

July 29, 2010

Dear Golden Hawks Regiment Member,

Congratulations, you have decided to join one of the most visible organizations on the campus of Holly Springs High School, The Golden Hawks Regiment. The summer seems to go by more quickly every year. And although no one is ready to go back to school, the changing of the calendar and the increasing temperatures and humidity mean that only one thing is getting ready to begin. BAND CAMP ☺

Speaking of Band Camp, it is right around the corner. Starts Tuesday, August 3, at 8 AM. The schedule is posted on the website [www.goldenhawksband.org](http://www.goldenhawksband.org) on the calendar page. Attendance at camp is mandatory, unless previous arrangements have been made. Some additional dates are listed below.

August 5 – Flight Academy (this is a change from previously announced day of 10<sup>th</sup>. All involved need to attend **Session II which is in the afternoon. Administration has already been notified.**

August 9 – Color Guard Meeting 7:30 P.M.

August 16 - Band Booster Meeting 7:00 P.M.

August 17 – Senior and Junior returning marcher uniform fittings (winds and percussion only) 2:00-3:30

August 18 – Sophomore returning marcher uniform fitting (winds and percussion only) 2:00-3:30 P.M.

August 19 – Band Council Camp with Scott Lang at Sanderson HS (Required to attend) 1:00-5:00 P.M.

August 20 – Parent Preview and dinner

August 23 – New marcher uniform fitting (winds and percussion) 10:00 – 12:00 P.M.

August 25 – School Starts

I am pleased to announce that we have the following individuals on staff this season. Music Arrangements have been done by Erik Harris. Mr. Harris is band director at Northern Nash High School in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. He has been the arranger for the Golden Hawks Regiment for two seasons. The Northern Nash Wind Ensemble was one of 16 bands nationally to perform at the Music for All Concert Festival this past spring. This is the second time they have received this honor. Additionally, they have performed at the North Carolina Music Educators Association Conference. Mr. Harris was a member of the 1992 World Champion Drum Corps The Cavaliers. Shawn Marcinowski and Alex Aucoin return as our percussion instructors. Shawn is a graduate of Athens Drive High School and the North Carolina School of the Arts. Alex is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin University and the North Carolina School of the Arts. Our drill is being completed by Andy Hudson. Mr. Hudson lives in Clayton, NC. His drills have been performed by several bands on the regional and national level including Clayton, Northern Nash, and Bassett High Schools. He also was the guard designer for First Flight, which was a 2010 Independent World Finalist. Linh Schladweiler will be returning with us as Visual Caption Head. Linh is a resident of Holly Springs and a graduate of Northern Nash High School and NC State University. During his marching band days, Linh played the baritone and was a member of the 1992 and 1995 World Champion Drum Corps The Cavaliers. Rebecca Hayes returns as guard instructor. She led the 2009 Winter Guard to a silver medal in their inaugural season in the Atlantic Indoor Association.

I hope you are as excited as I am with the individuals who will be involved with our production this year. Our music will include Noisy Wheels of Joy, Conjunction Junction, Hide and Seek and an originally composed closer. You can get more information as it becomes available on our website, [www.goldenhawksband.org](http://www.goldenhawksband.org).

I would also encourage parents to join the Band Booster Organization. This parent group has been influential in the development of our award winning program. Our first meeting is on August 16, at 7:00 in the band room. Currently the executive board only has a secretary and a treasurer. We still need to fill the positions of President, First Vice-President, and Second Vice-President. These three positions alone really help steer the program in a positive direction as they are responsible for running meetings, conducting fundraisers, and organizing the parents needed to help run this machine effectively. Thank you in advance to Joyce Bubar and Pam Bagwell who are helping in volunteer organization and uniforms respectively, even though their terms of office have past. Thank you also to Sandy Mueller, Brenda O'Hara, Charlie and Margie Dew, Garrett Nigg, Kathy Fishel, and Michael Brown who are heading up various positions and

committees. This is a great start, but we need more help, particularly on the executive board. Parents of sophomores-seniors can serve in an officer capacity, and I would encourage you to do so.

It is very important that you download both the Student Health History Form and Hold Harmless Agreement form found on our website. Both forms need to be notarized (you may copy front to back) and turned in on the first day of camp. This is to protect your student in the event an emergency should occur. These are located in the documents section of our website. These forms are taken to the practice field with us and to all games and competitions. The information on these forms especially about allergies helps our parent volunteers during the week we serve lunch and dinner during camp. Again, it is **VERY IMPORTANT** that I have these forms filled out and **Notarized** when you report to camp on the first day. Additional forms needed are the 1713c, Photography/Video Release, Personal Property Waiver. Students will not be allowed on the field on August 6, if these forms have not been turned in. Students who will be playing a school wind instrument (piccolo, tenor/bari sax, mellophone, baritone, sousaphone) need to download the instrument loan agreement form and bring it to their first rehearsal filled out with as much information as possible and signed by a parent. Peter Mueller will be issuing instruments on Tuesday and Wednesday to those who have these forms. Parents, you may sign this form in his presence after the other information has been filled in if you prefer. This will take place at the beginning of rehearsal on these days. Returning members will need to have all past repair invoices cleared prior to receiving an instrument.

The fair share assessment for this season is \$460. This money offsets the cost of instructors, music, drill, equipment, food for camp, transportation and other necessities needed to make this season a success. It is called a fair share, because every member is expected to do their part. Some areas of the band cost more (color guard and percussion) to be productive, but every section plays a vital role in the success of organization as a whole. As in the past, scholarships are available on an individual basis. No child will be denied participation due to lack of funding, however, it is important that those families contact me as soon as possible. Students may also contribute to their account by participating in the many fund raisers that we sponsor, or you may choose to pay an additional \$100. (more information to be provided on August 16). In order to keep our costs low, while our expectations and vision high, we need everyone to become involved and do their part. The payments of fair share will be divided into 4 payments. At this point, every member should have sent their commitment form and a deposit for \$100. The second payment of \$150 is due the first day of camp (August 3). If you have not done so, this is **PAST DUE AND NEEDS TO BE TURNED IN NOW**. This information is posted on the website along with a calendar for the season (Golden Hawks Regiment link). We ask for the third payment of \$105 by September 1, and the final payment of \$105 by October 1. Please write checks out to HSHS Band Boosters. Please note that shoes and gloves are not included in the fair share. We are using the Dinkles Vanguard marching shoe (guard will have a different one) this year, and long wristed cotton (flutes and clarinets) and sure-grip gloves (saxophones and brass). Sousaphone players will also wear berets. Students are required to purchase a pair of shoes and gloves. A separate check should be written to cover these items and is due on August 16. More information regarding uniform accessories will be coming shortly.

The estimated breakdowns of where your fair share dollars are going are as follows:

\$250 – Instruction/music/guard costumes/drill/props, etc.

\$45 – Band Camp food

\$80 - supplies, gas, bus drivers, transportation, etc.

\$25 – field materials and light rental

\$35 – new uniform fund

\$10 – any uniform alterations and cleanings

\$12 – Band T-Shirt

Items needed for camp:

1. Fair Share 1<sup>st</sup> payment of \$100 and 2<sup>nd</sup> payment of \$150 (by August 3) to HSHS Band Boosters (a form will be on the website to download).
2. Notarized Health Form and Hold Harmless Agreement form (on website under documents)  
This is a mandatory requirement for each member and we must have it during camp
4. Apparel – shorts (**no pants, sweats, or jeans**), a light colored t-shirt, socks, and tennis shoes (sandals, crocs, and flip flops are not permitted during marching rehearsals)

5. Water Jug (2 quarts or larger) with water and/or Gatorade. (Camel packs are good also). We will also have large water coolers on the field at all times.
6. 3 ring binder with protector sheets to store music in. Flip folders for stands music.
7. Pencils/highlighter
8. String for your dot books (long shoe strings work great) to tie around your waist. Dot books will be provided for you and are required at every marching band rehearsal.
9. Instruments and/or accessories in great working condition.
10. Hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen, sunscreen, sunscreen!
11. Snacks. Lunch and dinner are provided during Week I on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Lunch only on Thursday.
12. A case of water (we use these on game days and other performances)
13. GREAT ATTITUDE

I believe that is it for now. More information will be provided at the August 16 Band Booster meeting. Please plan to attend. If there are any questions, please email me.

Musically yours,

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