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A NOTE FROM MR. HILE

MARCHING BAND 2022

The Art of Music

I hope that everyone is having a great summer! The intention of this letter is to prepare everyone for band camp and the upcoming fall season. I can't wait for the beginning of band camp where we will have fun, challenge ourselves, and continue to strive for EXCELLENCE in every way. I am confident that we will continue to maintain the tradition of pride and excellence established over decades at John Hersey High School. In addition to our work on the show, we have some great group activities planned throughout band camp. We have great music selected, another great drill, and some new fresh faces on the staff. It's going to be a great year!

I intend to be at school full time beginning July 27th. Feel free to email me with any questions throughout the summer. My email address is spencer.hile@d214.org.

MUSIC TESTING

We have already begun work on “The Art of Music”. The challenge of this year’s music is significant and will require home preparation from everyone, as always. Use the MusicFirst assignments to learn the music, but remember that there are many steps after passing MusicFirst. **Please be ready for your memorization tests on Part 1 that will begin on the first day of camp.** MusicFirst testing is only the first step, but a necessary one. This is great music that will keep us challenged throughout the fall season.

Everyone received the following music in June rehearsals: Part 1, and Part 2. Part 3 will be uploaded to the [Google drive folder](#) (link can be found in the digital newsletter) with all of the show music. If you are missing music listed above, it is your responsibility to collect it from your section leader or download it from the [Google Folder](#). Email me if you need contact information for your section leader. We will be spending August music rehearsal time reinforcing fundamentals and memorizing (not learning parts). **ALL MUSICFIRST TESTING ON PART 1 AND PART 2 MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF CAMP. In addition, you will NOT BE allowed to begin memorization testing until all MusicFirst testing is passed.**

GRADING PROCESS

The grading process will be different this year. Students will be tested via MusicFirst on all three parts of the show. Students will have memorization tests on all three parts of the show. Memorization testing begins the second day of camp for parts 1-2. Memorization testing on Part 3 will occur later on during band camp.

Memorization testing grading will be done by Mr. Hile and other members of the marching band staff. If students pass their memorization test the first time they will receive a 95%. If you do not have the music adequately memorized you will be asked to retake your memorization test. Each retake will lower your grade by 10%.

Our success as a group depends on everyone **BEING PREPARED WHEN YOU ARRIVE!** Your first quarter/semester grade will be affected by your performance these first days of band camp, **BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY**, your peers and the success of this organization are dependent upon your commitment to excellence in musical performance.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance at Band Camp and ALL scheduled rehearsals is VITAL to our success as an ensemble. Every single person is important!! During Band Camp we will be setting expectations, developing group unity, learning music and marching drills that will last throughout the fall and the school year. **We expect everyone at all rehearsals.** All conflicts should have been registered with Mr. Hile via email. As you know, our competitors practice SIGNIFICANTLY more than Hersey, so attendance at each rehearsal is vital to our success. Please email conflicts immediately if you have not done so already. If there are appointments or other conflicts that can be moved to avoid missing rehearsal, PLEASE DO SO IMMEDIATELY for the benefit of everyone in the program.

2022 MARCHING BAND COSTS

The first marching band fee payment of \$250 should have been received in June. Students should bring the remaining \$150 of the marching band fees with them to Band Camp. **All fees must be submitted by Tuesday, August 2nd.** This is a nonrefundable fee that has already been contracted to clinicians who will be helping us in August and throughout the year. In addition, this cost covers the band T-shirt and shorts that will be used throughout the year, a pair of BLACK gloves, and meals on competition days. The uniform requires that every student will wear black gloves and the same, uniform black shoes. All students will wear the same shoe available through our uniform committee. No personal shoes will be acceptable. If you need new shoes, please take care of this immediately by contacting our Uniform Committee at hia.uniformcoordinator@gmail.com.

MARCHING UNIFORM FITTINGS

The HIA Uniform Committee will conduct marching uniform fittings in August. All students will need to try on their uniforms during the fitting sessions to confirm fit. Please watch for a Google Uniform Fitting Survey and a Signup Genius with fitting dates and times in the coming weeks.

LANYARDS

Show your support at the band competitions and home games by wearing a lanyard with a photo of your student(s) in uniform. Photos will be taken in August. If you purchase a lanyard you can also purchase a digital copy of the photo. The order form is included with this newsletter. Great news! Despite rising costs, we're able to offer these lanyards at the same price as last year.

AUGUST 12 – PARENT MEETING AND FALL PREVIEW PERFORMANCE

We will be having a mandatory meeting for ALL band parents on Friday, August 12th before our parent preview performance. We will meet with Freshman parents first at 5:30 PM and ALL parents at 6:00 PM. These meetings will be brief but will also help us kick off some changes that are coming to the program this year to our fundraisers/logistics.

After our meeting, the band will perform a preview for you of our show in the stadium!

MARCHING BAND CAMP SCHEDULE 2022

The beginning of the new school year is upon us and with that beginning comes the JHHS Band Camp!! As stated in earlier mailings, Band Camp will be taking place at JHHS on the days listed below. E-mail Mr. Hile **immediately** with any conflicts.

Band Camp 22-23!! READ CAREFULLY

July/August

- July 29 | 12:00-5:30 PM Freshman Only
- August 1-5 | 12:00-9:00 PM ALL Rehearsal and Section Olympics
- August 8-10 | 12:00-9:00 PM ALL Rehearsal and Section Olympics
- August 11 | 4:00-9:00 PM All Rehearsal
- August 12 | REPORT 5:00 PM Picnic/Parent Fall Preview
- August 15 | First Day of School
- August 17 | 6:00-8:45 PM First Wednesday Night Rehearsal
- August 20 | 1:00-5:00 PM Marching Band Rehearsal with show designers

August 17 - October 19: Wednesday Evening Rehearsals

- Note: Wednesday Oct 5 rehearsal moved to Tuesday Oct 4
- Brass and Woodwinds 6-8:45pm
- Percussion Section 5:00-6:00pm (sectional), 6-8:45pm

Home Football Games

- 9/2, 9/9, 9/30, 10/21

Competitions

- 9/24 | Red & Black Fall Classic @ NIU
- 10/8 | Downers Grove Marching Music Bowl
- 10/22 | Illinois State Marching Band Championships at ISU

PLEASE CAREFULLY CHECK THE SCHEDULE. THE HERSEY BAND GOOGLE CALENDER HAS EXACT DATES AND TIMES.

<https://herseyband.com/calendar/>

Evening marching rehearsals may be moved due to conflicts .

SEE THE FULL 2022 Tentative 2023 CALENDAR IN THIS NEWSLETTER.









MARCHING BAND SECTION OLYMPICS

This year’s student leadership group will again determine many details for these very important activities. The schedule for Section Olympics will be spread out over all of the days of our camp. The activity will again occur in the Hersey music wing. Attendance is mandatory at all of these activities. Here are some of the tentative plans for this activity:



Band Camp 2022

Sections with the most people participating in spirit days will earn points towards Section Olympics!*

Monday 8/1	Tuesday 8/2	Wednesday 8/3	Thursday 8/4	Friday 8/5
Class Color Day Freshmen - red Sophomores - orange Juniors - blue Seniors - white	Tie Dye Day 	On Wednesdays We Wear Pink 	Adam Sandler Day 	Tacky Tourist Day 
Class Tug of War Class Dodgeball	Glow in the Dark Capture the Flag (WW v Brass)	Water Balloon Toss* Game Night	Section Dinner Night	Ultimate Frisbee Tournament*
Monday 8/8	Tuesday 8/9	Wednesday 8/10	Thursday 8/11	Friday 8/12
White Lies Day (anything inappropriate will result in your section losing points) 	Every Section Chooses their own Theme SECTION COOKOFF *	Ridiculous Twin Day 	Mr Hile Day 	Show Shirts and Shorts 
Section Banners* Movie Night		Scavenger Hunt-Style Escape Room*	Water Buckets* Rock Paper Scissors Tournament*	PARENT PREVIEW PICNIC

*activities part of Section Olympics

MARCHING BAND FALL PRACTICE SCHEDULE

All members will attend Wednesday evening rehearsal 6 - 8:45pm from August 17 to October 19th (please notice the adjustments to rehearsal to accommodate Yom Kippur/Rosh Hashanah in October.). We have a mandatory afternoon rehearsal on August 20th from 12:00-5:00 PM with our marching show designer. There are additional sectionals for all students in the marching percussion sections.

MUSIC EXPECTATIONS FOR ALL STUDENTS

Everyone is expected to know their music when they arrive for Band Camp as described in the “Music Testing” section. If anyone is having problems with sections of the music, take it to your private lesson teacher or set up an appointment with me and I will be glad to help. Your Section Leader is also a good resource for assistance. We began testing in June and will continue testing everyone during the first few days of camp - BE PREPARED. Music First assignments must be completed before the first day of camp. We will begin memorization testing on the first day of camp. This testing will impact your semester grade.

SECTION LEADERS

We will be having an important orientation and leadership session on July 29 from 10:00AM-12:00PM for Section Leaders, as outlined in the schedule above. Your leadership ability will have a direct impact upon the success of your section and our fall season. I look forward to continuing your preparation for this responsibility and helping any way that I can. We have already had a great start and I look forward to continuing in the same direction.

SHARED SPOTS

A few freshman students will share a spot in the drill. This simply means that a few students will alternate practicing in a particular drill spot throughout the season. Students will be assigned a shared spot based upon instrumentation needs, individual performance level or frequent rehearsal conflicts. These spots will be assigned during Band Camp and will rarely change once school starts. Students in shared spots will also alternate game and competition performances.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Marching band performances and competitions are not possible without the help of parents/guardians. Please review the tabs in the "2022 Marching Huskies Volunteers" [Signup Genius](#) (look for link in email version of this newsletter). The following volunteer spots offer a great opportunity to help your students and the band. As many of you know, volunteering is a very rewarding experience as well as a fun social activity.

- Daily Band Camp Hydration Specialists
- Weekly Rehearsal Hydration Specialists
- Uniform Fittings
- Section Olympics Cookoff & Student Picnic/Parent Preview Night
- Home Football Games Support
- Competitions - Chew Crew
- Competitions - Cookie Bakers
- Competitions - Chaperones (Must be fingerprinted by D214)
- Equipment and Road Crew

In addition, we are looking for volunteers for the following positions:

- **Co-Chair for Student Picnic**
- **Co-Chair for Road Crew Chief**
- **Shadow for Prop Construction and Maintenance**
- **Shadow for Lanyards**

Please email Mark Fuller for details (hia.vicepresident@gmail.com).

CLINICIANS 2022-2023

Program Coordinator – Rob Ferguson has been hired to coordinate all creative aspects of our show and we have been working together since late November to develop the show this year. Rob is the percussion caption head for the Phantom Regiment Drum and Bugle Corp and also the program director for the Matrix Indoor Drumline. The band will continue to perform great music literature, but brings a fresh outlook to all that we have done in the past. Be ready for some changes....

Marching Visual Caption and WW's –Ms. Ilona Hutter will be out this year because she is having a baby! Ilona's replacement is Mr. Josh Johnson. Josh was previously a drum major of the Phantom Regiment Drum and Bugle Corp for two summers. He has extensive marching experience and will be a huge asset to our program this fall.

Percussion - Mr. Tom Leddy will be stepping back from a day to day role and will be facilitating percussion instruction and occasionally coming in to work with the percussion section. He holds music performance degrees from Indiana University and DePaul University and is an active drummer in the Chicagoland area. Tom teaches most of our percussion students privately during the school year.

Drumline - Mr. Curt Schwarzkopf is our new Drumline Caption Head for this season. Curt was the center snare for the Marching Illini and also has experience marching in Drum Corps and WGI percussion. Curt is also an alumni of Hersey High School.

Frontline Percussion – Mr. Chris Kenney is new to our staff this year. Chris is an alumni of Lockport High School and Northern Illinois University.

Percussion – Colin Rambert returns as a Percussion Instructor again this year. Colin graduated from Millikin University and the University of Illinois with Percussion Performance degrees and is in his third year on our staff.

Color Guard – Ms. Sara Reich will be returning in charge of our guard this year. She is a graduate of John Hersey High School and Ball State University. In addition, she spent 2008-2010 in the Blue Stars Drum and Bugle Corp as a color guard member.

Marching Visual Tech – Mr. Elliott Hile (I wonder who he is) is joining our staff this year to help with our visuals and choreography throughout the season. Mr. Hile has worked with a number of high school bands in the Chicago area.

Drill Writer - Mr. Thomas Spalding is our new drill writer this year and brings a fresh look to our band program. In addition to writing drills for several marching bands, including national finalist bands in Ohio, Mr. Spalding is also on the percussion staff for the Phantom Regiment.

PREPARING FOR BAND CAMP

The following list will help you prepare for the upcoming camp. These items are necessary to make you as comfortable as possible. Please ensure that you have these items for the first day of camp.

Clothing

- Tennis shoes - no heels, no sandals (NO high top sneakers- they restrict ankle movement and hinder good marching)
- Loose, comfortable clothing
- A hat and sunglasses to protect eyes and face
- Suntan lotion for afternoons
- Insect repellent for evenings

Drill and Instruments

- Download UBDapp Pro on your phone
 - Login information will be given on the first day of camp
- Make sure your instrument is in working order.
- School-owned instruments - make sure that one is available and that it works!!! I will be in school by July 27 in the morning or late afternoon (email Mr. Hile) - come in and check one out, if needed. The first day of camp is too late to take care of this.

Food and Beverage

- A water bottle that can be tied/attached to your lanyard so that you can get a drink during rehearsal without leaving the field.
 - Water for refilling bottles will be provided.
- Eat large, healthy meals throughout camp, particularly breakfast!
- BRING A DINNER - Going out will make you late returning to camp. Dinner will be 45 minutes and will fall at APPROXIMATELY the 5pm hour (depending upon the flow of the day).

Band Camp Kit Information

All students except frontline percussion and color guard should have ordered a band camp kit in May. You will receive the band camp kit the first day of band camp. The kit includes:

- Chalk in a baggie with a strap
- Water bottle lanyard that can hold a 16oz. water bottle
- Ultimate Drillbook App (please download UBDapp Pro)

If you have any questions about the kits you can contact Amy Slowinske at slowinskes@comcast.net

STAY INFORMED WITH E-BLAST UPDATES

Please note that this is the ONLY hard copy of the Band newsletter that will be sent this year. In order to stay informed throughout the year, it is very important that you are subscribed to our E-blast list. If you are already receiving our Band E-blasts, then you are all set. BUT if you have NOT been receiving them, please e-mail correspondingsecretary@herseyband.com and ask to be subscribed. You may subscribe multiple e-mail addresses for your family if you wish.

REMINDEXTS FOR PARENTS

We will again be using Remind to text information out on a regular basis. This reduces the number of email blasts sent. Students and parents are responsible for all information shared via Remind texts. If you have not yet signed up for these texts, you have ALREADY missed a GREAT deal of VERY important information:

Class of 2023 Parents

<https://www.remind.com/join/9ebg84>

Class of 2024 Parents

<https://www.remind.com/join/bc3h63>

Class of 2025 Parents

<https://www.remind.com/join/7b2g3c>

Class of 2026 Parents

<https://www.remind.com/join/9cgeghg>

Be prepared for a great camp, a successful fall season and a strong beginning to our new school year!!

TENTATIVE 2022-2023 BAND CALENDAR

HERESY BAND GOOGLE CALENDAR

July

29 (Fri) Freshman Only 12-5:30 PM

August

1-5 BAND CAMP! 12-9:00 PM
 8-10 ALL-Rehearsal & Section Olympics 12-9:00 PM
 11 ALL - rehearsal 4-9:00 PM
 12 Picnic/Parent Fall Preview Report 5:00 PM
 15 First Day of School
 17 FIRST Wednesday PM Rehearsal 6-8:45 PM
 Drumline/Frontline sectional 5-6:00 PM
 20 (Sat) Rehearsal w/ show designers 12-5:00 PM

September

2 Home Football Game Report 5:00 PM
 9 Home Football Game Report 5:00 PM
 24 Red and Black Classic - NIU Afternoon/Evening
 30 Homecoming Football Game Report 5:00 PM

October

4 (Tues) Marching Rehearsal 6-8:45 PM
 5 No Wednesday night rehearsal
 8 Downers Grove Marching Invitational Afternoon & Evening
 17 (Mon) Marching Rehear 6-8:00 PM
 19 Wednesday night rehearsal 6-8:45 PM
 21 Football Game Report 5:30
 22 State of IL Marching Championships All day/late night
 26 End of the Season Marching Party 6:00 PM

November

9 First Wednesday PM Symphonic Rehearsal 7-8:30 PM
 12 IMEA Dist 7 Music Festival (select students) All Day
 19 District 7 Jazz Festival (select students) All Day
 21 (Mon) Jazz Night Club Concert - Jazz 1 and 2 7:00 PM

TENTATIVE 2022-2023 BAND CALENDAR CONT.

December

1	Jazz Ensemble 1 to Thomas Jazz Concert	7:00 PM
2	ALL - Holiday Concert Dress Rehearsal	3:30-6:30 PM
4	(Sun) Holiday Concert	1 PM and 3 PM
16	Holiday School Assembly	9:00 AM

January

10	(Tues) Class resumes	
18	Solo and Ensemble Contest at Hersey	4-8:30 PM
20-21	Jazz I & II to Purdue University	
25-28	IMEA All-State at Peoria (select)	

February

4	Jazz Ensemble II to New Trier Festival	All Day
11	In Good Taste - Adult Event	7-10:00 PM
15	Symphonic Band Night Rehearsal w/ guest	7-8:30 PM
16	Symphonic Band Festival w BG/WHS	7:00 PM
25	Jazz I to Jazz in the Meadows	All Day/Early Evening

March

1	(Tent) D214 Honors Music Festival	7:30 PM
4	Elk Grove Percussion Festival	Afternoon
8	Night of Percussion	7:00 PM
11	Mundelein Jazz Festival(Jazz 2+Combos)	Afternoon/Evening
13	Concert Band Rehearsal w/Guest Conductor	7-8:30 PM
14	Concert Band Festival @ BGHS	7:00 PM
24-29	New Orleans Band Trip	

April

2	Classes Resume	
11	CICBF Parent Volunteer Training Night	7-8:00 PM
13	Dress Rehearsal w/Guest Conductor TBA	7-8:30 PM
14	Chicagoland Band Festival Set-up	PM
15	Chicagoland Concert Band Festival	All Day/Evening
	All students AND parents (1 per student)help	
24	Spring Jazz Concert	7:00 PM
30	Spring Music Dept	3:00 PM

May

6	(Tent) Symphonic Band to Superstate	All Day/Evening
8	Concert Band concert with TMS feeder schools	7:00 PM
19	Formal Band Awards Banquet	Evening
24	(Wed) Graduation	
29	Memorial Day Parade	Morning

June

2	Last Day of Classes	
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