

# HIGHLAND PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Township High School District 113

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Dear Marching Giant & Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Welcome to one of Highland Park High School's most visible and exciting programs! Your receipt of this information packet confirms your registration in marching band. 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 your high school career. This information packet is designed to provide you with the information you need to have a positive, successful, and safe marching season. Enclosed is an updated schedule of all Marching Giant events, participation contract, medical information form, attendance policy, procedures, frequently-asked-questions sheet, and volunteer information. Students and their parents should review the contents of this packet together.

To Be Returned by June 11 (forms can be mailed to the school or delivered by hand to the band room)

- The completed D113 medical form (enclosed)
- The completed participation contract (enclosed)
- The volunteer sheet (enclosed)
- Registration payment (available online if you have not already paid)

#### Schedule Highlights/Updates:

- May 23 & 25 – Two added mandatory rehearsals for drumline only.
- June 9 – Our first rehearsal...ALL members attend! Please be in the band room at 4:00pm. Students will be able to check out school instruments at this rehearsal.
- NEW THIS YEAR – There are no days of band camp for new members & drumline only; ALL members must attend ALL days of camp beginning on August 11!
- August 14 – All band members have a rehearsal from 2-5pm. Parents should plan on attending a parent meeting from 4-5pm, and all will attend the BBQ from 5-7pm.
- August 12 & 16 – These days will have evening marching band rehearsals.
- September 10 – Band Car Wash; this is a change from the previous schedule

#### Social Events

To balance all of our hard work during band camp, the Band Managers are planning fun social events for every night of camp! All of these events are open to every band member (marching band and concert band). This is a great way for everybody to become better acquainted and relax after a long day of rehearsal. These events are not mandatory, but students are highly encouraged to attend. All family members are invited to join us on August 14th at 4pm for our annual parent meeting followed by the Band Kick-Off BBQ! This event is open to all band families, and provides us with a chance to celebrate the beginning of another wonderful year!

#### Parent Volunteers

It takes a village to make a marching band! Parents – we need your help! Please see the enclosed information about ways to get involved and how to sign-up.

There is a plethora of information, so please read the documents carefully, and feel free to ask questions! We want all students and families to have a happy and successful marching season! If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Chodoroff at 224-765-2165 or [jchodoroff@dist113.org](mailto:jchodoroff@dist113.org). See you soon!

Sincerely,  
Joshua Chodoroff  
Director of Bands