

MBG Director Newsletter

September 11th

Hi everyone! This week we fight the weather yet again and hope to get some quality rehearsal time on the field before our debut performance at Ackerson Field this Friday. Please read below for some important information.

Rehearsals this Week - We will have a normal rehearsal schedule this week (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 3:15 to 5:30). We will also have rehearsal on Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please remember that next Wednesday, September 19th we are not in school and will not have rehearsal.

Volunteers - Thank you to Melissa and Bob McKillip for once again setting up our SignUp Genius website. This 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). It will also always be linked at the bottom of this newsletter. A separate sign up will be coming shortly with volunteer opportunities for our Home Show on Saturday, October 20th.

Friday, September 14th - Home Football vs. Steinert This Friday we will debut what we have prepared of our field production at the home football game (weather permitting)! We will wear our full uniform (weather permitting)!

5:00	Report, Change into Uniform, Equipment Load by PODS
5:30	Music Rehearsal in Band Room, Pit Equipment Transfer to Ackerson Field
6:15	MBG Departs to Stadium
6:25	In Stadium to Watch Visiting Band
7:00	National Anthem, Game Begins
8:30	Approximate Half-Time Performance
10:00	Approximate End of Game, Return to TL, Dismissed

Saturday, September 15th - Rehearsal, 10:00 am to 2:00 PM

Accessory Orders Most accessory orders arrived today, including our color guard uniforms! These will be distributed throughout the week. If you have not paid for your accessories yet, please follow up with Ms. Hopkins.

MBG and HVBands Gear I am still working with the vendor to finalize details for our band gear and hope to have an order form available within the coming days - stay tuned!

Riding in Style I'd like to take this moment to offer a sincere thank you and congratulations to Senior and 5 year MBG member Bradley Tallo for his efforts in converting a district school bus into a transportation bus for the marching band. With the help of his Boy Scout Troop, his father Jeff Tallo, some volunteers from the band, and others, Bradley took this project from start to finish! There are just a few finishing touches, but the bus looks AWESOME. THANK YOU for your service and contribution!

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USBands Scholarship USBands is giving back to students from schools who participate in its events by offering scholarship opportunities. At least two scholarships will go to students who: demonstrate magnificence in their community, can articulate how their involvement in music has influenced their life, and can describe how music will continue to have an influence in their life. At least one scholarship will be awarded to a student who will be pursuing further education in music, and another scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing any higher education. Higher education includes but is not limited to vocational training, conservatory, and other college degrees. Scholarship recipients will be determined by the USBands Advisory Board and announced in November. Find scholarship application materials [here](#).

Looking Ahead

Friday, September 21st

Away Football at Ewing

Report time likely 4:45

Saturday, September 22nd

Hopewell Harvest Fair and Competition at Hamilton HS West

Performance time at Harvest Fair - 10:00 AM

Students will return to TL with Band

Performance time at Hamilton HS West - 3:30 PM

Award Ceremony at 4:00 PM, Return Approximately 5:30 PM

Friday, September 28th

Homecoming Football

Times TBD

Saturday, September 29th

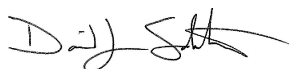
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Rest (and maybe practice on your own a bit)

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!



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