

Highland Band Newsletter, September 2015

September is here and all of the bands are diligently preparing for their performances. The **first band concert** will be this month. All concert and jazz bands will perform. It will be an evening of great music! Be sure to bring your families to hear the results of all the students' hard work.

This month we will have our **first dinner night**. Dinner nights are a nice opportunity for all the band families to get together and socialize, and the restaurants give a percentage of their profit to the band.

We also will be holding our annual **Clothing Cycle drive** at the homecoming game, so clean out those closets. Invite your friends and neighbors to do the same – the more the merrier.

Please read through for all the details, and important notes for Marching Band and Drum Line.

Thank you!

Thank you so much to all the students and their families who made our coupon book fundraiser so successful!

Thank you parents and grandparents for your excellent support helping at the football games!

Important dates:

9/18 – Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble,
1st Spring Tour payment due \$200.00

9/19 – MB mini camp 8:00AM – 8:00PM

9/24 – Chipotle Dinner night, 5:00PM – 8:00PM

9/25 – Homecoming Game and Clothing Cycle drive

9/30 – Fall Band Concert 7:00PM

October sneak peek

10/3 – Marching Band first competition, Gilbert HS

10/8 – Sonic spirit night 4:00PM – 8:00PM

ClothingCycle fundraiser

Save the date and save your old clothes, drapes, carpeting, linens, etc. We will be collecting them before school **September 25th** at our ClothingCycle drive. We will also be collecting before the Homecoming game that evening. Clean out your closets for this. Not only does the band get money for each pound donated, but it also keeps these items out of the landfills. Every item donated, depending on its usability, is resold, repurposed, or turned into items like carpet padding or insulation.

Fees

Please check Charms and make sure these fees are paid:

- Marching Band should be paid in full.
- All Concert bands should have the 1st semester \$50.00 paid.
- Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band Spring Tour payments:

Sept. 18 - \$200.00 due

Oct. 23 - \$200.00 due

Dec. 11 - \$200.00 due

If you have paid with a tax credit, and you do not see your payment on Charms, please drop a copy of your receipt in the band box.

If you have questions on your financials, please email our treasurer Kris at hhsbandtreasurer1@gmail.com

Marching Band

Please help - We really need a few more specialty volunteers so we don't wear anyone out. We still need **weekday water helpers** for after school Marching Band Practice, especially Thursday and Friday. (I believe we currently have one super-dedicated parent helping with water 3 days a week.) This job entails have a cooler filled with ice and water available for the students during practice, light first aid (like band aids and ice packs), and drying out the cooler and putting it away after practice. The students will really appreciate your help. If you can help, please contact Angie Smith at angelasmith@cox.net

Look for a sign up for **ice and snack donations** for the mini band camp this Saturday.

Our **photographer** is looking for an assistant in order to get multiple views of the bands performance. More details below.

Drum Line

THANKS!!! to all of the members of Percussion who came out to help with the Car Wash on Aug. 22.

Your hard work helped us raise over \$450.00. Great job!!!

Special thanks goes to Jim Paillot who came out and worked the entire day. I really appreciate your help!

-Dale Trzeciak, Drum line Liaison

Marching Band

Only 2 games left, but many competitions to come! All parents please come out and cheer on the band! Homecoming is September 25th. For families that ordered season shirts, we're working hard to have them to you so you can wear them to the game.

September 19th is a **Marching Band mini-camp**. Just like band camp, but only one day. Remember - hydrate, use sun screen, wear a hat and shoes that tie, bring healthy snacks.

The first Marching Band competition is October 3rd at Gilbert High School.

From our Photographer

I'm looking for someone to assist me at performances to set up and operate a video camera from the top of the booth, or where allowed, and record the performance so I can be at field level to get photographs, shoot video and start/start audio recording & other cameras (i.e. GoPro's). I'll may also have you take some pictures of the full band from up there as well.

I have all the gear, so you do not need to supply your own, but if you want to use your own that's fine, I just need to make sure we are synched up on settings.

To view photos from Band events, please visit my website: <https://zollnerphoto.smugmug.com/Highland-High-Bands>

To view videos from Band performances, please visit the Highland Bands YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC32S2nBnuMt1DOUrc-lo-ww>

If you have any questions or would like to assist me, please send an email to: highlandbandsphotos@gmail.com

Thank You,
Joe Zollner, Highland Band Photographer

Marching Band Remind 101

Parents and students, join the Marching Band Remind 101. It lets you get last minute updates in the event of bad weather, cancellations, etc. You need to sign up again, even if you were on it last year.

To receive messages via text, text @kben to (623) 552-4731.

You can opt-out of messages at any time by replying, 'unsubscribe @kben'.

Or to receive messages via email, send an email to kben@mail.remind.com.

To unsubscribe, reply with 'unsubscribe' in the subject line.

As always, please feel free to contact one of us if you have any questions or concerns.

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