



HUNTINGTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

MARCHING HURRICANES

Parent Handbook



HHS “Marching Hurricanes”

Welcome to the 2019 Season

Congratulations on becoming a member of the Huntingtown High School Marching Hurricanes Family! Since its inception in 2004, the HHS marching ensemble has earned the reputation as one of the finest competitive marching units in the Mid-Atlantic Region. The organization will require hard work and dedication from the band members and parents alike. It will be one of the most rewarding and happiest experiences of your child’s high school life. We are happy to have you and your child on board!

Let me also welcome you into the band booster organization. We invite all of you to take an active role in our monthly booster meetings, fund raising activities, our logistical support of marching band competitions, and most importantly to come out and spend some time watching your child in action during our Tournament of Bands Shows. The boosters are essential to our musical organization and support us in a variety of ways.

I think you will find the important information contained in this parents’ guide helpful in learning what to expect and how to maximize your child’s Marching Hurricane experience. Please remember that your child is an important member of our musical organization and their attendance at all rehearsals and performances is essential to a successful season. Please feel free to contact me via email at naumannnd@calvertnet.k12.md.us with any questions you may have. We are looking forward to another fantastic year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Donald R. Naumann
Director of Bands

What a Marching Hurricane Parent Can Expect

The Marching Hurricanes Band is a very active organization. The band members will be practicing throughout the school year and performing not only in Marching Band, but some will be in other band classes in the school that we also support. Listed below is a summary of the activities in which you can expect your child to participate:

- Summer Band Camp
- After school practices every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm
- Saturday morning practices before TOB (Tournament of Bands) competitions
- 6 – 8 TOB competitions (These are all Day Events; Report time is usually 8:45am and Return around midnight)
- TOB 2 Open Chapter 9 Championship (Appoquinimink HS – Middletown, DE.)
- TOB 2 Open Championship (Hershey Park)
- Awards Banquet
- Plum Point Middle School Performance
- Friday night home football games
- Mulch Sale
- Fundraisers
- Jazz Concert / Dinner
- Band Concerts

Marching band provides a great opportunity for the students to improve their musicianship, teamwork, and leadership skills while having fun at the same time. As an added bonus for incoming freshmen, the two weeks spent at band camp will provide a ready-made group of friends in the upper classes when school starts!

Parents, you will be REQUIRED to help out in some areas. We cannot maintain this championship program without help from our parents. If you have any questions, please see one of the Band Boosters officers; they are always around after practices! There are a number of options:

Joining us – officers/websites/volunteers

Helping with “pit crew” for Shows and home football games

Towing our trailer

Assisting with setting/cleaning up for dinner during band camp

Assisting during Band Camp – 4 hour shifts

Assisting with uniform fittings

Fundraising – mulch sale/donuts/butterbraids/spirit nights/etc.

Donating food/water for the students – Required by all parents during Band Camp

<p>If your schedule will not allow you to volunteer your time for the band, please contact the Band Boosters President. Other arrangements and/or areas to assist are available. We all do a little, the Marching Hurricanes/kids will always be successful. If we fail, they fail...</p>
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Band Fees:

A Financial Obligation Notification is included in the parent section of the contract. This agreement documents your understanding that not paying Band Fees will result in your information being provided to the Financial Office for collection. Every student should have his or her Band Fees paid in full prior to the start of the season. If you are unable to pay your Band Fees in full, we will assist you by putting you in contact with the school's Financial Assistance person. Student information for all uncollected Band Fees will be submitted to the Finance Office for collection.

Please note that a financial obligation can impact your child's Graduation and/or other school activities until the balance is paid in full. This policy has been reviewed and approved by Huntingtown High School Administration. Band Fee payments will still be accepted for those that choose to do so.

Band Funding

While the band boosters conduct multiple fund raising activities throughout the year, some of the funds required for professional instructor staff, equipment, some of the food and drinks, T-shirts, drill design, choreography, and musical arrangements come from the mandatory fees charged to each student. A summary of the fees is shown below.

- Basic Fee** \$350.00 per Child (for winds / brass / pit / drum line & guard)
2nd Child Discount Program \$300
- Glove Fee** \$10.00 per pair (Winds/Brass Only)
Recommended: at least 4 pair
- Glove Fee** \$25.00 per pair (Guard Only)
Recommended: at least 2 pair
- Shoe Fee** \$50.00 per pair (All students) (Shoes to be fitted / ordered during bandcamp)
- Show Shirt** Band Student **Size:** (S, M, L, XL, 2XL) (1 shirt FREE to Student/Extra shirts \$20.00 each. Consider buying extra for your student, they wear them constantly.)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "**HHS MARCHING BAND**" AND LEAVE THEM IN DR. NAUMANN'S LOCKED WALL BOX IN HIS OFFICE, or THEY MAY BE MAILED TO:

HHS Marching Hurricanes Band
P.O. Box 913
Huntingtown, MD 20639

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE BAND PAYMENTS IN THE MAIN OFFICE AT HHS.

Payment Schedule:

\$100.00 due Saturday, May 4, 2019

\$150.00 due Saturday, June 1, 2019

Remaining Balance Paid in Full Tuesday, August 6, 2019

ALL PAYMENTS DUE by August 6, 2019 with CONTRACTS and MEDICAL FORMS

All Payments are Non-Refundable

Communication

Volunteers – When you receive an email invitation from **SignUpGenius** please go to the link in your email and volunteer for the activity. You can easily see what is needed and what has already been supplied. This is the only way we have of notifying parents of what is needed in the way of help and supplies. It is extremely important for planning and for the success of the event. Please be sure that we have your email so you can be part of this, we need your help to succeed.



Website – www.canesband.org

Calendar – can be accessed from www.canesband.org or by using the calendar in the Band App. This is the best way to learn about upcoming events.

Schedule – The schedule for the season will be on our online calendar at www.canesband.org

Facebook – [Huntingtown HS Marching Hurricanes](#)

Band app – can be downloaded to your cell phone (search ‘Band’ in your app store). Also accessible via www.band.com. Make sure you get this – many updates posted to this app, and this is our main line of communication when we are on the road for competitions. (For example, ETA back at the school after the competition will be posted on the app.)



Email – canesband@gmail.com (subscribe at www.canesband.org)

It is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT YOU SUBSCRIBE TO THE BAND EMAIL LIST!!! MOST INFORMATION THAT YOU WILL NEED IS SENT OUT IN EMAIL, NOT ON PAPER. If you go to www.canesband.org and then the BOOSTERS/PARENTS tab, there is an EMAIL SUBSCRIPTION FORM TO FILL OUT. IF YOU DO NOT SUBSCRIBE, YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE BAND INFORMATION!

Band Camp

Forms:

For your child's safety, each student must have medical information on file. Students will not be allowed to practice, participate in band camp, or compete without the following forms on file:

- **Completed Medical Form**
- **Completed Injury Risk Form**
- **Signed Commitment Contract**
- **Completed Contact Information Form and Paid in Full**
- **Completed 2019 Uniform Order Form with payment**

Instruments etc.:

- **Instrument:** The kids will be playing during their first rehearsal session, so they need to be prepared with their instrument in working order and have with them valve oil, extra reeds, neck strap, etc. Please see Dr. Naumann for any special situations.
- **Each child will need:** A Three Ring Binder to hold music in plastic sheets.
- **Each child will need:** A Spiral Bound Set of Index Cards (dot book).

Clothing:

- **T-Shirt:** Please dress comfortably for the hot weather
- **Athletic Shorts:** This allows for comfort and visual confirmation that the feet and legs are in the appropriate configuration for drill movements.
- **Thick Athletic Socks:** This will avoid blisters during marching.
- **Athletic Shoes:** Kids MAY NOT march with sandals, bare feet, boots, or dress-type shoes. Running type shoes are strongly recommended. Be sure to wear them in before camp.
- **Optional Hat with a brim:** To shade the head and eyes from the sun.
- **Sunglasses**
- **Sunscreen**
- **Towel x2:** All wind instruments must use a towel to place instruments on when put down and one for your child
- **Water/Gatorade/Sports drinks:** Students need to keep hydrated because we will be outside for many rehearsals. Water will be readily available, and students are required to bring personal water bottles. Bring an insulated gallon water jug (Coleman-style) to keep water cool. Some students also like to use a camel back hydration device, but this is not required.
Please DO NOT bring or drink sodas and other sugar/caffeine filled drinks.

Meals:

- **Breakfast:** Members **MUST** eat a nutritious meal before rehearsal each day. Experience has shown that **Dairy or Eggs** should be avoided.
- **Lunch:** Students must bring a healthy lunch. We will provide a cool spot to eat, relax, and socialize as a band. **Students will not be allowed to leave the campus during band camp hours.**
- **Dinner:** May be provided during the two weeks of band camp (from food/monetary fees/donations). **Students will not be permitted to leave the campus during camp hours.** This is for both legal and practical reasons. Parents, you will be asked to help provide food items or funds needed to feed the students during band camp. If your student will not eat what is provided, you are responsible for bringing them dinner during our dinner hour.

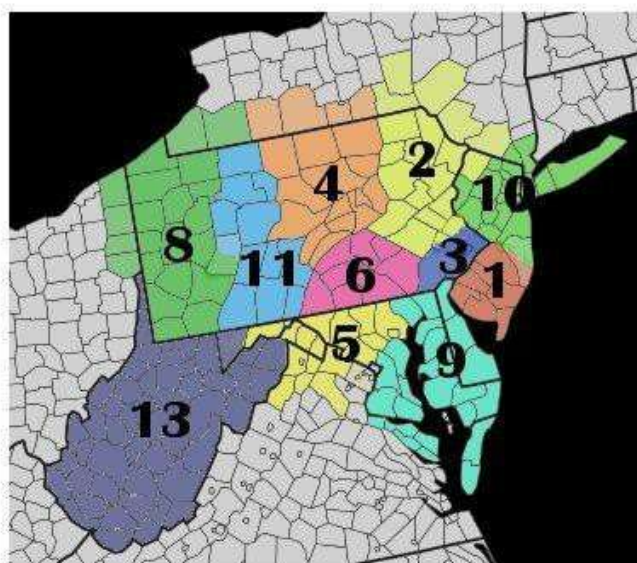
Provided:

- **Performance Show T-Shirt:** Our theme show t-shirt is included in band fees and must be worn under your uniform at all performances. Shirts will be given out prior to the first home football game. Additional T-Shirts will be available for purchase.

Competitions

Tournament of Bands:

The Marching Hurricanes compete in the Tournament of Bands (TOB) as a Chapter 9, Class 2 Open band. Tournament of Bands (TOB) is one of the largest competitive band organizations in the United States and is one of several major circuits in the Mid-Atlantic States. There are a total of 13 Chapters throughout New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia. <http://njatob.org/>



- Region 1 - South Jersey
- Region 2 - Northeastern Pennsylvania
- Region 3 - Southeastern Pennsylvania
- Region 4 - Susquehanna Valley
- Region 5 - MD/WV/VA Piedmont
- Region 6 - Harrisburg Capital
- Region 8 - Western Expansion
- Region 9 - Delaware/Eastern Maryland
- Region 10 - New Jersey/New York Metro
- Region 11 - Allegheny Mountain
- Region 13 - Mountain State

Chapter 9/Delaware/Eastern Maryland:

Includes the counties of: (DE) Kent, New Castle, Sussex. (MD) Anne Arundel, Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Hartford, Kent, Prince Georges, Queen Anne's, Somerset, St. Mary's, Talbot, Wicomico, Worcester. (VA) Accomack, Northampton.

Group Size/Classification:

Bands are grouped according to the number of players in the band proper as follows:

Group 1 - up to 30 musicians and a maximum of 30 auxiliary

Group 2 - 31 to 50 musicians and a maximum of 50 auxiliary

Group 3 - 51 to 75 musicians and a maximum of 75 auxiliary

Group 4 - 76 or greater

Membership in Tournament of Bands is \$100.00

Open Class:

Bands compete throughout the season for TOB scoring. The Open Class offers a balanced emphasis on repertoire/composition and achievement/excellence. Open Class Bands conclude their season with the annual Region Championship and qualification for the annual Atlantic Coast Championship.

Scoring:

Visual, Music: Individual, Music: Ensemble, General Effect Music, and Visual: General Effect... all totals 100 points. While you are listening to awards, the staff is in critique with the field judges where they give us greater insight into the scoring.

The basics on scoring:

Unless you're familiar with competitive marching band, the scoring will be unlike anything you've experienced. It all starts with the first competition. Once we get that score from the first competition, we go into the second one starting with the first score as a base line. Each competition from then on, the points are started with the previous competition's score. (First competition score 89.7 / second competition scoring starts with 89.7). So the more events we compete in, the higher the score we can attain by the end of the season, and the higher we will place at the ACC 2 Open Championship in Hershey Park.

For the complete rules and regulations for Tournament of Bands (TOB) please visit this website:

<http://www.njatob.org/events/tournament-of-bands/tob-rulebook>

We are in the TOB Chapter 9 / 2 – Open Division but, we can compete in any TOB competition held in any chapter during the Season. The Season starts in September and runs thru the middle of November. Competitions usually begin on Saturday mornings around 7 – 9am. The kids will either setup and practice at the school or we will pack up and go to a prearranged place for the kids to practice in the area of the competition. All performances are in the evening usually after 6pm. Once the kids perform, we will pack up the instruments and take our places in the stands of the competition and wait for the awards ceremony. Once the awards ceremony has been completed, we will load up in buses and vehicles and make our way home. The buses and usually parents will stop at the local WAWA (which the kids look forward too) and then make our way home. We usually will arrive back at the school between midnight and 1am. The instruments will then be unpacked from the trailer and placed back in the band room.

Traveling:

You have one of four ways to get to the competition.

- 1- Ride the bus
- 2- Follow the trailer in a convoy
- 3- Drive yourself
- 4- Carpool

Departure To:

The trailer convoy usually leaves about 1 – 2 hours prior to the kids leaving on the bus. The convoy will usually stop near the competition site to eat. Once finished the convoy will then move to either the practice site or the competition site and unload the trailer. After unloading the parents will then set up the equipment and have it ready for the kids when they arrive. These parents are called the “PIT PARENTS”.

Departure From:

The trailer and the Pit Parents will leave right after the awards ceremony. They will usually stop at the closest convenience center to get their CAFFINE fix and gas if needed. They will usually be about an hour ahead of the kids arriving back to the school, as the kids will stop also to get there SUGAR fix. Once back at the school, the Pit Parents will once again unload the trailer and have the instruments staged and ready to put away once the kids arrive.

Glossary of Terms

Band camp – Two weeks of intense daily Marching Band practice during the summer.

Band Geek – Any member of the band who lives and breathes all things band.

Band Nurse – Parent who volunteers to take care of all medical concerns for kids and parents.

Band Parent – Band geek's parent who takes on too many tasks and can't get enough of being with other band geek parents.

Brass Sergeant – Leadership position in charge of all brass instruments (Trumpet, Baritone, Tuba).

Bus Mom - The Wonderful & Crazy Mom who is willing to ride on a school bus all day with high school kids and keeps count and control of them (**Bring Candy!!!!!!**).

Chaperones – The wonderful & Crazy parents who are willing to ride on a school bus all day with high school kids.

Corp Commander – 2nd in charge of the Leadership of the band, falls underneath of the drum major.

Dinkles – Shoes the marching band members wear

Dot book – The notebook or cards that holds each individual student's drill for the Marching Band show (your child's lifeline).

Drill – The steps and positions that make up the Marching Band show.

Drum major – Student conductor who directs the marching band as it plays and heads the leadership of the band.

Drumline – The entire percussion section that marches on the field with the Marching Band.

Flags – Used by the Guard during a Marching Band show.

Gauntlets – Wrist and lower-arm coverings; part of Marching Band uniform.

Guard – A group of students who add color and style to marching-band performances with flags and other props.

Guard Captain – Leadership position in charge of all Guard members.

Instructor – Personnel hired to help with various sections of the band.

Leadership – Students that have tried out and have been appointed to the rolls of Section Leader, Corp Commander and Drum Major.

Medic Bag & Medic Book – Stays with the kids at all times and has medications, emergency contacts and the kid's medical forms.

Pit – Marching Band percussion section that does not march (plays on the sidelines), comprised of instruments such as timpani, xylophones, gongs, etc.

Pit Boss – The Person in charge of the loading & unloading the trailer.

Pit crew (PIT PARENTS) – Parents and volunteers who help assemble the pit instruments, push them onto the field and set them up for competition, A.K.A. "Pit Parents."

Power Rack – The black wheeled little trailer that houses all the electronic controllers for mic's and speakers.

Plumes – The feathered portion of the Marching Band hats (VERY FRAGILE / DO NOT TOUCH with BARE HANDS).

Rack – The Pit instrument that holds various drums, symbols, brake drum etc.

Run-through – Practicing the whole Marching Band show.

Section leader – Leadership position that oversees a Marching Band instrument section; such as "Baritone section leader."

Shako – Marching Band hat.

SAF (Student Activity Fund) – Financial account that holds funds designated for the Band; source of funds can be from fundraising, parent/student payments, Donations and from the School.

Tower – Raised platform upon which band director stands during practice.

Tractor – The Carolina Blue John Deere tractor with LED lights that leads the band to the field.

Trailer – Used to transport the larger instruments, Props, tractor and Guard equipment.

Woodwind Sergeant – Leadership position in charge of all woodwind instruments (Alto sax, flutes, clarinet, and tenor sax).