

MBG Director Newsletter

October 28th

Well, our weekend didn't quite go as planned, but it's probably for the best. The weather is a tricky thing to predict, and personally, I appreciate USBands coming up with an alternative days ahead of what would have been our final competitive performance versus waiting till the morning of to make a call. In the past, this foresight wouldn't have taken place. They made a decision to postpone in order to provide students with a positive performing opportunity, and although it may be different than what we were expecting - we should have a nice day next weekend to perform!

Rehearsals we will not rehearse Tuesday or Thursday this week.

Friday, November 1st - Away football at Hightstown HS We will be attending this game, but **not** be performing our field show during pregame. Friday is Senior Night at Hightstown and our "pregame" time got moved forward. Because of busing schedules and traffic, getting to Hightstown with enough time to perform "pregame" would be a major task. We will attend as a full band and perform/cheer in the stands.

Uniform - Show shirt and raincoats.

4:30 pm	Arrival, Student Loading MBG Bus in front of TL
5:00	Depart for Hightstown HS
6:00	Approximate Arrival, warm up, move to bleachers
7:00	Game Begins
9:45	Approximate Departure from Hightstown
10:30	Approximate Arrival back to Timberlane, Dismissed

Saturday, November 2nd - NJ State Championships at Somerville HS NJ States, take 2! This will be our last run of "Outlaw" please make every effort to come out and support our students. Any conflicts that cannot be worked around due to our change in schedule need to be reported to Mr. Schwartzter via email no later than Tuesday, October 29th. Tickets on site are \$15 (children 6 and under are free) and I will not be selling any in advance.

9:30 am	MBG Breakfast (breakfast is provided for students)
10:30	Rehearsal on AFT #4
12:45 pm	Rehearsal ends, truck/bus loading, lunch on own, change (senior photos too)
1:45	Depart for Somerville HS
2:45	Arrival at Somerville, Unload, Warm Up
4:00	Gate
4:15	Championship Performance!
4:30	Following our performance we will change out of uniform into MBG raincoats <i>Bring money for concessions</i>
6:15	Awards
7:00	Approximate Departure
8:00	Return to TL, Unpack, Change, Dismissed

[Full Schedule for NJ States can be found here](#)

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13th Annual MBG Banquet - Monday, December 9th, 6:00 PM - CHS Cafeteria. Please set aside this date for our 13th annual MBG Banquet. We will have dinner, time for student recognition, and a wonderful recap to our season. This is a perfect time for all MBG students and families to get back together and share a meal and many wonderful memories. More info to come!

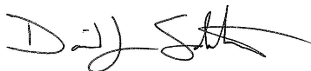
Consolation or Playoff Games - please consult your calendar for potential playoff or consolation football games. If we have a consolation game (because we didn't make the playoffs), it is my understanding it would be Thursday, October 7th. This isn't on our calendar, but we would make every effort to 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,



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