

Hamilton High School Marching Band Information Packet Summer/Fall of 2022

Dear Parents:

This packet is to inform you and your child on the many different aspects of the High School Marching Band. For incoming freshmen, most of this is new to you. For upper classmen, much of this will be the same as last year. We had another great year last year and we are hoping to build on that success this fall with our newest marching show. Freshmen, you will soon learn that what we do in marching band has a lot more to it than just providing entertainment for our Hamilton football crowds!

We have three performances this fall in addition to the five home football games. These are the Allegan County Fair Parade, the Otsego Marching Band Invitational and MSBOA Marching Festival (see calendar for dates). Please check your calendars NOW so that we can work to avoid any conflicts. Marching band is an activity that requires full participation from everyone involved. If even one person is missing on the field, it completely changes the entire show. EVERYONE is an important and valued member in our endeavors. Nobody sits the bench.

New members: we are so excited to have you with us! You will be adding to the rich tradition of excellence that your older counterparts have established. We know that you will continue to make us proud through your efforts. Be ready to work hard- your classmates are counting on you!

Our show theme this year is "How To Train Your Dragon." Things are already in motion to create some really fun musical and visual moments for this show. We hope to see you out there at our performances this fall!

Sincerely,

Joseph Herrick & Paul Connelly,
Hamilton High School Directors of Bands

A FEW NOTES ON EXPENSES:

Here is a breakdown of all the marching season out-of-pocket costs for parents:

Marching Shoes: This is a one-time purchase (unless your child's feet grow at an exponential rate!) The cost is **\$35.00**. These can be purchased through our uniform coordinator at the school. If your child's feet **DO** grow, we can possibly exchange shoes- it all depends on what we have in stock. *(These are for all band members, except for color guard)*

Marching Gloves: Because of wear and tear, most band members end up purchasing at least two pairs of these per marching season. Some more than that if they are lost or not kept in good condition. The cost per pair is **\$3.00**. These can be purchased through our uniform coordinator at the school. *(These are for all band members, except for color guard, percussion and drum majors)*

Lyres: Lyres are the funny metal devices that keep music flip folios clipped to the instruments. These are normally a one-time purchase as well. We use these mostly for rehearsals and for a couple of the early performances during marching season. The cost is **\$6.00**. These can be purchased through me at the school. If the lyre is still in good shape at the end of their high school band career, I am happy to buy them back for the same price. *(These are for all band members, except for percussion, color guard, drum majors, trombones and flutes)*

Flip Folios: Flip Folios are **FREE!** If they are lost or damaged, the student will need to pay for a replacement, however. The cost for a replacement is about \$5.00. *(These are for all band members, except for color guard and drum majors)*

Color Guard: Because of the specialized nature of color guard, they have some specialized/different items than the rest of the band. Specifics will be discussed during pre-camp, but here are some prices to give you an idea of some of the costs. Guard shoes cost **\$35.00**. Long-sleeve unitards cost **\$37.00**. Guard gloves cost **\$20.00**. *(These are for COLOR GUARD members only)*

Band Camp Fee: In order to off-set costs for running band camp, each student is charged a Band Camp Fee of **\$30.00** for the week. The boosters will collect this money at the beginning of the week. *(This is for ALL band members)*

Show T-Shirt: This year we are ordering marching show T-shirts for each band member. These can be worn for fun but will also be worn under the uniform (and can be shown off at events like the Otsego Marching Invitational). They are **\$10.00**. *(These are for ALL band members)*

If writing a check, please make it payable to “Hamilton Band Boosters.” Also, if writing checks, please write a separate check for each item. Often the money goes in separate directions when it is collected, and it is hard to split up funds from one check written for everything. Thanks for your help and understanding on this!

If anything here creates a financial burden, please feel free to contact Mr. Herrick, Mr. Connelly or the Band Boosters. Often we can help out if there is a need.

All payments can be brought in on the Monday of band camp (August 1st, 2022).

Music Memorization Test

All of the halftime show music for marching band must be memorized. One music memorization test will be given during the fall. It will be on one of the show selections, however the students will not know which one until the day of the test. If memorization tests take more than one day to complete, a different show selection may be chosen for the second day. These will either be played for an instructor or recorded. A computer will have a recording of each selection available for the student to play along with, should he or she wish. “The Star-Spangled Banner” and “The Victors” will not be used for memorization tests- these will be played with flip folios during pre-game, if needed.

I highly encourage all students to start looking at their music over the course of the summer before we meet for band camp. The sooner this music is memorized, the quicker the marching can be put together with it on the field. The music tracks will be loaded onto the High School Band Canvas page at the beginning of the school year. The original versions of the songs can be found by doing a search at jwpepper.com.

BIGS AND LITTLES

For our new members, “Bigs and Littles” is a system where we team up an incoming Freshman (or new member) with an experienced upperclassman. That upperclassman, or “Big” will be available to that underclassman, or “Little” for any questions or concerns they may have. Bigs and Littles will often be teamed up next to each other in the drill as best as we can. Bigs are encouraged to get in touch with their Littles over the course of the summer and begin building that relationship. Littles: Bigs may also be able to answer non-band related questions about high school as well. All you need to do is ask!! In addition to their Bigs, new members are encouraged to talk with their section leader, the drum majors, Mr. Connelly or Mr. Herrick if they have any questions. We are all here to help!

LITTLE

Andersen, James
 Bittner, Alyssa
 Bryant, Sutton
 Council, Haley
 DeWyze, Areyna
 Elkins, Hannah
 Engelsman, Grady
 Feters, Ryan
 Hagood, Caitlyn
 Helder, Isaiah
 Johnson, Annika
 Kelley, Sarah
 Kroeze, Sawyer
 Lugten, Cameron
 Michielsen, Tyler
 Miedema, Abby
 Myers, Gavin
 Nyhof, Alex
 O'Connor, Levi
 Paskvan, Joselyn
 Pelletier, Kenzie
 Riddle, Karley
 Rizo, Kendrick
 Rowder, Gavyn
 Smith, Natalee
 Towne, Ricky
 VanderBilt, Jaylynn
 VanDerMeulen, Elise
 VanOrder, Nathan

BIG

Joey Oppenhuizen
 Bri Carpenter
 Murray, David
 Kiera Lewis
 Liam Pothoff
 Emily Bittner
 Tristen Morlan
 Jacob Foidl
 Emily Lampen
 Tyler Klingenberg
 Lily Klanderma
 Evan Talsma
 Evan Talsma
 Josh Bush
 Avery VanDerMeulen
 Taryn Becksfort
 Owen Hambley
 Jacob DeFouw
 Willy Schaub
 Roman Klinger
 Lily Klanderma
 Avery VanDerMeulen
 Jacob Foidl
 Dave Hernandez
 Caroline Johnson
 Drew VanHouten
 Emily Bittner
 Klein, Joey
 Koltin Shelton

INSTRUMENT

Trombone
 Clarinet
 Alto Sax
 Clarinet
 Percussion
 Trumpet
 Bari Sax/Tenor Sax
 Alto Sax
 Clarinet
 Clarinet
 French Horn
 French Horn
 Alto Sax/Alto Sax (DM)
 Bari Sax
 Trumpet
 Flute
 Baritone
 Percussion
 Trombone
 Trumpet (cym)/Bass Dr
 Oboe (bass dr)/Clar (DM)
 Trumpet
 Alto Sax
 Tuba
 Baritone/Tuba
 Trombone
 Trumpet
 Alto Sax
 Baritone/Tuba

Band Member Responsibilities at Home Games

1. Everyone may sit where they wish within the block (except for percussion and sousaphones, because they have specific areas that only they can have their instruments...)
2. Friends, family, etc may visit, however, they must still be outside of the band block at all times. If you wish to visit with them, you must sit on the outer edge of the band block.
3. The tubas mark the top of the block. No one can sit above their row. Mr. Herrick will designate this row.
4. The edge of the seats mark the far right edge of the block- there is no aisle there, but you can see it. Look closely! In the past, our block has gotten so spread out from side to side that it has been hard for us to stay together musically.
5. If someone needs to use the restroom or has another emergency where they need to leave the block, they must check with their section leader or Mr. Herrick first. Put simply, if anyone leaves the block FOR ANY REASON, they must check with us first.
6. You must remain in full uniform at all times. You may remove hats and gloves, however. For later (colder) games, please dress accordingly ahead of time- layers! Color guard members have special parkas they may wear when it is colder outside because they can't wear layers like the rest of the band.
7. The only food and/or drink that you may have in the stands is what is provided for you by the band boosters. If you have a special situation, please see Mr. Herrick ahead of time.

****If everyone helps out and does their job with this, our evenings at home football games will run very smoothly and it will give us more opportunities to have fun making music!****

PART ASSIGNMNETS

Drum Major (2)

Klanderman, Lily*
Talsma, Evan

Color Guard (8)

Colvin, Rayne
Coughlin, Natalie
Lascari, Emerson
Lindholm, Abby*
Rietema, Sierra
Ruggles, Izzy
Weber, Alyssa
Wettlaufer, Maya

Flute (10)

Becksfort, Taryn
Frank, Alyssa
Heneveld, Alexis
Maslanka, Addison
Medendorp, Jessica
Miedema, Abby
Smallegan, Jenna
Valenzuela, Jazmin
VanDerMuelen, Bella
Verkaik, Chloe

Clarinet (8)

Bittner, Alyssa
Carpenter, Bri
Council, Haley
Hagood, Caitlyn
Helder, Isaiah
Klingenberg, Tyler
Lampen, Emily
Lewis, Kiera*

Alto Saxophone (9)

Bryant, Sutton
Feters, Ryan
Foidl, Jacob*
Klein, Joey
Kroeze, Sawyer
Murray, David
Patch, Tristan
Rizo, Kendrick
VanDerMeulen, Elise

Tenor Saxophone (2)

Morlan, Tristan
VanOrder, Jodi

Baritone Saxophone (3)

Bush, Josh*
Engelsman, Grady
Lugten, Cameron

Trumpet (7)

Bittner, Emily* (2nd)
Bondsfield, Kyle (3rd)
Elkins, Hannah (3rd)
Michielsen, Tyler (1st)
Riddle, Karley (3rd)
Vanderbilt, Jaylynn (2nd)
VanDerMeulen, Avery
(1st)

Mellophone (2)

Johnson, Annika
Kelley, Sarah

Trombone (9)

Andersen, James (2nd)
Capizzi, Ethan (1st)
O'Connor, Levi (1st)
Oppenhuizen, Joey (2nd)
Risedorph, Ben (1st)
Schaub, Willy (1st)
Towne, Ricky (2nd)
VanHouten, Drew* (2nd)
Zwagerman, Zoey (2nd)

Baritone (5)

Hambley, Owen
Myers, Gavin
Smith, Natalee
Staines, Shawn
VanOrder, Nathan

Tuba (4)

Hernandez, Dave
Johnson, Caroline*
Rowder, Gavyn
Shelton, Koltin

Snare Drum (2)

DeFouw, Jacob
Pothoff, Liam

Quads (2)

Higgins, Kyle
Nyhof, Alex

Bass Drum (4)

Klinger, Roman (Big)
Atwood, Abby (Med-Big)
Garvin, Sophia (Med-Sm)
Pelletier, Kenzie (Small)

Cymbals (2)

DeWyze, Areyna
Paskvan, Joselyn

*Section Leader

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Drum Majors	Lily Klanderman Evan Talsma
Flute	Taryn Becksfort
Clarinet	Kiera Lewis (Marching) Lily Klanderman (Concert)
Alto Sax	Jacob Foidl (Marching) Evan Talsma (Concert)
Tenor/Bari Sax	Josh Bush
Trumpet/F Horn	Emily Bittner
Trombone	Drew VanHouten
Baritone/Tuba	Caroline Johnson
Percussion	Jacob DeFouw
Color Guard	Abby Lindholm

BAND CAMP INSTRUCTORS

Joy Gregson	Flutes & Clarinets
Paul Connelly	Alto Saxes & Mellophones
Kim Suhusky	Trumpets
Ben Herrick	Trombones
Andrew Magnussen	Low Voices
Shanley Kruizenga*	
Joe Herrick	Percussion
Heather Herrick*	
Alex Simmons	Color Guard

**Pre-camp instructor*

TEAMS FOR GAMES at Band Camp

Team #1:	Drum Majors & Color Guard (10)
Team #2:	Flutes (10)
Team #3:	Clarinets (8)
Team #4:	Alto Saxophones (9)
Team #5:	Trumpets & Mellophones (9)
Team #6:	Trombones (9)
Team #7:	Low Voices (13)
Team #8:	Percussion (10)

Band Camp Daily Schedule

This may change slightly, depending on the day

8:00-8:15:	Announcements/Equipment Needs, etc
8:15-9:05:	Marching Fundamentals
9:05-9:15:	<i>Break</i>
9:15-10:00:	Marching Fundamentals
10:00-10:10:	<i>Break</i>
10:10-11:00:	Marching Fundamentals or Drill
11:00-11:45:	Music Rehearsal
11:45-12:30:	Lunch
12:30-1:30:	Sectionals
1:30-2:20:	Drill
2:20-2:30:	<i>Break</i>
2:30-3:20:	Drill
3:20-3:30:	<i>Break</i>
3:30-4:30:	Drill
4:30-5:00:	Activity/Game

Hamilton High School Marching Band 2022 Calendar

July 25 & 26	2:00-5:00PM	Color Guard & Percussion Pre-Camps
July 28 & 29	2:00-5:00PM	Leadership Team Training
July 28 & 29	3:00-5:00PM	Freshman/Sophomore Pre-Camp (optional)
August 1-5	8:00AM-5:00PM	Band Camp
August 8	6:00-9:00PM	Monday Night Rehearsal
August 15	6:00-9:00PM	Monday Night Rehearsal
August 22	6:00-9:00PM	Monday Night Rehearsal
August 29	6:00-8:00PM	Monday Night Rehearsal
September 1 (Thur)	5:30-10:00PM	Home Football Game #1
September 12 (Mon)	5-9:00PM	Allegan County Fair Parade
September 16 (Fri)	5:30-10:00PM	Home Football Game #2
September 24 (Sat)	TBA (afternoon)	Otsego Marching Invitational
September 30 (Fri)	5:30-10:00PM	Home Football Game #3
October 3	6:00-8:00PM	Monday Night Rehearsal
October 10	6:00-8:00PM	Monday Night Rehearsal
October 11 (Tue)	TBA (evening)	MSBOA Marching Festival
October 14 (Fri)	3:30-4:30PM	Homecoming Parade
October 14 (Fri)	5:30-10:00PM	Home Football Game #4
October 21 (Fri)	5:30-10:00PM	Home Football Game #5

NOTE: If the football team makes the play-offs, the band will perform at all home play-off games.