

# Post-Band Camp Edition

Highland High School Band Newsletter  
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## We Have Lift off!

The show this year is awesome. It is entitled "Defying Gravity". and is all about aspects of flight. The music is phenomenal. Costumes for Color guard are really fun! Drumline is practicing hard. I can hardly wait to see everything come together.

Band Camp was a huge success! It was blazing hot, yet the kids were undeterred. We were really impressed. There are LOTS of pictures on the "Current Highland High School Band Members" Facebook page and our booster website. Go check them out! So fun!

This issue is dedicated to the KIDS. PLEASE show this to them!  
Have fun looking through all the fun pictures!

Don't forget that we need YOUR SUPPORT to keep doing amazing things in band. We need \$\$\$ in order to pay the tech and auxiliary staff members what they deserve. We also need to buy a few more instruments, and fix some broken equipment.

If you get a donor (corporate or otherwise) of \$500 or more, we will put 33% of that amount into your student's personal account. Think of it as a commission! We are reworking our donation forms right now, so they are current and have a place to list the sponsor student's name.

We will also have an apparel line of our very own, very soon! This will be a HUGE fundraiser for the general back account. Think sweatpants, zipper up jackets, t-shirts, shorts, and hats. We will also have duffle bags and other things available for special order. Look for that in the next two weeks. Having those warm clothes are invaluable on our long bus rides on tour to California! We will look nothing short of an Olympic or a professional athletic team. So cool. So much to be proud of!

Cami Jaworski Band Booster President



Mr. Bennett and Nathan Bitter

### Important Dates:

ALL OF YOUR FORMS ARE DUE NOW!

THE FIRST BAND PAYMENT WAS DUE AUGUST 2.

08/06 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AND REHEARSAL!

08/23 MINI-Band Camp

9/5 Next Band Payment DUE



# Welcome Mr. Foley!



Mr. Foley always had a smile on his face! Yay!

## Welcome To Our New Assistant Director!

Mr. Foley comes to us from Rockville, Connect via ASU. This is his 4th year in AZ. He is a Bass Trombone player and played with the cadets in Allentown, PA for a year. Awesome!

His favorite instrument to listen to besides his own is French Horn. "Listening to French Horn played well is like resting on a bed of clouds. Poorly... cats claws on the chalkboard."

Hobbies? "I don't do anything outside of band! Oh, just kidding... I like swimming. I'm part of the Mesa Masters Swim Club." He also loves classic rock: Zeppelin, etc and spending time with his family.

Favorite type of movie: Comedy/intelligent humor. Lots of sarcasm. (Not that you should be sarcastic to him... gentle mama reminder)

Favorite Color: "Purple, deeply velvety purple like how I want my brass to sound when they play."

Favorite Quote: "Trombone players have 2 dynamics. On and Off"

Why is he doing this job? "I am passionate for music. I believe in and support the power of music education."

## Thanks to all the PARENTS that came out and Supported!

We have NEVER had so many parents come out to band camp before! We had at least 25 parents come and help and watch their kids do amazing things! Thank you to Judy Martinez, Heather Sharpe, Jackie Nunes, Joy Ramsey, Andrea Owen, Jodi Robinson, Lori Labarge, Jack Helfrich, Janna Shrader, Kristen Van Arsdale, LaDawn DeSpain, Jay Lunt, Monica Hubbard, Anne Welsh, Jennifer Means, Jamie Wilson, Joe Zollner, Karl Berkebile, Alma Carranza, Dale Trzeciak, Janine Finney, Lorell Morrell, Marla, Michelle Crockett, Angie Smith and probably several others! I tried to write them all down!



# Our Drum Majors



I have heard extremely good news about how band camp has been going so far! You will be amazed with how much we can accomplish this year with the attitude that has been going around at camp! Keep it up! - Nick Lehnertz



Nathan is either focusing very hard or asleep. I can't tell

"This year's band camp was something different than I am used to. Not only are the members this year getting very good at both playing and marching, but I have seen us all getting along and having fun together. One of the most important things in any band, especially one as involved as we are, is the aspect of fun and friendship, and I think this year's marching band has already shown that we can have fun while still working at the level that is required for us to be successful. I am very excited to see this continue and grow throughout the season." - Nathan Bitter

Hi... This is a picture of trash. It is sitting outside the school waiting to be taken away by some very nice parent. We NEED this done on Monday. Who will help? If we don't do it, Mr. Bennett said he was going to do it, and that makes me very sad. So since I won't let him do it, it means I have



to do it. I can think of so many other things I can be doing for the band....



Text me promptly to tell me that you will get it done! 480-543-7315 Cami Jaworski

# Our Kids are Super Heros!

Super Hero shirts were really popular. I love them.

I was hoping these kids were sending a message.

I am a band student... I am powerful!



# THE SAXOPHONE SECTION

Hi, I'm Matthew Am- bagis, the section leader of this year's Highland High School Marching Band Saxo- phone Section. During this past week of band camp, my section has worked so hard to head off this season to a great start. At the beginning of camp, most of us still did not know each other or even have an idea about how we would work together during this up- coming marching season. Then camp started. As soon as we went onto the field for the first time, I was nervous about how successful we would be this year because my section had difficulty just getting into our warm up block. However, soon after we began to work, I noticed specifically how hard they all tried to be their best and how attentive and responsible



they were during practice. As each block passed and we con- tinued to work harder and more diligently, I saw promise in our success. Through the multiple breaks and sessions of hanging out together for lunch and dinner, we grew closer as a family. This closeness enabled us to get together on the Friday break of band camp to prepare this year's grand finale. To- gether for a whole day of swim- ming and filling, we were able to bring over three thousand water balloons for the students to play with and have a huge water balloon fight after the parent show. It was a huge success and perfectly finished off the end of this camp. Now, as camp has passed and we have managed to put the entire opener on the field with music, the least I can say is that I am so excited to see where this season leads!



# THE MELLOPHONE SECTION



Hey There! This is Kyle Young, the Mellophone Section Leader. Every year band camp has been different for me. I remember when I was a freshman and I thought I was dying. Last year I felt so experienced and I liked seeing all the freshman get to face band camp like I had done the year before. This year band camp was so weird because I'm a section leader now. I was more worried about my responsibilities now than I've ever been, but it wasn't all that bad. My section and I have grown so close and I've learned so much in the past week. When I got home I just couldn't wait to share with someone what had happened even though my family didn't find my band stuff super interesting. But I wouldn't trade the things I did this week for the world. I can't wait for next year.



In case you are wondering what a Mellophone is...

It takes the place of a French Horn.



# THE CLARINET SECTION



Hi, I'm Macey Jardee! I am absolutely so proud of my section! They all improved so so much during these five days in band camp. And to think some of them couldn't even march two steps a week ago, they're now all marching AND PLAYING an entire movement!! They all get along well and listen and always do what they're told and fix everything the first time they are told to.



They have grown so much as a section and individually in the past week that I honestly couldn't be more proud of them. I can already tell this season is going to be fantastic and I can't wait to win state with this wonderfully beautiful section!



# THE PICCOLO SECTION

The piccolo section did wonderfully at band camp! I was extremely impressed with the hard work and dedication that was shown from each member of the section. I never had to repeat an instruction and they took any and all feedback with a smile. This goes for the entire band as well. The positive attitude and perseverance was remarkable and I hope that we can keep that up for the rest of the season.



I was really happy with how my section adapted to being on the field. Regardless of all the fun and silliness we had on the sideline, they learned the difference between having fun at rehearsal and goofing off. We still have a long way to go, but band camp was very productive and I'm so, so happy about that! Don't give up now! here's to a great season!



# THE TRUMPET SECTION

The trumpets really came together under the guidance of their section leader, Daniel Welsh. We've got a crew of 20 this year! We have HIGH HOPES. With a strong section like this, how can we not succeed? Keep up the good work! We are proud of you!



# THE BARITONE SECTION

The baritones are already kicking major butt this year, and its only the first week! I'm extremely excited for this season. I see so much potential with these boys, if we continue to act the way we've been acting we'll certainly go far. During band camp, all the freshman baritones were giving it their all and didn't quit once, I'm incredibly proud of them for that because this is one of the hardest instruments to march with and play. This is my senior year and I wouldn't want to be in any other section other than the baritones.- Courtney Belle



This picture sums them up the best!

# THE SOUSAPHONE SECTION

"Marching band season has been great so far! Band camp was amazing. Everybody worked so hard, and I'm particularly proud of my section. Throughout the entire camp, only two of us had to sit out, for a total of about ten minutes, making this the best and most hard-working section I've had the pleasure of being a part of at Highland. We may be smaller than usual this year, but we let our determination (and our beautiful new instruments) make up for our size. We all get along well and always have a lot of fun together. The sousaphone section is going to do amazing things this season; I'm so proud to be a part of it!"- Faith Christensen



# THE COLOR GUARD

Band camp was an amazing adventure for Guard. The girls and Nathan all worked so hard learn work and drill and put it all together. Half way threw band camp we acquired a new girl, Rachel Lewis, who joined us and she worked so hard this week so I want to give her a big shout out along with Anju who joined us only a week before band camp. Everybody has been really supportive of everyone on guard and encouraging everyone to push themselves and do everything they are capable of and more. We are all so excited for this season and can't wait to learn the rest of the show and preform it for all of you at out first game! - Leah Yost



# PERCUSSION



My FAVORITE picture of Wardell.

A picture is worth a thousand words.

It's all about WORK ETHIC and PRIDE in this section. They are the foundation and glue that holds this band together. We salute them for all the hard work they put in this summer preparing. Thanks drums!



# FRONT ENSEMBLE

Front Ensemble gets the bloody hand prize. Poor kids and blisters in the palms of their hands by day 3. Couldn't keep them down though! They bandaged up and went right back to work!



Yup! Smiling during band camp!



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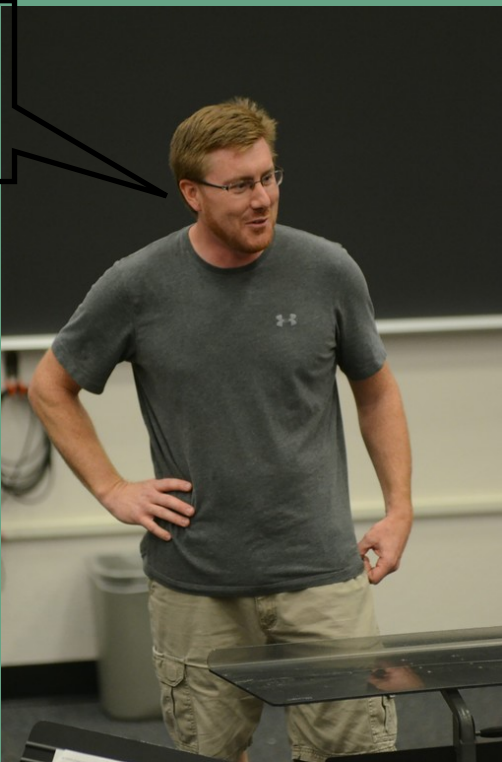
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# THE DIRECTORS!

Classic Bennett Move



Really???



I don't get it....

Uggh.. New Guy...



Just kidding Mr. Foley. The picture made me do it!

Yea... Now that's More Like it!



What's going on?  
Why is everyone  
so happy? I mean  
it's great, right?  
This is a good  
thing... right?

I don't know  
man... I'm feelin'  
the love though.  
Feelin' the love.



Dude...  
Dude...  
What are  
you doing?  
Seriously?

Remind me  
why I am  
standing all  
the way out  
here again?

I don't  
know... It's  
hot. My body  
hurts...  
Where did all  
the people  
go?



Thanks to our super directors and staff that helped out during camp. You made it fun. You made it awesome. You worked them hard. Above all they learned a lot. You are an inspiration!

