

# Marching Giants

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Apparel:** All band students will receive the annual Marching Giants t-shirt as part of their registration fee. Additional band apparel options such as band t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, etc. are available for purchase through our website: [hphsband.org](http://hphsband.org)

**Attendance:** The Marching Giants adhere to a strict attendance policy. Please read the enclosed "Attendance Policy" sheet for all of the specific details.

**Band Camp:** August 11 to August 17 - The most crucial week of the entire season. All students must be in attendance for the entire week. Students are reminded to:

- Be at school at least 15 minutes prior to the listed rehearsal time
- Wear proper footwear (no sandals or flip-flops)
- Bring water (a lot)
- Bring sunscreen
- Bring a hat/sunglasses
- Bring a pencil
- Lunch will be provided for you on August 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17 as part of your registration fee

**Bandstand:** All band parents are automatically a part of the HPHS Bandstand. Bandstand provides support to our band students and band director through various committees and fundraising efforts. All parents are encouraged to attend the monthly Bandstand meetings. In addition to these general membership meetings, members of a small Bandstand board also meet with Mr. Chodoroff on a monthly basis to discuss upcoming events and needs. The Bandstand maintains a Facebook page and an email list-serve (through Yahoo Groups) for general announcements. If you are interested in becoming more involved by chairing a committee, joining a committee, or have any questions about being a band parent, please contact one of the board members via their contact information below. We thank you in advance for your support!

Christina Weisbard – [cweisbard@comcast.net](mailto:cweisbard@comcast.net)

Mike Perlman – [perlmanm13@gmail.com](mailto:perlmanm13@gmail.com)

**Car Wash:** September 10 - This is a mandatory event for all band students. The funds raised during this event provide the majority of the annual operating budget for the Bandstand, which in turn provides wonderful opportunities and support for the students.

**E-Mail:** Please sign-up for the Yahoo Group email list-serve run by the Bandstand. Important announcements and information are provided via this list-serve. To do this, please email Dan Jenks at [dtjmkm@ameritech.net](mailto:dtjmkm@ameritech.net) and ask him to invite you to join the Bandstand Parent Yahoo group.

**Kick-Off BBQ:** August 14 – This event is open to ALL band members and their families and is held in the school courtyard. Please join us so we can celebrate as a community the beginning of another year of great music-making! The marching band will rehearse from 2-5pm, there is a parent meeting from 4-5pm, and the BBQ will take place from 5-7pm.

**Parent Committees:** The marching band needs many parent volunteers to help make each season a success. If you would like to be a member of a committee, sign-ups will take place at the Band Kickoff BBQ on August 14. You may also contact Christina Weisbard at [cwesibard@comcast.net](mailto:cwesibard@comcast.net). Please consider donating your time and talents to help our students!

**Punctuality:** In order to be on-time for all rehearsals, students should plan on arriving at least 15 minutes early. It takes several minutes to put together instruments, collect your necessary belongings, and walk out to the practice field. Rehearsals will begin promptly as listed in the Marching Giants Schedule.

**Safety:** Student safety is always the #1 priority of the marching band staff. For this reason, it is imperative that the medical form enclosed in this packet is returned by our first rehearsal on June 9. You may either mail or email the form to Mr. Chodoroff, or simply bring it to the June 9 rehearsal. The staff gives frequent water breaks and keeps a close watch on all students. If your student is feeling ill at anytime, they should tell someone around them immediately. There are several things that your students should do to keep themselves feeling well:

- Eat well before rehearsals – healthy, nutritious foods
- Bring your own water bottle – a one-gallon water bottle is recommended
- Wear sunscreen, a hat, and sunglasses
- Wear sneakers to protect your ankles and feet – no sandals, dress shoes, or bare feet

**Uniform Fittings:** Students will be fitted for their uniforms and marching shoes during band camp rehearsals. Students who purchased their own new pair of marching shoes (Drillmasters) as part of their marching band registration will be fitted for the proper shoe size at Band Camp, and will receive their new pair of shoes prior to the first football game. The band does have a limited number of marching shoes in various sizes available for student use; these must be returned at the end of the season.

**Uniform Needs:** For each performance all students must bring a pair of calf-high black socks, a t-shirt, and athletic shorts or long underwear (depending on the outside temperature) to wear underneath their uniform.

**Website:** The HPHS Band has its own website: [hphsband.org](http://hphsband.org). Lots of helpful information, important documents, announcements, and contact information are posted here. Please check the website regularly.