



HIGHLAND PARK HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

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Dear Band Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Student,

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join the Highland Park Marching Giants! The marching band is one of the most visible and outstanding co-curricular activities at HPHS! The Marching Giants provides a unique musical and social experience for students while promoting school spirit, community involvement, and teamwork. This will truly be one of the most memorable experiences of a student's high school career!

About the Band

- The Marching Giants is an all-volunteer marching band that performs at all home football games, various school assemblies, and various community events.
- The marching season lasts roughly from the last week of summer vacation through the end of 1st quarter. See the enclosed "Tentative Season Schedule" for a complete list of dates and times.
- Marching band is an amazing social experience as well as a musical experience. Many of our students find their closest friends within this group.
- Any student enrolled in an HPHS band class is eligible to participate in marching band!
- All students march and play each performance...nobody sits on the bench in marching band!
- Once school starts, rehearsals only take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:20-5:20pm.
- Our halftime performances at football games combine music and visual elements in a production that is unified around a central theme. We change our shows for each game, so we are constantly working towards new goals. Each performance is an exhilarating experience!
- Teamwork, diligence, and student leadership are the backbone of this outstanding program.

I highly encourage all band members to try the marching band experience; many current students rave that it is one of the best decisions they ever made in high school. To join the band, please see the enclosed sheet entitled "Marching Giants Registration." Once you complete the registration and make payment, you are officially IN! You will receive a "Welcome Packet" in May with lots of important information.

The 2017-18 Marching Giants season will undoubtedly be quite exciting. We hope that you will be a part of this unique ensemble. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Go Giants!

Sincerely,
Mr. Josh Chodoroff
Director of Bands