

Volunteer Opportunities for HPHS Bands



Our HPHS Bands need your support throughout the year for the many activities, rehearsals, performances and events our students take part in. We hope you will consider chairing or volunteering for a committee or fundraising opportunity. Below is a list of our current volunteer opportunities. Even if you have limited availability, we would love your help and can find a position for you. Want to know more about something before you commit? Email Dave Poukey at dpoukey@yahoo.com, or text at 224-766-0304.

Band Camp Lunches (for Marching Band "MB" parents)

Dates: August 9-10, 12-14

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (lunch is 12:00 to 12:50 p.m.)

During band camp, parents pick up/set up/clean up lunch for the students. With the exception of the Monday, August 15 lunch, the lunches are catered by local businesses and arranged in advance by the Band Managers (students). Snacks and drinks are purchased in advance by Bandstand.

About 3-4 parents are needed each day to show up 1- to ½ hour before lunchtime to set up drinks and snacks in the cafeteria. (This year was time-consuming with construction; hopefully we will have our band hallway back this fall!) Monday's lunch is generally hamburger/hotdog grill of the previous day's BBQ extras, and is a bit more labor-intensive. Generally, each day is about a 2-hour commitment. You can sign up to help one day or several.

MB Uniforms (for MB parents)

Dates: TBD August 9-14 for fitting; August 15 at 8 a.m. for faculty performance

Game Days: August 30, September 20, October 11, 18 & 25

5 p.m. before game and/or 10 p.m. after game

Help uniforms committee chair Rosemary Brown fit students with uniforms during band camp (times and days TBD). On game nights (home games only), help the students get dressed and/or undressed before and after games. This is a very light time commitment, and along with MB Pizza below, a perfect volunteer opportunity for incoming parents who are looking to get their feet wet before committing more time. Volunteer for both positions! Two people are needed each game.

MB Pizza (for MB parents)

Dates: August 30, September 20, October 11, 18 & 25

4:15-5:15 p.m.

On game nights (home games only), get the students fed after rehearsal and before getting dressed for the game. This is a very light time commitment and a perfect volunteer opportunity for incoming parents who are looking to get their feet wet before committing more time. One chairperson coordinates volunteers, orders pizza and is present for delivery, and brings snacks and fruit/veggies to eat with pizza. Four people are needed each game.

Halftime Snacks (for MB parents)

Dates: August 30, September 20, October 11, 18 & 25

6:30-8 p.m.

Directly after the halftime show on game nights (home games only), the students head down to the end of the track on the football field to sit out the 3rd quarter and have a snack or 5 million. Snacks are donated each week by one student class (both MB and all band are asked to donate): Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors. Two committee chairs and other volunteers coordinate transportation of snacks to Wolter's Field, and setting up and cleaning up the snack area at the end of the field before/after halftime. Snacks and water left over at the end of the season are used for the MB Banquet, and for Pep Band during basketball games.

There are two set chairpersons for this committee this year, but they would love to train people for next year to take over their positions next year. About 4 people are needed each game.

First Football Game Concessions (MB, open to ALL BANDS)

Date: August 30

Shift 1: 4:30–6:30 p.m., Shift 2: 6–8 p.m., Shift 3: 7:30–9:30 p.m.

At each football game, the concession stand is run by a different organization at HPHS, with some of the proceeds from the night going to that organization. The Marching Giants and Band program staff the concession stand for the first football game of the season. While this is generally staffed by parents of the Marching Giants, marching band parents appreciate when other parents or relatives can step in and take the second shift so that they can watch their students during halftime. When volunteering, make sure to specify which shift you will be available. This is a one-time commitment.

Hospitality (ALL BANDS)

Dates: Ongoing, August–May

About 10 hours total

The hospitality committee handles volunteer and scheduling commitments for all other (non-MB) gatherings throughout the year. Hospitality may bake for band concerts (or coordinate donations from the entire band family if Band is hosting the All-City or Showcase concerts), get catering and serve guests at a hosted concert for another group—such as the US Navy Jazz concert last year—or get and serve donuts and cider at our annual Halloween concert, or help with BBQs and banquets. If hospitality is required, the Bandstand may call on this committee to help. There is currently no committee chair for this group, but a pool of 5-8 volunteers.

Band Ads (ALL BANDS)

Dates: Ongoing, August–October

About 40 hours each for 2 committee chairs

Two new people are needed to take over management of this committee. All the bandstand parents are asked to sell ads; as the Ad chair, you follow up on collecting art, getting the checks to our treasurers and tracking payment, and proofing—making sure the ads all appear in the programs, and at the correct sizes. If you have worked on a PTO “buzz book”, this is NOT like that role—you are not creating the ad pages. Ad artwork gets emailed to Mr. Chodoroff’s wife, who lays out the ad pages and creates the band programs. This position requires a fair amount of bookkeeping from late August when school starts up through the second concert or so (Halloween), and then it falls off entirely.

Band Car Washes (ALL BANDS)

Dates: September 7, May 2 (tentative)

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All band parents and students are asked to volunteer for a shift during the car wash. Students wash the cars and parents dry. Breakfast and lunch are provided for whomever is on those shifts. The two committee chairs and Mr. Chodoroff can use extra hands before and after the car wash to transport goods to and from school, pick up bagels and pizza, and set up and take down signs. Time commitment: about an hour for each date; can be added on to a shift.

Jazz Nite (JAZZ BANDS, but open to all)

Date: May 1 (plus planning meetings)

4:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Jazz Nite is the fundraiser which requires the most planning. Two committee chairs organize most of details such as lighting, catering, ticketing, and promotion, but rely on parent volunteers the night of the event to help set up, and for a small committee to help plan. Your time commitment is based on the help you are able to provide. Generally, this committee becomes active around the beginning of February through the event with weekend meetings and various assignments.

Volunteer Signup for HPHS Bandstand



Name: _____

Phone/cellphone: _____ Email: _____

Volunteering for: _____

Hours available (does not need to be too specific): _____

Specific days/times I can help: _____

⑥ I can't commit to a regular position, but please call me when extra help is needed.

⑥ Sign me up for First Football Game Concession Stand.

⑥ Shift 1 (4:30-6:30 p.m.)

⑥ Shift 2 (6 - 8 p.m.)

⑥ Shift 3 (7:30 - 9:30 p.m.)