

MBG Director Newsletter 1 - June 13th

Hello Marching Black & Gold (MBG) Friends and Families!

Welcome

If you are new to the MBG - welcome! If you are a returning member - welcome back! And, if you are a friend of the MBG - thanks for coming along on this ride! We are excitedly preparing for our 2018 production, "Above the Stars" featuring music from Apollo 13, Star Trek: Into Darkness, and Gustav Holst's "The Planets". You are in for an incredible journey! If at any time throughout the season you have questions, please reach out to me (Mr. Schwartz) at davidschwartz@hvrds.org.

Paperwork

In order to complete the registration process, a signed [Member Contract](#) must be turned in along with the [online registration](#). If both of these components are not completed by June 22nd, the student will not have a spot in the 2018 marching band.

[Parent Volunteer Forms](#) should also be submitted before the end of the school year. There are many positions that still need to be filled, especially for our Home Show on October 20th. Please indicate where you are able to assist. These forms can be scanned and emailed to me, dropped off with a student, or put in my mailbox at the CHS Main Office. Alumni students and parents - you are more than welcome to complete the same form if you know you're around and would like to help. You're always welcome!

Communication

General Communication - This Director Newsletter will be emailed weekly throughout the season, and occasionally throughout the summer months. In addition to being emailed, it will be posted in pdf form on the band website, and links will be posted on Facebook and Twitter. This newsletter will be the primary method for distributing information throughout the season, please make sure you are receiving it through email, the website, or our social presence.

Email - Please do not "reply" to this email. All correspondence should be sent in a separate email addressed to davidschwartz@hvrds.org.

Remind Text Alerts - We encourage all parents and students to sign up for the Remind Text Alerts. These text messages are sent to remind MBG families about important information or events or to make special announcements. Please follow the instructions for signing up linked from the band website, [here](#).

Social Media - Please consider following us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), or checking the band [Website](#). Parents and students are encouraged to post and engage online in a positive

and constructive way by sharing in our success, posting pictures, well wishes, etc. Sorry, no follow backs!

Summer Rehearsals

Summer rehearsals are required of all members, just like our fall rehearsals. If you have a pre-planned vacation that cannot be avoided, these conflicts should be emailed to Mr. Schwartzer by THIS Friday, June 15th so we may make any necessary adjustments. The subject of these emails should be "Summer Absences". If we don't hear from you, we are expecting to see you at rehearsal.

In the event of having to miss at the last minute due to an emergency, please email Mr. Schwartzer **AND** your Instructor (Scott Daley - Drum Line, Mark Eichenberger - Pit, or Samantha Maloney - Color Guard) **before** your absence.

Missing a summer rehearsal to hang out with friends, go to the pool, not having a ride, working your summer job, etc. are not acceptable reasons to miss a rehearsal. We do not want to show up to a rehearsal expecting a certain number of people only to be surprised that there are people missing who did not document their absence. Please be respectful of this system.

Membership

It is not too late to join and we are looking to fill out all sections of the band (woodwinds, brass, percussion, color guard). If you know someone who would be a good fit, they must register online and return a membership contract before June 22nd. No experience is necessary playing percussion to join, please send them to Mr. Schwartzer (in the band room or to my email ASAP). MBG students and families - through the power of networking YOU can help us fill these spots!

Along the same lines, every year I will inevitably get an email over the summer from a parent/student who is informing me they are quitting. This saddens me because 1) they will be missing out on a great experience, 2) a commitment has already been made, and 3) significant adjustments to planning need to be made as a result of a student committing and then quitting.

If for some reason you know you are not going to participate - please let Mr. Schwartzer know before school lets out (Friday, June 22nd) as making membership adjustments over the summer is a difficult and trying process.

Coming Up

Thank you for making it this far! See below for upcoming June rehearsals -

- W 6/13 Guard Rehearsal 3:15 - 5:00 pm CHS Band Room
- W 6/13 Full Percussion Rehearsal 6:00 - 9:00 pm CHS Band Room
- W 6/27 Guard Rehearsal 6:00 - 8:00 pm CHS Band Room

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- W 6/27 Drumline Rehearsal 6:00 - 9:00 pm CHS Band Room

Musically,

David Schwartzer