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HIGHLAND BAND NEWSLETTER



Marching Band Month

If it isn't already, October should be named Marching Band Month!

With four games and four competitions, the Marching Band students will be giving their all, in addition to keeping up with their homework and remembering to stay hydrated at all times!

Please come out to the games and competitions to cheer them on. You will be amazed!

Our last home game is October 24, so don't wait too long to sign up to help at a game. If you have any issues signing up on Charms, e-mail hhsbandboosterjoy@gmail.com and specify Braiding, Water, Equipment, or Merchandise.

Sign up at least a few days ahead of the event in order to get detailed information on times or any last minute changes.

See you at the games and competitions!
Jodi and Joy: Co-Vice Presidents

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:

- Gilbert Away Game
- Lots of Marching Competitions
- Jazz Black @ HJHS
- Band Payments...
- Costa Vida Dinner Night



What a man!

Mr. Bitter is EVERY-WHERE!

We have so much to thank him for. If you see him, please make sure you let him know how much we appreciate his support. He doesn't have to help out with Marching Band, but he always has.

Financial Things

Please be sure your fee payments are up to date.

All students enrolled in a concert band should have made the Fall semester fee payment of \$50.00, which was due August 15.

Marching Band: We are booking Fall Tour now, so it is crucial that your payments are up-to-date.

The following payments should have been paid:

Marching Band Payment #1, due August 2
\$250.00 (*\$150 for sibling*)

Marching Band Payment #2, due September 5
\$250.00 (*\$150 for sibling*)

The following payments will be due, soon:

Fall Tour Payment #1, due October 2, 2014
\$250.00

Fall Tour Payment #2, due November 1, 2014
\$100.00



Homecoming

Save the date: October 17 is Highland's Homecoming game. Details are not yet available, but please plan to meet up at the basketball courts at 5:00 pm for a tailgate party before the game. The band will perform pre-game.

Plan to participate in our 50/50 raffle. Their payout is HUGE at this game since there are so many in attendance.

Also, during Homecoming day, we will be having our
Clothing Cycle Fundraiser.

Please bring all your old textile items (clothing, blankets, drapes, linens, shoes, handbags, etc.) to donate to Clothing Cycle. The items do not have to be in wearable or usable condition!

Tell your friends and neighbors to drop off their unwanted items, too! The Highland bands will be paid per pound on everything we collect. Best of all, nothing goes into a landfill. It is all reused; and what cannot be reused is recycled into items like insulation, carpet padding, or upholstery. Look for the trailer in the back parking lot to drop off items at the game, or you can drop off from 7:00-8:00am in the front. Just watch the signs! See the website for more details on what you can donate:

<http://clothingcycle.com/>



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Guard News:

The season is off to a wonderful start this year, and the team is doing great. We are excited to finish the show and compete!

Please encourage friends and family to participate in the 50/50 raffle during home football games. So far, the band has earned \$652.00, and THREE lucky football/band fans have won \$208.00, \$233.00, and \$225.00. It's easy, to purchase your raffle tickets, just look for the ticket sellers in the aisle, at the bottom of the bleachers, and at the Band Booster Table, where there is also fabulous merchandise to purchase.

If anyone is interested in WinterGuard, please don't hesitate to e-mail me. No experience is necessary; we teach you all you need to know! This season, we hope to have two WinterGuard Teams, depending on experience. This way, anybody who would like to join the team is welcome! If you are a beginner, there is a team for you. If you are experienced, there is a team for you, as well.

The Guard is open to all HHS students, males and females! Please e-mail me if you have any questions at all – saraed-munddn@gmail.com; I would love to give you more information. Come on! Try It!



Drum line

THANK YOU to all of the Drum line members who came out and worked at the recent car wash. Despite the usual 100+ temperatures, the group worked for over 5 hours washing cars and obtaining donations. Their hard work did not go unrewarded as they raised just over \$600!!! GREAT JOB!!!

Drum line also provided assistance during the Highland High School Day of Percussion. Everyone pitched in to set up the Check-In station and Warm-Up areas and to get everything ready for our guests. Percussion sections from Desert Ridge, Hamilton, Perry, and Deer Valley participated in the event where they performed and received invaluable critiques from clinicians Glenn Crosby and Brian Dinkel.

After a superb performance, our Drum line helped put away equipment and assisted with cleanup. All of the work was completed literally minutes before we were hit by an incredible downpour.

These two events further illustrate the great work ethic of Drum line and show why the group is doing such an awesome job on this year's show, Defying Gravity. Their first competition is October 11 at Gilbert High School. We hope to see ALL of you there to cheer on our fantastic Marching Band.

PARENTS – Please watch for information to be released soon about this year's Indoor Drum line season. The group has made great strides in recent years, culminating in a Fourth Place finish in last year's championships. They'll be shooting for a First Place finish this year. Come out and be a part of a great experience.

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October Calendar at a Glance

- 1: Normal School Day Rehearsal 2:45-4:00
- 2: Load Trailers 2:45-3:45
5:30 Call Time– Away Game at Gilbert HS
5:45 Buses Roll
6:35 PREGAME SHOW. PLEASE COME!!!!
Jazz Black Students bused back to Jr. High for Concert
- 3: Half Day. NO REHEARSAL
- 10: MINI BAND CAMP– Mandatory
- 11: ABODA Gilbert Marching Band Competition!
- 17: HOMECOMING GAME-
- 18: ABODA Williamsfield Marching Band Competition!
- 20: Yearbook Picture Day. Bring Performance Attire
- 24: Home Game vs. Hamilton HS
- 25: ASU BAND DAY!
- 31: Away Game at Chandler HS

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!

Marching Band Fall Tour – If your student has any Food allergies

Food Allergies? Gluten-free? Vegetarian?

Please be sure to let our food coordinator know about these food restrictions as soon as possible so she can arrange for your student's meals. We are happy to help!

E-mail Lori LaBarge at labfamaz@cox.net



What a Fantastic Concert!

We had a great combined Concert/Jazz Band Concert on Monday, September 29.

Each group did an amazing job! Props this time to the freshman for really working hard. That was a phenomenal performance! Best inaugural Concert I performance I have ever heard.

THANK YOU friends and family for showing up! The auditorium was filled to capacity. In the future, please remember that if you want a seat, you should show up at least 15 minutes early.

We had a very successful Little Caesar's night on top of it all. Thank you for supporting that as well.



How fun was this? Great job Mr. Foley!