

MBG Director Newsletter

October 14th

I'm very proud of the students performance this past Saturday at Robbinsville. A strong week of rehearsal paid off! Every year and group of students is different - this group has shown they can work hard at the end of a long season and get better every practice. One more week to go - don't stop now!

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 25th - OFF

Saturday, October 26th - Away football at Princeton HS

8:00 am	Band Room Opens
8:15	Report, Change, Load (Bus/Truck Loading at PODS)
9:00	Depart for Princeton HS
9:30	Arrival at Princeton, Unload, Warm Up
10:30	Lined Up Ready to Perform
10:40	Pre Game Performance
11:00	Game Starts, Perform in Stands
1:30 pm	Approximate End of Game, Departure
2:15	Approximate Return to TL, Unpack, Change, Dismissed

******BUS AND TRUCK CAN STAY LOADED AFTER THE GAME******

Sunday, October 27th - USBands NJ State Championships at Rowan University We've arrived at our final competition of the season. It is always amazing to me that the beginning of band camp seems so far away, yet, the season feels like it goes by in the blink of an eye when we come upon our final competitive performance. We hope you'll be able to join us to help cheer on the MBG!

9:45 am	Band Room Opens, Change, Load
10:45	Depart
12:00	Arrival at Rowan University, Unload, Warm Up
1:30	MBG at Gate
1:45	Performance
2:00	Following our performance, we will return to the buses and truck to drop off our equipment. Students will change out of uniform and into our MBG raincoats. There will be time to get food at the concession stand, so bring cash for this. A complete schedule for the competition can be found here.
4:00	Awards (11 Group III A Bands)
4:45	Approximate Departure
6:00	Approximate Return to TL, Unload, Unpack, Dismissed

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Looking Ahead

Friday, November 1st

Away Football at Hightstown HS

This will be our final performance of "Outlaw"

To Be Scheduled

13th Annual MBG Banquet

Consolation or Playoff Games - please consult your calendar for potential playoff or consolation football games. If we have a consolation game (because we didn't make the playoffs), it is my understanding it would be Thursday, October 7th. This isn't on our calendar, but we would make every effort to attend. As soon as I know more information about these dates, I will reach out. We would attend these games and play/cheer in the stands, we would not perform our field show.

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,



David Schwartzer

Director of Bands

Hopewell Valley Central High School