will be determined this week. This is a great way to celebrate our season and we hope all families can attend! Please keep an eye out for a date and more information.

### **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](http://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](http://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](mailto:davidschwartz@hvrsd.org)

Thank you!

