

MBG Director Newsletter

September 23rd

Congratulations to the members of the Marching Black and Gold on your first competitive performance of the year! A strong first performance to start the competition season! I'd also like to add a thank you to all the parents and guardians who helped to get the MBG on the road and home safe again - your assistance is appreciated by all.

Volunteers The SignUp Genius 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. **NOTE - there was a glitch with the website and Friday, September 27th's football game got deleted. It is back up now, but the volunteer info couldn't be retrieved. If you signed up to help, could you sign up again?**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084ba9a628a2fb6-mbg201920>

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.

Rehearsals this Week - We will have a normal rehearsal schedule this week (Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 - 6:00). **Thursday's rehearsal will take place at the football field next to the Timberlane Band Room.** A friendly reminder to try to avoid scheduling appointments during rehearsal hours. Consult the [MBG Handbook](#) (page 5) for attendance policies.

Friday, September 27th - Homecoming! We will perform during the school day at the pep rally and at the football game during halftime. Mr. White and the choral program will sign the National Anthem. Students should wear their show shirts to school on Friday as our "uniform" for the pep rally.

CHS Students - 1:11 - Report to 400 Hallway, we will go to Timberlane together to get equipment and move from TL Band Room to CHS.

TL Students - 1:22 - After 6th period, report to TL Band Room and wait for Mr. Schwartzer

Saturday, September 28th - USBands Competition at South Brunswick

Our second competition of the year will take place at South Brunswick HS (750 Ridge Road, Monmouth Junction, 08852). There was another III A Band on the original schedule, but they've disappeared so it looks like we are alone in our class this week. Regardless, please come out and support the band in the stands and cheer us on before, during, and after our performance. If the mood strikes, feel free to purchase "air grams" for your child (messages read by the announcer) or "candy grams" that would be delivered right to your child to show your support as well.

10:00	Rehearsal at AFT #4
2:00	Rehearsal ends <i>Load truck and MBG Bus, Eat Lunch (bring your own), Change, Load Buses</i>
3:15	Depart TL
3:45	Arrival at South Brunswick, Unload, Warm Up
5:15	MBG at Gate
5:30	Performance
5:45	Following our performance, students will have time to change into their regular clothes,

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use the restroom, and then move back to the stadium. Once back at the stadium, they will have time to buy food at the concession stands (bring money for this), and we will watch the remaining bands together as a group. [A complete schedule for the competition can be found here](#)

9:00	Awards and Judges Critique <i>The staff members participate in a roundtable with the judges to gather feedback</i>
9:45	Approximate Departure
10:15	Approximate Return to TL, Unload, Unpack, Dismissed

Any CHS student who wants to attend the Homecoming Dance may leave following the performance as long as a parent has emailed Mr. Schwartz by 9/26 and has arranged appropriate transportation

Uniform Reminders for Percussion & Winds

- Show shirt under your jacket
- Long black socks
- Hair off the shoulders when wearing shako
- Remember your gloves
- Athletic/mesh/gym shorts, athletic pants, sweatpants, etc. should not be worn under the uniform pants (compression shorts are acceptable). Students have the opportunity to change in the locker rooms and rest rooms at TL.

Looking Ahead

Friday, October 4th **OFF**

Saturday, October 5th **Rehearsal and Competition at MetLife Stadium**
MetLife Schedule has not been released yet

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)
- **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 of www.hopewellvalleybands.org as a pinned post on HVBands Facebook and Twitter Page and [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!
- **Email** I can be reached at davidschwartzter@hvrsd.org