

Holly Springs High School Golden Hawks Band



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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 happening right now. We started Tuesday, August 2, with leadership training for our fabulous Band Council. Over the past three days, we have conducted our pre-camp, learning basic marching fundamentals, and how to conduct ourselves as a member of the Golden Hawks Regiment. On Monday, we begin our full camp. This will be the first time that the 70 member group will rehearse with all three components of Guard, Percussion, and Winds. The schedule is posted on the website 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 9 - Band Booster Meeting 7:00 P.M.

August 16 – Senior returning marcher uniform fitting (winds and percussion only) 2:00-4:00 P.M.

August 17 – Junior returning marcher uniform fitting (winds and percussion only) 2:00-4:00 P.M.

August 18 – Sophomore returning marcher uniform fitting (winds and percussion only) 1:00-3:00 P.M.

August 18 – Band Council Camp with Scott Lang at Sanderson HS (Required to attend) 5:00-8:00 P.M.

August 22 – New marcher uniform fitting (winds and percussion) 2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

August 23 – New marcher uniform fitting (winds and percussion) 2:30-4:30 P.M.

August 25 – School Starts

I am pleased to announce that we have the following individuals on staff this season. Music Arrangements are being completed by Creative Solutions/Gary Gilroy Productions and Erik Harris. Shawn Marcinowski is our percussion instructor. Shawn is a graduate of Athens Drive High School and the North Carolina School of the Arts. Our drill is being completed by Austin Greene. Mr. Greene is the former Director of Bands at Durham School of the Arts. He attended Western Carolina University, where he earned his B.S.Ed. in Music Education in 2003, and the University of Connecticut, earning his Master of Music in Conducting in 2006. He was a member and soloist of the world champion Cadets Drum & Bugle Corps from 2000-2002. Mr. Greene is an active composer, drill writer, and consultant for numerous high schools and universities throughout the Southeast and New England, including Sanderson, Clinton, Wakefield, Kennesaw Mountain (GA), and University of Connecticut. He is in regular demand as a clinician and adjudicator for concert and marching ensembles and serves as an adjunct instructor at the Dublin Institute of Technology's National Conservatory of Music in Dublin, Ireland. Jesse Rackley will be serving in the roll of Music Caption Head. A native of North Carolina, he is a free lance trombone and euphonium performer and educator in eastern North Carolina. He is currently the second trombonist of the Tar River Philharmonic and principal euphonium of the Triangle Brass Band. Mr. Rackley is the Music Director of the Triangle Youth Brass Ensemble. The TYBE is a high school aged British style brass band that is open to the very best brass players in the central North Carolina area through recommendation and audition. TYBE performs at the Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Raleigh and draws its repertoire from standard and contemporary British brass band literature as well as arrangements and transcriptions of wind band and orchestral works. Since its inception, the TYBE has already established a tradition of excellence in performing. The TYBE attended the North Atlantic Brass Band Association Championships competing in the new Youth Open Section, winning 1st place in 2007, 2008 and 2009. They participated in the open section in 2010. As a teacher, Mr. Rackley maintains a large and active private studio of over 20 students throughout eastern North Carolina. His students consistently receive top honors in the NC All-District and All-State Bands and participate in various music camps and summer festivals. He regularly travels the state giving brass fundamental clinics and working with many local middle and high school bands. He is currently the brass instructor with some of North Carolina's most active band programs. Linh Schladweiler will be assisting as a consultant and marching tech, after serving as Visual Caption Head from 2007-2010. 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 Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps. Rebecca Hayes enters her fifth year as guard instructor. She led the 2009 Winter Guard to silver medal in their inaugural season in the Atlantic Indoor Association, and has been instrumental in the quality growth of the guard program.

I hope you are as excited as I am with the individuals who will be involved with our production this year, entitled НОЧЬ Musique, which means Night Music and is a collection of melodies based on compositions by Modest Mussorgsky, Camille Saint Saens, and J.S. Bach. This will be yet another shift in the show productions of the Holly Springs Band Program.

All of the parents/guardians of the band members are invited to join the us at the first meeting of the Band Parents Organization on Tuesday, August 9, at 7:00 P.M. in the auditorium. This year, all parents/guardians automatically become members after the first payment of their child's fair share. Provided fair share payments are up to date, you will continue this active membership until your child graduates or is no longer a member of the band program. The membership dues of the past have been discontinued. We encourage all of our parents to be active participants as there are many areas of need in support of this large and successful band program.

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 no later than Monday, August 8. 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 Monday, August 8. Additional forms needed are the 1713c, Photography/Video Release, Personal Property Waiver. Students will not be allowed on the field on August 8, if these forms have not been turned in.

The fair share assessment for this season is \$485. 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, financial aid is 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. 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 \$185 is due by August 5. 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 \$100 by September 1, and the final payment of \$100 by October 3. 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 your fitting day. More information regarding uniform accessories will be coming shortly.

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

\$340 – Instruction/music/guard costumes/drill/props, etc.

\$36 – Band Camp food

\$60 - supplies, gas, bus drivers, transportation, etc.

\$25 – new uniform fund

\$12 – any uniform alterations and cleanings

\$12 – Band T-Shirt

Items needed for camp:

1. Fair Share 1st payment of \$100 and 2nd payment of \$185 (by August 5) 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.
3. 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)
4. Water Jug (2 quarts or larger) with water. (Camel packs are good also). We will also have large water coolers on the field at all times.
5. 3 ring binder with protector sheets to store music in. Flip folders for stands music.
6. Pencils/highlighter

7. Instruments and/or accessories in great working condition.
8. Hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen, sunscreen, sunscreen!
9. A case of water (we use these on game days and other performances)
10. GREAT ATTITUDE

I believe that is it for now. More information will be provided at the August 9 Band Booster meeting. Please plan to attend. If there are any questions, please email or call me.

Musically yours,

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