



# Welcome

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## 2017-2018 Highland Bands Parent Meeting

# Introductions

- Band director
  - Kevin Bennett ([highlanddirector@cox.net](mailto:highlanddirector@cox.net))
  
- Band Booster Executive Board
  - President - Angie Smith
  - Vice President - Marla Arnold
  - Vice President - Rebecca Riddell
  - Secretary - Dorean White
  - Treasurer - Kris Dolezal
  - Executive Advisor - Libby Petersen



# Concert Bands I, II & Percussion Ensemble

- Meets every day during the school year
- Cost - \$50/semester (music)
- Concert polos to be provided
- Trip in the Spring to the EAC Music Festival (Thatcher, AZ)
  - Concert I & Percussion Ensemble Freshmen
    - Last year's trip cost was \$35



# Symphonic Band & Wind Ensemble

- Meets every day during the school year
- Costs
  - \$50/semester (music)
  - Girls - \$75 for NEW concert dress. You might want to ask a graduating senior if they would be willing to sell theirs. You can use this dress in subsequent years as well.
  - Boys - \$25/year uniform tux fee. You will need to purchase a white tux shirt, black socks & black dress shoes.
  - Up to \$600 - Spring Tour fee
  - Spring Tour - with the Orchestra in March to California (or another exotic location)



# Jazz Bands - White, Teal & Black

- Meets every day during the school year
- No additional fees - also includes tickets to Jazz Fest concerts



# Marching Band - Fall Semester ONLY

## Includes Color Guard/Drum Line

- Band camp - last week in July
- Meets most days after school (Tuesday is evening rehearsal) during the semester
- Friday nights - football games. Saturdays - competitions
- Uniforms - provided. Fittings will take place before band camp.
- Cost - up to \$800



# Charms - VERY, VERY IMPORTANT!

- What is Charms?
  - Calendar, Volunteer opportunities, handouts, finances
  - Charmsoffice.com (web version) AND/OR
  - Charms Blue (app - apple & android versions)
  - School code: highlandhighbands
  - To reset a password - email [secretary@highlandhighband.org](mailto:secretary@highlandhighband.org)
  - All current band students are in Charms -  
incoming students will be added over the summer with  
marching band students first (prior to first payment due date)



**Charms is how we (Mr. Bennett and the Band Boosters) communicate with you - it's IMPERATIVE that we have a valid email for you and your student(s)!**

# CHARMSOFFICE.COM (Parents/Students)

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Calendar - updated

Volunteer - to sign up to volunteer for a specific event.

Handouts & Files - forms, music, etc.

Finances - balances, make payments

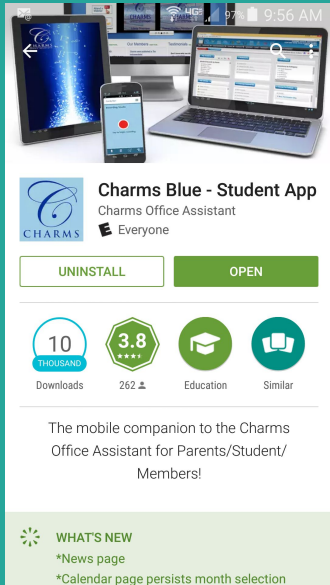
UPDATE INFO - very important that we have a current email address for you and your student(s).

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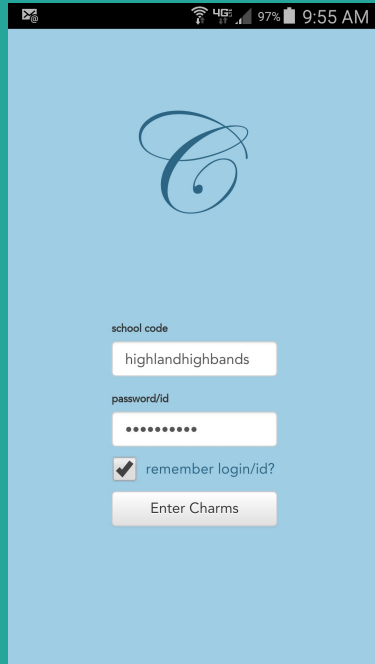
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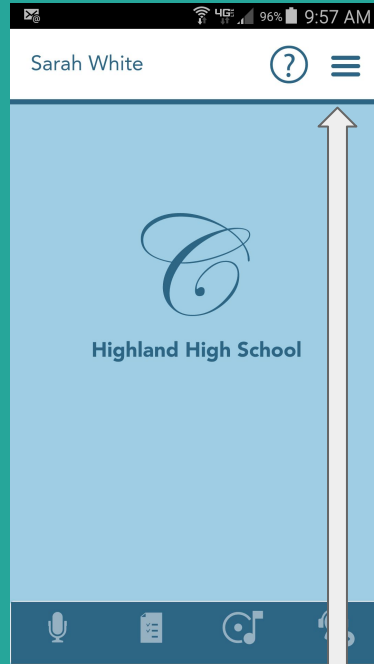
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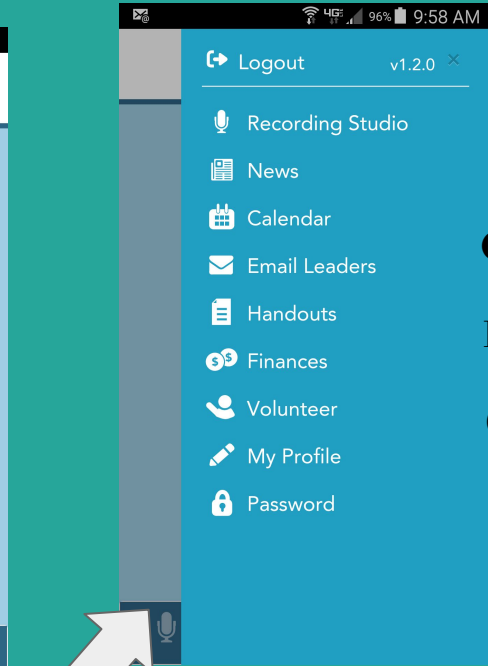
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# Other Ways to Stay Informed

- Weekly emails
- Band websites
  - [www.highlandhighband.org](http://www.highlandhighband.org)
  - [www.highlandjazz.com](http://www.highlandjazz.com)
- Facebook groups (closed groups - you will need to search for them and then click on JOIN GROUP)
  - **Current Highland High School Band Members**
    - Highland High School Drum Line. (make sure and use the .!)
    - Highland High School Color Guard
- Email a member of the Booster Board
- ASK YOUR KIDS!



# Calenders



- **Marching band**
  - Daily rehearsal
  - Football games on Friday nights
  - Competitions on Saturdays
  - Color Guard & Drum Line may have additional rehearsals
- **Concert & Jazz Bands & Percussion Ensemble**
  - Daily rehearsal
  - 4 concerts - Usually October, December, February & May (Jazz has separate concerts)
  - Concert Band I & Percussion Ensemble - Trip to EAC in March
  - Symphonic Band & Wind Ensemble - Spring Tour in March
  - United Sound Jazz Ensemble - rehearsals on Thursdays after school during the Spring semester ONLY

# Finances

- Band fees are managed by the Band Boosters
  - All fees & payments are logged into Charms (including individual fundraising credits)
- HHS Band Boosters is a 501(3)c charity organization
  - Fees & donations (money or food/etc.) are tax deductible
    - Fees are non-refundable (can transfer to others or donate to scholarship account)
  - GPS Tax credits can be used to pay for band fees
    - Payments are processed by the district
  - Some companies will donate - ASK YOURS!
    - Will pay us for your volunteer hours
    - Will match YOUR donation
    - Will donate to support education
    - United Way donations can be earmarked for the band

# Fundraisers - need a chairperson! Is it YOU?

- Individual fundraisers - money goes directly into the student's account
  - These are for students who WANT to participate. It is not required.
  - Examples: merchandise sales, ButterBraids, Poinsettias, Grocery card program
- General Booster fundraisers
  - Support booster purchases including new instruments, new uniforms, ice machine, field improvements and student scholarships
  - Rather than planning large general fundraisers, this year we want to focus on:
    - External sponsors - this falls under the sponsorship committee
    - Corporate donations (paid for your time or match your donation)
  - We would still like to plan 1 restaurant night fundraiser each month during the school year
- Ideally, we would like a Fundraising committee with the following members:
  - Chairperson - communicate with committee members, oversee events, attend advisory board meetings
  - Committee members - 4+ (merchandise sales, ButterBraids, Poinsettias & restaurant nights)

# Volunteering

- Sponsorships (Renne)
- Fundraising (Kris)
- Food (Heather)
- Marching band daily needs, band camp (Marla)
- Marching performances, competitions (Rebecca)
- Equipment/Props (Jack)
- Jazz Fest (Angie)
- Fill out form today or online (Angie)

# Preparing for Marching Band Camp

- Physical Preparation
  - Drink Water! Learn how to hydrate properly - NOW!
  - Start running - NOW!
  - Spend time in the sun & stock up on sunblock
  - Stop drinking soda, sports drinks & energy drinks - NOW!
  - Buy a hat and sunglasses
  - Buy comfortable walking/running shoes (they may - will! get trashed)
  - Clean up your diet - NOW!
- Mental Preparation
  - Talk to your kids about listening to the directors & section leaders
  - Talk about work ethic, respect & being a team player
  - POSITIVE ATTITUDE!

Questions?