

MBG Director Newsletter

October 8th

Congratulations on a fine performance to the Marching Black & Gold. I think you did a great job of representing Hopewell Valley on the field; as a staff we are very excited to keep working on this production!

Weekend Volunteers The SignUp Genius website lists the parent volunteer opportunities throughout the season and can be accessed here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0549aaab2ca46-mbg20182019>

As of this writing, we could still use volunteers this weekend for **Friday, October 12th**:

- Chaperones (2 - 3)
- Equipment Loading

Home Show Volunteers, Donations, Assistance

Bake Sale Donations - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0549aaab2ca46-mbg2016>

(Baked goods for us to sell for profit)

Hospitality Room Donations - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0549aaab2ca46-mbg20166>

(Food and drink donations for our USBands judges and visiting band directors and staff)

Water/Coffee Urn to Borrow - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0549aaab2ca46-mbg20161>

(Please label and we'll return)

Stadium Shifts - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0549aaab2ca46-mbg20162>

(Bake sale set up, Bake Sale evening shift, Treasurer assistance)

Parking and Band Flow Shifts - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0549aaab2ca46-mbg20164>

(Parking help, parking help, parking help!)

Concession Sales Shifts - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0549aaab2ca46-mbg20165>

(A great deal of help is needed here)

Home Show, Saturday, October 20th Our home show is fast approaching and we need your help! If you traveled with us to Plymouth-Whitemarsh you could tell the folks there (at least from my perspective) had their act together and were prepared for the 12 visiting bands. The band at Plymouth-Whitemarsh is about 15 members smaller than our group and they had all hands on deck. We will be hosting 12 awesome bands from around New Jersey **and we could use your help volunteering to work at the home show!** Not only is this a great way to help us put on a great fundraiser for our band kids, but it is a great way to meet other parents and socialize while supporting your son or daughter.

Your donations are appreciated, but we still need a great deal of volunteers to help park cars, buses, and equipment trucks, to help direct traffic, to sell concessions, and to staff our hospitality room. You don't need any experience to help with any of these jobs, we'll have experts on hand to show you the ropes. Whether you are an 8th or 9th grade parent or the parent of a graduating senior - we can use you! Bring out your neighbors and any other children you have, we can put them to work too! :)

Program Ads Take out an ad for your son or daughter in the home show program book. DEADLINE IS TOMORROW, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9th. [Click here for the form.](#)

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Friday, October 12th - Away Game at Notre Dame HS (601 Lawrence Road, Lawrenceville). We will travel to perform our pregame show and then stay through the first half. At half-time we will depart for home because we have an early morning on Saturday. Any student who is **performing** in the "Hopewell's Got Talent" show Friday night must submit an email from a parent/guardian detailing your transportation plans after our pregame performance.

5:15 pm	Band Room Opens - Truck and Bus Loading at PODS Students Change and Load Buses
5:45	Depart Timberlane
6:00	Arrive to Notre Dame, unload, settle in bleachers, warm up
6:40	Pregame Performance
7:00	Game Begins (Hopewell's Got Talent performers dismissed with guardian)
8:30	Approximate Half Time - Return To TL
8:45	Approximate Return to TL, Change, Dismissal

******We will leave bus and truck loaded with equipment overnight******

Saturday, October 13th - YAMAHA CUP, Rutgers University Highpoint Solutions Stadium (1 Scarlet Knight Way, Piscataway). The Yamaha Cup is a Regional Championship event that is normally held at MetLife Stadium. Due to a scheduling conflict with the NFL, this year the event is at Rutgers University. Bands will be performing from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm. At the time of this printing - no awards schedule has been posted by USBands. I am trying to get this information for us, but all I have now is a phone conversation that implied there would be multiple award ceremonies throughout the day and that ours would be at 10:00 am. As soon as I know more, I will put word out.

6:00 am	Band Room Opens, Change Into Uniforms, Load Buses <i>Bring snacks to eat on your way up for breakfast</i>
6:30	Depart Timberlane
7:15	Approximate arrival to Rutgers
8:56	Performance <i>Students should have street clothes to change into and money for concessions</i>
	*****THE BELOW INFORMATION IS TENTATIVE*****
10:00?	Awards?
11:00?	Approximate Departure
Noon?	Approximate Return to TL, Unload, Unpack, Dismissed

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

10/19	Home Football - MBG Band Night - Report Time 3:00 PM <i>We will be hosting Timberlane Band Students prior to and during this game</i>
10/20	Home Show - Rehearsal and Performance <i>Report times depend on turf availability prior to show, which depends on soccer playoffs</i>
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>

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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 davidschwartz@hvrsd.org

Thank you!

