

HIGHLAND BAND NEWSLETTER



The Finish Line Is In Sight!

...and in a blink of an eye, it's already almost over.

Dear Parents,

Your kids have done a great job on so many things this season. We have witnessed an amazing turn-around in behavior and attitude from years past. WE APPRECIATE THIS!

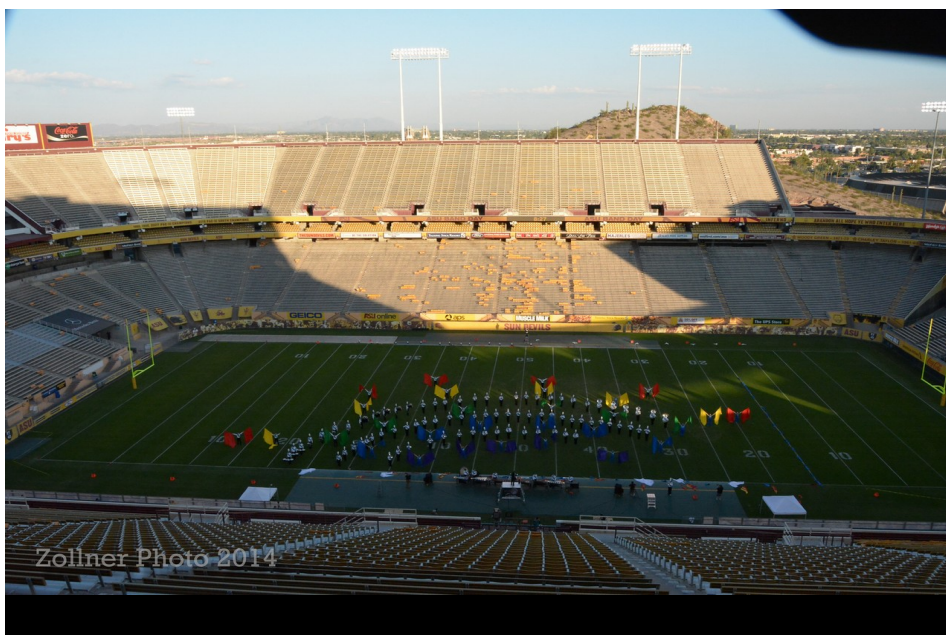
Please be sure to come watch the Marching Band compete at RED MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL. 7:15pm on November 1st. The cost of admission is \$10 per ticket. They have NO discounted tickets. I would highly recommend that you come early to watch our competition and stay till they announce the winners.

Please be sure to wear your season shirts and be prepared to cheer like mad. It really, really, really does help our score. See you there!

Marching Band will be a gift that will continue to give for the rest of your child's life. What they learn here will teach them to be exemplary leaders in the future.

"Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood..."

- Daniel Hudson Burnham



Upcoming:

- Away Game Chandler HS Pregame Show
- ABODA & State Marching Competitions
- Regional & Allstate Forms Due
- Band Payments...
- Costa Vida Dinner Night



Mr. Bennet and Mr. Foley Rock!

They stood by to pose for Senior pictures. If you want to get your hands on your pictures please cut and paste this link into your browser:

<http://zollnerphoto.smugmug.com/Highland-High-Bands/2014-Marching-Band> (select Senior pics)

Financial Things



There are still about 55 members of the band who have not paid their fees in full. Some of you have spoken to us already about financial hardship or other circumstances. Nothing further is needed from you at this time.

Please remember that everyone agreed to pay the band fees at the beginning of the season when you signed the participation agreement. It is impossible for the boosters to scholarship that many students.

The tour fees have been removed from your accounts, and all payments we have received have been applied as well. PLEASE REVIEW YOUR STUDENT ACCOUNTS CAREFULLY ASAP. If you have questions, please contact our TREASURER, Eldon Forcey. He is the only one that can help you quickly. hhsbandtreasurer1@gmail.com

On the other hand, many of you will now have credits. If you have a credit, then you most likely will have a child going on spring tour, or have a child involved with winter drumline or guard. We will apply your credit to those fees. If you have no upcoming fees for the year (you all will at least have a 2nd semester \$50 concert band fee), we can apply it to following years fees. As a non-profit organization, we are not supposed to issue refunds. Please call Cami Jaworski however if you have a unique situation with a credit. I will help you out. hhsbbpresident@gmail.com

A great Letter from a fellow band parent!

Dear Band Family, Thursday, October 22, 2014

By now you've heard that the band's Fall Tour to California has been canceled. You've also probably heard that there are silver linings in the clouds, Pollyanna makes the best of everything and that lemons make some pretty darn good lemonade. I think that's what we are seeing here.

News of the cancelation reached me at about noon on Tuesday. I was shocked and saddened. The kids were going to be devastated, I was sure. Frantically, I began calling and texting, trying to find out what happened and how I might be of assistance in getting it back. However, by 9:40pm, I had completely changed my tune. At 7:45pm I had come out to the football stadium to watch the band under the lights. I saw a calm, focused group of musicians that looked remarkably less shaken than I expected them to be. They could have been negative and disagreeable, but they weren't. And as the night progressed, they only got better. Corrections were being made quickly, the students' attitudes were positive and they sounded...magical. It was like the Whos down in Who-ville singing contentedly without their gifts. The truth is...this group is finding the gifts we all really want for them...Commitment, determination, focus, unity, wisdom, priorities, musicianship and heart. All the things that make Disneyland pale in comparison.

I marched in high school and college and I know these trips can be fantastic but my happiest memories are the friends we made, the music we played, the life lessons we learned and the emotions that literally brought us to tears as we breathlessly finished the show of our lives. These students can have that at State this year.

With this change of plans come new opportunities. The students now have an extra weekend for a very productive mini-camp and the possibility of proper sleep, which they will need for State. The section leaders have understood this and in the bright wisdom of youth, they have carried logic and positive energy back to their sections which has spread like wildfire.

There is undoubtedly disappointment at the loss of Fall Tour. However, there are great lessons to be learned here. Among these are: Gratitude...for the directors, staff and band board members who work tirelessly for this band's success, Fiscal responsibility...knowing that band is not free nor is anything of real value, and Attitude... that by choosing to be optimistic, we can turn disappointments into triumphs.

Sincerely,
Angie Smith

Proud Band Parent

Calendar at a Glance

October 29: Regional/Solo and Ensemble Forms Due

October 29: Costa Vida Dinner Night

October 31: All-State Jazz Forms Due

October 31: Away Game at Chandler HS

November 1: ABODA State Championships at Red Mountain HS
7:15 Performance time.

November 8: STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (Pending qualification at Red Mountain)

October Band
Dinner Night

Costa Vida !

(Val Vista and
Baseline, in Dana
Park Village
Square)

Wednesday,
October 29,
4:00 pm – 9:00 pm.
Flyer Required

Charms

We have a few reported problems about parents not receiving e-mail. Parents, please be sure your correct e-mail address is entered in your child's Charms account. If you have more than one child in band, be sure to enter your e-mail address in each child's account.

Under Construction – site to sell or purchase Used Musical Instruments

Soon, you will be able to advertise your used instrument for sale, or look for one that is new you!

This service will be part of the Highland Band website. We're putting on the finishing touches right now and should be ready for you to list your instruments for sale very soon—just in time for the holidays!

Regional and All-State Forms are due this week!

Wednesday for Regional and Friday for All-State.

PLEASE encourage your student to participate.

It's a great experience, and looks awesome on college applications.

Come Eat With Us!

HELP SUPPORT HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Wednesday, October 29, 2014 4:00 pm – close

BRING IN THIS FLYER, AND COSTA VIDA
WILL DONATE 20% OF THE PROCEEDS
DIRECTLY TO THE BAND!

Oct. 29, 4:00 pm – close. Dana Park location only.



Highland High School



Costa Vida Fresh Mexican Grill

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