

HIGHLAND HIGH BANDS

HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL

GILBERT, ARIZONA

"PERFORMING WITH PASSION & EXCELLENCE"

HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND INFORMATION LETTER – FALL 2015

Highland High School Marching Band Members & Parents:

Welcome to the Highland Band Program. You are now involved in a family that continually strives to exceed high standards and expectations in everything we are a part of. PLEASE – make sure your information in Charms is updated. Most of the information will be sent out and available through Charms.

Students in marching band will be signed up for the 8th hour marching band class. All attendance policies, grading policies, and classroom rules are in effect as a regular class. Regular rehearsal attendance is required for you to get credit for the class. If you miss too many, you will be dropped from Marching Band just like a normal class. **Required classroom rehearsal times are:**

Monday:	Winds – 2:45 to 3:45 PM Percussion – 4:00 to 6:00 PM
Tuesday:	Everyone – 6:00 to 9:00 PM
Wednesday:	Early Release – 1:45 – 3:00 Regular Release – 2:45 – 4:00
Thursday:	Everyone – 2:45 to 4:00 PM Colorguard – 4:00 to 7:00 PM
Friday:	Everyone – 2:45 to 3:45 PM

This year's marching show is called "Portraits of Arizona" We are excited to perform this arrangement of music on the field. Our fall marching schedule is attached. All dates and times, for the most part are accurate. These are all the performances and rehearsals that your student is required to attend. We try to get all the information as accurate as possible, however, please be aware that some changes may still occur.

Please note the 2015 marching band schedule and mark these dates on your family's calendar. Just like school sport games and activities; marching band competitions and festivals do not follow the Gilbert school calendar as these events are scheduled with many other school districts in mind. Please note that we try to schedule around the district calendar, but in some cases that is not possible.

It is very important that students are at every marching band rehearsal. We have to coordinate teaching thousands of drill spots with music and body integration. When your student is not there, it effects everyone in the marching band. If for some reason a student is going to be absent or tardy, it is required that a parent/guardian excuses them through the attendance office and email a director with the reason for missing the rehearsal. Please refer to the attached grading policy on how grades will be given in marching band.

What are acceptable excuses for missing a marching band rehearsal?

– Bleeding, Vomiting, Broken Bone(s), High Fever –

Not feeling well, a little tummy ache, tired, hungry, whining, birthdays, too much homework, etc... are not valid excuses for missing a rehearsal.

What are acceptable excuses for missing a marching band competition?

– Wedding of immediate family member, Death in the family –

Family vacations, birthday parties, concert tickets you got for your birthday, sporting events, etc... are not valid excuses for missing a competition. There are too many students and parents putting time in to help make the band successful. When your student is not there, the band loses points.

Marching band camp is mandatory. The complete opener music and drill are learned this week as well as all of the warm-ups and pep band songs.

Make sure you dress properly for band camp and bring any necessary items. Students must follow school dress code while in rehearsals. I recommend shorts and a normal/sport unaltered t-shirt, hat, sunscreen, water, and snacks. **Good quality running shoes that have laces to tie are required.** No flip flops, sandals, Vans, casual shoes, or unlaced shoes will be allowed at rehearsals. Proper marching technique can only be learned with the proper foot-wear.

Parents and students must sign and return the attached participation agreement acknowledging they understand the commitment and financial responsibilities associated with the Highland High School Marching Band.

Please note: Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA or better and must not have a failing grade in any class in order to participate in competitions and festivals. Any student who has these deficiencies at the end of the current spring semester will be placed on the alternate list. Any student who acquires these deficiencies during the season will be withheld from field trips and competitions per Gilbert School Policy. **Please note! - You are responsible for all of the fees associated with the marching band even if your student becomes ineligible and is not able to participate in field trips and competitions.** Please make sure to check the online grading program on a regular basis to keep track of your child's grades - **especially during the first quarter!**

I know this is a lot of new information for the students and parents.

As a reminder, we are working with over 500 students and that many more parents on a daily basis. If you do not get a response back from me in 48 hours, please e-mail me again. (Yes, bug me!) I do not intentionally forget, but messages and emails do get buried very quickly from the volume of incoming information during the school year.

Kevin Bennett
highlanddirector@cox.net

FALL 2015 MARCHING BAND SCHEDULE

July

21	Tuesday	Wind Music Rehearsal	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
22	Wednesday	Color Guard & Drum Line Camp	9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
23	Thursday	Color Guard & Drum Line Camp	9:00 AM – 9:00 PM
		Winds Music Rehearsal	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
24	Friday	Color Guard & Drum Line Camp	9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
25	Saturday	Color Guard & Drum Line Camp	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
27	Monday	Band Camp, All Members – Required	8:00 AM – 11:30 AM 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM
28	Tuesday	Band Camp, All Members – Required	8:00 AM – 11:30 AM 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
29	Wednesday	Band Camp, All Members – Required	7:30 AM – 11:30 AM 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
30	Thursday	Band Camp, All Members – Required	7:30 AM – 11:30 AM 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
31	Friday	NO CAMP – Teacher Meeting Day	

August

1	Saturday	Band Camp, All Members – Required	7:30 AM – 11:30 AM 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
		General Parent Meeting	4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
		Camp Dinner/BBQ	5:00 PM – 6:30 PM
5	Wednesday	First Day of School	Regular Rehearsals Start
21	Friday	Home Football Game – Desert Vista HS	Call Time – 5:30 PM
28	Friday	Not Attending Away Football Game – Mesa HS	
29	Saturday	Mini-Camp, All Members – Required	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

September

4	Friday	Home Football Game – Hamilton HS	Call Time – 4:30 PM
		8 th Grade Night – Dinner & Rehearsal w/8 th Graders	
7	Monday	No Rehearsal - Labor Day	
11	Friday	Not Attending Away Football Game – Centennial HS	
12	Saturday	Dr. Tim Workshop - TBA	
18	Friday	Not Attending Away Football Game – Kofa HS	
19	Saturday	Mini-Camp, All Members – Required	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
25	Friday	Homecoming Football Game – Perry HS	Call Time – 5:00 PM

October

2	Thursday	Away Football Game – Red Mountain HS **No Rehearsal After School**	Call Time – 5:00 PM
3	Saturday	Field Trip – ABODA – Gilbert Marching Band Competition Gilbert High School	TBA – All Day
9	Friday	Home Football Game – Mountain View Mesa Senior Night	Call Time – 5:30 PM
10	Saturday	Field Trip – AZMBA – Campo Verde Competition Campo Verde High School	TBA – All Day
12-16		Fall Break – No Regular Rehearsals	
16	Friday	Mini-Camp, All Members – Required	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM
17	Saturday	Field Trip – ABODA – Corona del Sol Competition Corona del Sol High School	TBA – All Day
23	Friday	Not Attending Away Football Game – Mountain Pointe HS	
24	Saturday	Field Trip – ABODA – Ironwood Ridge Competition Ironwood Ridge High School	TBA – All Day
30	Friday	Away Football Game – Desert Ridge HS **No Rehearsal After School**	Call Time – 5:00 PM

November

7	Saturday	Field Trip – ABODA State Festival – Red Mountain HS ABODA State Marching Band Festival	TBA - All Day
11	Wednesday	No School – Veteran’s Day – **No Rehearsal**	
14	Saturday	Field Trip – ABODA State Championships – Glendale Community College ABODA State Championship	TBA - All Day
21	Saturday	Gilbert Day’s Parade Field Trip – AZMBA Championships – Desert Vista High School AZMBA State Championships	Call Time – 6:30 AM TBA – All Day
24	Tuesday	Marching Band Banquet & Awards	5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

**HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND
2015 FALL EXPENSES**

Marching Band General Expenses

Show Design	\$9,000.00
Rehearsal Equipment (Field Equipment, Instrument Replacement, etc.)	\$3,000.00
Percussion Equipment (Heads/Sticks/Repair)	\$5,000.00
Color Guard Equipment (Flags/Poles/Rifles/Sabers/Uniforms)	\$5,000.00
Uniforms	\$8,000.00
Fall Season Shirts	\$2,000.00
Camp Staff	\$0.00
Marching Band Staff Payroll	\$24,500.00
Instrument Repair	\$5,000.00
Trailers Upkeep, Insurance, & Registration	\$1,000.00
Field Trip – Competitions, Festivals, Away Games, Gilbert Days Buses, Trucks, Entry Fees, Food, Tickets	\$16,250.00

Total Marching Band General Expenses **\$78,750.00**

Marching Band Fee Summary

Marching Band Expenses	\$78,750.00
<i>Marching Band Fees (126 x \$450)</i>	<i>(\$56,700.00)</i>
<i>Marching Band Fees – Siblings (6x \$200)</i>	<i>(\$1,200.00)</i>
Total Fees Paid by Marching Band Members	(\$57,900.00)
Amount Not Covered and need to be paid by School District and Band Boosters	\$20,850.00

Marching Band Fee Payment Schedule

Payment Due Dates	All Members	Siblings
#1 Marching Band Fee – May 21, 2015	\$100	\$50
#2 Marching Band Fee – June 29, 2015	\$100	\$50
#3 Marching Band Fee – July 27, 2015	\$250	\$100
Marching Band Fee Total	\$450	\$200

*****Band Payments are Non-Refundable*****

Due to the nature of having to pay for music arranging, drill writing, staffing, uniform costs, and so forth up front; if a student needs to quit or leave the band program, any money paid in band fees will not be refunded. State law also prohibits refunding any payments, fund-raising or tax credit money given to the band program. Running a band program is based on the number of participants.

HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT
DUE: ASAP

We understand that:

- We are committed to attend and participate in every rehearsal and performance. We have put all of the marching band competitions and rehearsals on our family’s calendar and have communicated any concerns to the band director.
- We are aware that there will be marching band fees and will pay them on or before established due dates. (Please make sure to utilize the Arizona Tax Credit System when paying fees. Contact the band boosters for more information.) (Band director **must be notified** in cases of hardship.) **Failure to pay your marching band fees may result in the student being removed from marching band and/or removal from attending marching band field trips/festivals/competitions.**
- We have updated the student’s contact information in Charms and have included at least one parent and their contact information. Information will be sent out electronically through Charms this year so please make sure to list your e-mail address is accurately.
- We are expected to maintain uniforms issued to the student and will be financially responsible for any damage or loss.
- We are expected to maintain instruments/equipment issued and will be financially responsible for any damage or loss.
- We are expected to abide by all rules and policies of the Gilbert Unified School District #41, Highland High School, and the Highland High School Performing Arts Department.
- The commitment to the marching band starts now. From this point we are designing a marching band show with you included. There are no alternates and everyone contributes to or prevents the marching band from being successful. It is very important for you to understand that you have to make marching band a priority in your life and your family’s life. When one or two students are not at rehearsals or performances it make the other 100+ students job more difficult and we will lose points by you not being there.
- Members of the marching band are required to maintain good character by being respectful to adults, teachers, and their peers, working hard in school and in band, “Choosing To Do It Right – Always.” How they treat each other, the equipment, and the facility. We have to take of each other and what we have. Do not take what you have for granted – ever.
- **We are expected to keep our academic grades current and at a satisfactory level in order to fully participate in marching band. All students must be eligible by the first quarter grading period in order to participate in festivals and competitions per Gilbert Public School's No Pass-No Play Policy. To be eligible, a student must have no F's or I's and must have a GPA above a 2.0 grade point average. Marching band members who are ineligible at the end of this school year may be asked not to participate in marching band due to the fact they need to do their homework and pass school first. Those students who become ineligible at the first grading period will be required to still attend all rehearsals and pay any and all fees associated with the marching band even though they will not be able to compete with the marching band for the rest of the season.**

T-Shirt Size:
(Select the proper size.)

Adult

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Band Member’s First & Last Name

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Date

HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

MARCHING BAND FEE PAYMENT #1

DUE: MAY 21, 2015

Student Name: _____

Student ID#: _____

Marching Band Fees:

Required For All { **All Members**
 This is a required fee for all marching band members. It covers all of the fall marching band expenses listed on the 2014 Fall Expenses Page.
If a family has more than one student currently in marching band. This is for the 2nd or more siblings in the family.

_____ x \$100.00 = \$ _____

_____ x \$50.00 - _____
 Name of Sibling

Replacement Items:

Marching Band Shoes

If you have lost your marching shoes, your shoe size has changed, or your shoes are no longer useable, please purchase a new pair. Sizes will be collected for ordering during band camp.

_____ x \$40.00 = \$ _____

Marching Band Practice T-Shirt

Practice t-shirts are required for any rehearsal outside the normal school day. (Tuesday Nights, Saturday Rehearsals, etc.) If you need extras or replacements, please get them.

_____ x \$5.00 = \$ _____

Scholarship Fund:

Scholarship Fund Donation

If you are able to donate to Highland Band Scholarship fund to help out the Highland Band Family, you can do it here. Any amount is appreciated. (\$5, \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100+)

= \$ _____

Payment #1 - Total Payment:

\$ _____

There are 3 ways to pay for your marching band fees:

1. Deposit slip and check payable to: **Highland Band Boosters**

OR

2. Pay online through PayPal. (Attach copy of receipt.) www.highlandhighband.org

3. Deposit slip, tax credit form, & check payable to: **Gilbert Public Schools No. 41**

- in envelope with Student Name, Student ID#, & 2015 Marching Band Payment written on the outside.

- if you pay a tax credit online through the district website – please include a copy of your receipt.

Turn in sealed envelope in band deposit box in band room or give it to your director.

**HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND
MARCHING BAND FEE PAYMENT #2
DUE: JUNE 29, 2015**

Student Name: _____

Student ID#: _____

Marching Band Fees:

Required For All { **All Members**
This is a required fee for all marching band members. It covers all of the fall marching band expenses listed on the 2014 Fall Expenses Page.

If a family has more than one student currently in marching band. This is for the 2nd or more siblings in the family.

_____ x \$100.00 = \$ _____

_____ x \$50.00 - _____
Name of Sibling

Scholarship Fund:

Scholarship Fund Donation

If you are able to donate to Highland Band Scholarship fund to help out the Highland Band Family, you can do it here. Any amount is appreciated. (\$5, \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100+)

= \$ _____

Payment #2 - Total Payment:

\$ _____

There are 3 ways to pay for your marching band fees:

1. Deposit slip and check payable to: **Highland Band Boosters**

OR

2. Pay online through PayPal. (Attach copy of receipt.) www.highlandhighband.org

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**HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND
MARCHING BAND FEE PAYMENT #3
DUE: JULY 27, 2015**

Student Name: _____

Student ID#: _____

Marching Band Fees:

Required For All { **All Members**
This is a required fee for all marching band members. It covers all of the fall marching band expenses listed on the 2014 Fall Expenses Page.
If a family has more than one student currently in marching band. This is for the 2nd or more siblings in the family.

_____ x \$250.00 = \$ _____

_____ x \$100.00 - _____
Name of Sibling

Scholarship Fund:

Scholarship Fund Donation

If you are able to donate to Highland Band Scholarship fund to help out the Highland Band Family, you can do it here. Any amount is appreciated. (\$5, \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100+)

= \$ _____

Payment #3 - Total Payment:

\$ _____

There are 3 ways to pay for your marching band fees:

1. Deposit slip and check payable to: **Highland Band Boosters**

OR

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3. Deposit slip, tax credit form, & check payable to: **Gilbert Public Schools No. 41**

- in envelope with Student Name, Student ID#, & 2015 Marching Band Payment written on the outside.

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Gilbert Public School District No. 41

2015 Arizona State Tax Credit Contribution Form

I am enclosing a (___ Check, ___ Money Order) payable to Gilbert Public School District No. 41 for \$ _____ as a total contribution to the public school system for extracurricular activity fees. Total amount cannot exceed \$400 for joint tax returns. Individual returns are \$200 maximum credit. **Corporate and/or business checks are not eligible.** (A.R.S. 43-1089(E) defines extracurricular activities as school sponsored activities that require enrolled students to pay a fee in order to participate. The activities must supplement the school's education program. Recreational, amusement or tourist events and/or student trips are not eligible for tax credit.)

Name _____

Mailing Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Please Note: The above complete information is required in order for this contribution to be used as a TAX CREDIT on your 2015 AZ State income tax report. If the information is incomplete, your contribution and form will be returned to you.

**NO REFUNDS. The law provides for a credit on your state income tax return.
You will receive your money back after you file your state taxes.**

I would like my contribution to support the following school(s):

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| \$ _____ ASHLAND RANCH ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ SETTLERS POINT ELEMENTARY |
| \$ _____ AUGUSTA RANCH ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ SONOMA RANCH ELEMENTARY |
| \$ _____ BOULDER CREEK ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ SPECTRUM ELEMENTARY |
| \$ _____ BURK ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ SUPERSTITION SPRINGS ELEMENTARY |
| \$ _____ CANYON RIM ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ TOWNE MEADOWS ELEMENTARY |
| \$ _____ CAROL RAE RANCH ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ VAL VISTA LAKES ELEMENTARY |
| \$ _____ FINLEY FARMS ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ DESERT RIDGE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL |
| \$ _____ GILBERT ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ GILBERT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL |
| \$ _____ GREENFIELD ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ GREENFIELD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL |
| \$ _____ HARRIS ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ HIGHLAND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL |
| \$ _____ HIGHLAND PARK ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ MESQUITE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL |
| \$ _____ HOUSTON ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ SOUTH VALLEY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL |
| \$ _____ ISLANDS ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ CAMPO VERDE HIGH SCHOOL |
| \$ _____ MESQUITE ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ DESERT RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL |
| \$ _____ MERIDIAN ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ GILBERT HIGH SCHOOL |
| \$ _____ NEELY TRADITIONAL SCHOOL | \$ _____ HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL |
| \$ _____ OAK TREE ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ MESQUITE HIGH SCHOOL |
| \$ _____ PATTERSON ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ CANYON VALLEY SCHOOL |
| \$ _____ PIONEER ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ GILBERT CLASSICAL ACADEMY |
| \$ _____ PLAYA DEL REY ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ GILBERT GLOBAL ACADEMY |
| \$ _____ QUARTZ HILL ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ V.I.K. Before/After School Enrichment Class |

Please apply my contribution to the following *specific EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY* at the school(s) that I have designated:

Circle One: BAND / ORCHESTRA / CHOIR

Highland High School Music Student: _____ **Student ID#:** _____

Please deliver this form and your contribution to the principal's secretary, Sharon Orr, at Highland High School.
3401 East Guadalupe Road, Gilbert, Arizona 85234-3601