



2017



HANFORD BANDS

Excellence on and off the stage!

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to Hanford High School and to our award-winning Marching Band. Thank you for your interest in this coming year's marching band. **We want you to be a part** of this amazing and fun activity. Last year's show, *Water World*, wowed audiences and won many awards in competitions across the Northwest.

This year's production promises to add even more energy and excitement to our marching program. The title of our program this year is "***STREET BEATS!***" The more students we have performing, the more successful we can be! **We would love to have your name on the marching roster so we can begin planning for our upcoming season.** You can still submit a dot contract at any time. In fact, if you fill it out, you can take a picture of it and email it from your phone to russell.newbury@rsd.edu.

At HHS, we believe that **ALL INCOMING FRESHMEN SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN MARCHING BAND** for at least 1 year. There are too many reasons to list, but marching band creates countless opportunities for the students and helps them foster positive relationships and leadership skills in a safe, encouraging and successful environment.

Please read through this packet. It contains important info about our upcoming year. Also, the full marching band handbook is available at www.hanfordmusic.org

GO FALCONS!
Mr. Newbury

Hanford Marching
Band
2012, 2013 & 2015
Harvest Festival
Sweepstakes
Champions

Check out our website for
dates, updates, and the
full handbook

www.hanfordmusic.org

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MARCHING BAND SCHEDULES



BAND CAMP SCHEDULE

August 14-18 and 22-25 from 8AM-5PM

*Lunch provided by the RSD Nutrition Team at 11am
See actual schedule listed below*

August 25th Family Potluck / Preview at 5PM

Last Names A-G Bring a Fruit Dish

Last Names H-M bring 2 bags/boxes of chips/crackers

Last Name N-S bring a salad or veggie tray

Last Name T-Z bring deserts

REGULAR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

(During School Year)

Mon, Tue, and Thurs.
2:45PM to 5:30PM

Regular Rehearsals start Monday, August 28
Please contact one of the directors prior to all absences!

Group announcements will begin at 5:10 PM every rehearsal.
Parents are invited to attend.



Marching Band GAME DAY SCHEDULE

GAME DAY FRIDAYS ONLY

1:30 school ends- Students go home

2:15 Semi Trailer leaves for Stadium

2:45 **Loading Crew** unloads at Fran Rish Stadium

5:00 PM Arrive for Dinner /Dress

(get into bibbers - guard full dress

5:45 - Stretch/Basics Block

6:15 Full Music Warmup

6:45 Coats on

Games start at 7:00 - Halftime show approximately 8:00PM

SEASON CALENDAR

*Marching Band Camp

Aug-14 (8-11AM) *All Freshman, Newbies, Section Leaders, All Percussion, All Guard*

8-14 (11-12) Lunch *ALL MB Members*

8-14 (12-5 PM) *ALL MB Members*

8/15-18 (8-5) *ALL MB Members*

8-21 *Falcon Prep Day - NO MB CAMP*

8/22-25 *ALL MB Members*

8-25 (5-7 PM) *MB Booster Potluck and Show and Tell*

9-1 - Football HT (Brass cookies)

9-16 - Booster Music Fundraiser

9-22 - Football HT (Woodwind cookies)

9-23 - Saturday Rehearsal 10-4

9-30 - Saturday Rehearsal 10-4

10-7 Cavalcade (Kennewick HS)

10-13 - Football HT (Percussion cookies)

10-21 - Harvest Festival (Ike HS)

10-27 - Football HT (Guard Cookies)

10-28 -WSU Festival (WSU)

11-11 - Veteran's Day Parade **IMPORTANT**

MARCHING BAND EXPENSES

Sample Payment Plan

Summer Fundraising Earns \$50

August - \$100 (Band Camp)

Coca Cola Fundraising \$50

September 1 - \$75

October 1 - \$75

Total Season

Fee

\$350

To pay fees go to
hanfordfalcons.org

Students may pay all fees prior to the activity in one lump sum. To pay fees go to www.hanfordfalcons.org. (Students may also pay using the suggested payment plan above). If you have financial issues or questions, please contact your directors early. ***ALL Fees must be paid for marching band by OCTOBER 1st in order to participate in competitions.***

Other Marching Band Equipment Needs

Rehearsals: Water bottle (1/2+ gallon preferred), Hat, Sunglasses, Sunscreen (Please wear athletic clothes including athletic shorts, socks and shoes. Jeans are not considered athletic attire)

Performances: (Winds and Percussion) Long-sleeved Black Under Armour Shirt (or equivalent), Tight-fitting shorts to go under uniform without showing through and Long Black Socks with Black Marching Shoes.

Colorguard - TBD Occasionally, color guard members are asked to purchase another piece of their performance attire like tights or undergarments. Since we don't know their performance attire yet for this show, we don't know if they will need anything.

Need to raise some money? Check out
www.hanfordmusic.org for fundraising updates!

Marching Dot Contract

I, _____ (print name) am committed to participate in the 2017 Hanford Marching Band.

I wish to play the _____ (instrument or guard), but I could also play the _____ (instrument/guard).

I understand that Marching Band is an activity that lasts approximately three months (Mid August to Mid November) and am committed to participate in the entire season. If I terminate my position after the drill has been written, the drill will be re-written and I will be responsible for a \$150 re-write fee. I also may be responsible for paying all or part of my individual marching band fees (as outlined in the HHS marching band handbook). I also understand that if I miss a festival or band camp, I still have the responsibility of paying all fees. I affirm that I have read and understand the material in this Hanford High School marching band handbook and am willing to abide by its expectations. Signed:

Student Name (print) _____ Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Name (print) _____ Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Email address: _____

Parent Email address: _____

T - Shirt Size: _____ Student Phone #: _____

This form may be emailed to Mr. Newbury (russell.newbury@rsd.edu) or returned in hard-copy to the HHS band room office. (Scan or take a picture of it with your phone and email it!) Incoming freshmen may return this to their Middle School teachers who will forward it to Mr. Newbury.

SEASON COST: \$350.00

Students may pay all fees prior to the activity in one lump sum. See the Marching Band Handbook for alternative payment schedules.

To pay fees go to www.hanfordfalcons.org.

Rules and Regulations

Purpose and goals of the Hanford High School Marching Band

Community-wide

1. To promote school spirit by providing entertainment at sporting events, school, and community functions
2. To be role models in school and the community
3. To develop a sense of good sportsmanship toward other students, bands, cheerleaders, fans, and officials

Program-wide

4. To compete at the highest level
5. To learn leadership and team-building skills, commitment, responsibility, goal-setting, perseverance, etc.
6. To have fun within excellence

Required Activities

1. Perform during all home football games
2. Attend marching band camp
3. Attend all rehearsals
4. Compete at all marching Competitions
5. Participate in group fundraisers
6. Participate in other sanctioned band or section gatherings

Expenses

(See expenses sheet for details)

Fundraising

1. If team members choose not to participate with team fundraisers, we ask them to find other ways to recoup what they may have earned.
2. (see www.hanfordmusic.org for details)

Attendance and Practice Schedule

1. Marching Band members must attend ***all*** scheduled practices, games, competitions and events. If a member needs to miss an event for personal reasons, this must be cleared by the director ***at least two weeks*** before the event. For medical issues, members must communicate with a coach/director before the event and bring a written doctor's note. It is highly encouraged to make all appointments on days we do not have scheduled practices (Wednesday's and Friday's). If a pattern develops you may be suspended from the team for a determinate period or your dot may be re-written or given to another member. This could include being suspended from a performance or trip or paying a drill re-writing fee.
2. Unexcused absences may result in probation, suspension or dismissal from the team. Failure to communicate with the director or coach for absences including position termination will result in a \$150 drill re-write fee. These students may also be required to pay their full season Marching Band fee. Failure to communicate and handle financial responsibilities at termination will ensure these fees remain on a student account.
3. **You may not have unexcused absences from practices the week of a performance. Absences will make a student ineligible to travel and/or perform.**
4. Showing up late or leaving early from an event without permission could constitute a missed event, and you may not be able to participate in the next event. This includes football games.
5. Some members will naturally learn sets and music faster than others. If you are having trouble learning the show, it is your responsibility to practice at home (or use the field after rehearsal). Coaches or section leaders may also help you, so ask for it if necessary. If the coach or director does not feel you are ready to perform, you will be pulled from the performance.
6. We may have volunteer or part-time coaches. You are expected to listen and take their comments seriously. They are helping us become the best team we can be.
7. If a member is suspended or quits the team for any reason, the remaining balance for any materials or fees will still be the responsibility of the member. If the member is suspended or quits the team after the drill has been written, they are also subject to a drill rewriting fee of \$150.



Transportation

1. Members are responsible for getting themselves to and from all practices, events, games or bus pick-up
2. We will travel as a team to competitions, except for the competition in the Tri-Cities.
3. At times, parents may choose to transport their child home from a competition. While this is not recommended (it detracts from our team unity), it is sometimes a necessity. Please notify the director at least two weeks prior to the competition by writing a simple email. Then, after the band is completely finished with their events, the student and parent/guardian must "sign-out" the student with either a director or the head chaperone. While this may be inconvenient, it is done according to district policy and for the safety of the student and director.

Uniforms

1. The uniforms must be kept clean, and in the trailer at all times.
2. Wearing jewelry, including body piercing, is not allowed (practices, games, or performances).
3. Hair must be tied up and back at all times.
4. No visible body tattoos are allowed.
5. Chewing gum is not permitted.
6. If the band is in full uniform, everyone needs to be completely in full uniform.
7. If the band is in half uniform, everyone needs to be completely in half uniform.
8. There is a NO-TALKING policy when wearing a shako.
9. Cell-phones are not allowed during marching practice or when in uniform.
10. No food or drink other than water may be consumed when in uniform unless specified by a director.

Games and Events

1. It is expected that a member stays at an event for the duration of the event. (Including football games).
2. If a student is too sick to stay for the duration of the event, the director will decide if they will be able to perform.
3. We are a team and therefore will arrive and leave at the same time.
4. The band and color guard sit in sections at football games – no exceptions.
5. No non-team members are allowed to sit with the band during games (safety reasons).
6. Students are to play their instrument the entire game. Switching is not allowed.
7. Students may not leave the stands at a game while in uniform. If there is a reason not to be in the stands, it must be cleared with the director.
8. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that their instrument is in good working condition at all times. If an instrument is in the shop for whatever reason, the student is still responsible for their attendance and should find another instrument to play.
9. All situations will be dealt with on an individual basis. See the directors for more information.

Actions Unbecoming of a Marching Band Member

1. Members will not use offensive language!
2. Members will not show signs of inappropriate affection.
3. Members will not participate in or encourage unsportsmanlike conduct.
4. There is no tolerance for drugs, alcohol or tobacco.
5. School ASB Rules and penalties will be followed.
6. **Members will not miss rehearsals and/or performances.**

*Any violations, including but not limited to the above mentioned standards, will result in disciplinary action as determined by the coach, director and/or administration.



Frequently Asked Questions

Why do you want all freshmen in marching band?

The entire band program here at Hanford is a large family of students (almost 10% of the school). Unlike the daily class routine, marching band provides many more opportunities for students to learn more about leadership, goal setting, work ethic, socialization, travel, and competition. The environment that marching band creates is very positive and supportive to all levels of students. Furthermore, there are many more staff members who commit their time to teaching the students. In the regular classroom, there is one teacher, but in marching band, we have between five and twelve teachers working to give each student individual attention. The leadership system we follow also has those student leaders focusing their attention on younger students to support them and help them succeed. It is a win-win situation for all!

Is Marching Band a Class?

Currently, Hanford High School does not offer marching band and color guard for credit. It is an amazing way to build leadership skills and friendships that last a lifetime.

Can I participate if I miss part of camp?

Missing camp is not recommended, however, we understand that there are other activities that are important in a student's life that have conflicting dates or times. It is permissible to miss some of camp for these activities, but they **MUST** be pre-arranged with Mr. Newbury. If a student is a part of the percussion section or color guard, it is much more difficult to make up for your missed time because of the individual nature of the instruction. Students are responsible for all that they miss.

Why does marching band cost so much?

Marching band is a very expensive activity because of equipment and travel needs. The district **DOES** partially support marching band financially, but we have many costs that it **DOES NOT** cover. The following list should give you an idea of what our fee covers: Food for camp and competitions, entrance fees to competitions, camp assistants, equipment such as drum heads and repairs, color guard equipment and choreography, t-shirts, music, drill, travel such as busing and semi truck rental etc.

Who are the section leaders that are contacting me and my student?

Every year, we ask students who have participated in the marching band for at least one year to apply to be drum major, color guard captain, or section leader. These students are responsible for communication during the summer, although you are welcome to email the directors at any time. Student leaders are asked to hold gatherings with all members both at school and off campus. Undoubtedly, you will hear of these events via many methods in their attempt to be thorough.

Does marching band take lots of time?

Many times we hear from parents that marching band takes so much time. It does take time, but usually less than most people originally thought. For instance, where sports teams practice five or six days a week, we have three or four days a week. We also are holding rehearsal right after school this year to help with transportation, and leave as many evenings free for family nights and homework!

What happens if I want to do a fall sport?

Although Mr. Newbury did it in high school, it is unadvisable to participate in a sport at the same time as marching band. There are some cases, however, where a student has sat down together with parents, coaches and directors with the schedules and come up with a compromise. We are willing to compromise; however, it is hard on the entire team when a student misses even a single rehearsal. We do not suggest doing a sport at the same time as marching band.

Why do you require the dot contract?

A dot is the marking on the marching drill that is associated with each member of the band. When we hire a drill writer, we communicate with them the exact amount of participants to write for so that the drill works well and is uniquely ours. Each time a student is added to or drops out of the band, the drill writer must re-write the drill to fill in visual gaps. They charge us for their time.

Do I need to be in concert band to be in Marching Band?

Every member of the marching band should be in their respective concert band or percussion ensemble class. There are rare cases where students could not fit in the class due to a schedule conflict with CBC or Worked Based Learning, but it is generally asked that each member be in their band class. We share important information in all classes on a daily basis, even the days where we do not meet as a marching band. Color Guard tends to be the exception.

What Instrument should I play?

Sometimes students play several instruments and choosing their marching instrument is difficult. Mr. Newbury will assist those students in question by filling standard marching instruments first. We do not march baritone saxophones or bass clarinets in our band because we find that is a safety issue for students and the instruments. Usually these members are asked to play either tuba or tenor saxophone.

As a freshman, can I be in the battery?

Yes, freshmen can be in the battery, but we recommend that they first be a member of the front ensemble. The battery is one of the most competitive parts of marching band, so naturally it is filled with the best and most experienced players. As a member of the pit, freshmen get the same experience in the marching band and can develop their hands.



Fundraising

Phone Book Delivery - contact Carol Crowell carol.crowell@rsd.edu

DATC Ticket Sales - contact Michelle Fickle michelle.fickle@rsd.edu

Summer Car Washes - contact Julie Lowry loweryjulie51@gmail.com

Coca Cola Case Sale - Fall/Spring: contact Amy Tycksen tycksens@gmail.com

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