

MBG Director Newsletter

October 14th

Congratulations to our students on a strong performance at the Hamilton HS West, Cavalcade of Bands! Tremendous gains were made from our last performance and I'm excited to see the improvements we can make over the next two weeks of rehearsal. Stay focused and stay motivated to push this show to greatness - we only have a few more opportunities to perform "Outlaw" together, let's make the most out of them! Another heartfelt "congrats" to the parents in our "Field Crew" moving equipment, instruments, and props. They were awarded "Best Field Crew" for the entire competition, and I know this is something the Hamilton Band Parents take seriously! Way to go and THANK YOU for all you do!

Rehearsals this week are Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Students who are present for a full day of school are expected to be at rehearsal. Also, students who need to sit out for more than 5 minutes of rehearsal without a note from the doctor should call home to be picked up. Students who miss rehearsals are at risk for not being able to perform in the football game or competition (please consult your MBG Handbook).

Friday, October 18th - Home Game vs. Notre Dame This Friday is 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. 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 <i>Pit Equipment and Props can stay at CHS as we will rehearse on the turf Saturday afternoon</i>
9:30	Approximate End of Game, Return to TL, Dismissal

Saturday, October 19th - USBands Competition at Robbinsville HS - We will perform in Group III A along with Seneca, Long Branch, Robbinsville, and Bordentown this weekend. These are fantastic band programs and we should be happy that the marching arts are thriving in our division and circuit (USBands)! As mentioned above, we have made great progress over our last few weeks and I believe we are on the path to realizing the full potential of our show and of our membership. Our success will continue to be defined by our progress!

2:00	Timberlane/CHS Open
2:15	Students arrive to Ackerson Field
2:30	Rehearsal Begins at Ackerson Field
4:30	Eat (bring a bagged meal), Change, Load
5:30	Depart
6:00	Arrival at Robbinsville, Unload, Warm Up
7:30	MBG at Gate
7:45	Performance
8:00	Following our performance, we will return to the buses and truck to drop off our

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equipment. We will then return to the stadium in uniform to try and catch Robbinsville's performance and make a stop at the concession stand before awards. Students will change out of uniform after awards while the marching band staff is in the judges critique meeting. [A complete schedule for the competition can be found here](#)

9:00	Awards
10:15	Approximate Departure
10:45	Approximate Return to TL, Unload, Unpack, Dismissed

Looking Ahead

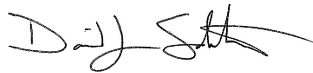
Friday, October 25th	OFF
Saturday, October 26th	Away Football at Princeton HS <i>Game begins at 11:00 am</i>
Sunday, October 27th	NJ State Championships at Rowan University

Fundraising On Friday, October 11th I emailed out a letter outlining a general fundraising campaign for our band program at Hopewell Valley. That letter is available [here](#) for your reference. Our campaign page is accessible from [this link](#) and will be open until November 11th. Please consider donating and sharing this page with friends and family who may also want to support our students. Thank you for your consideration and generosity!

Communication

- **Director Newsletter** Published weekly and emailed to mailing list
- **MBG Parent Coordinators** - email mbgparents2019@gmail.com if you are not receiving their updates throughout the season
- **SignUp Genius** Website to facilitate volunteer sign ups throughout the season. Available on MBG page [HERE](#)
- **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!

Sincerely,



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