



Holly Springs High School Golden Hawks Band

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GRADUATION BAND INFORMATION

Date – Saturday, June 9, 2012

Time – 4:00 P.M.

Location – Raleigh Convention Center

Schedule

1:00 – Arrive at Holly Springs High School
(rear of the school by band room/concert attire)

1:15 – Load large equipment on Bus 2

1:30 – Depart for Progress Energy Center

2:15 – Arrive at Progress Energy Center

2:30 – Set up seating area/use restrooms if needed

2:45 – Begin Rehearsal

3:40 – Prelude Concert

4:00 – Graduation Begins

- Fanfare and Processional

5:15 – Graduation Ends

- The Golden Vanity

5:45 – Depart

6:30-6:45 – Arrive at HSHS and dismiss

(all school wind instruments must be left in band room for summer repairs)

Attire

Ladies

Wind Ensemble Dresses (make sure they are pressed)
(earrings; necklaces; closed toe min. 2 inch heels/hosiery)
Concert Band Blouse and Skirt (make sure they are pressed)
(no jewelry except one ring and stud or small hoop earrings)
(closed toe heels or flats/hosiery)

Gentleman

Wind Ensemble Tux
Concert Band attire
Black Shoes
Black Socks
Black Bow Tie
White pressed dress or tux shirt

Important Information Pertaining to the Graduation Ceremony

1. All band members are expected to attend and participate in the graduation band, unless you are a graduating senior, junior marshal, non-performing percussionist, or have been excused by Mr. B due to family events. In the case of the later, the alternate performance part of the exam will consist of the 12 major scales and arpeggios from memory.
2. Proper attire is of the utmost importance. This is an important dignified event. Ladies and gentleman, it is important that you wear the proper clothing and most especially shoes, hosiery, and proper jewelry. Because of our location during the ceremony, everyone will be able to see us. Let us look our best. Percussionists will not be wearing the tux jacket. Hats, sunglasses, etc. of any kind are not allowed.
3. Raleigh Convention Center will not allow anyone to enter the facility with flowers in glass vases, signs, balloons, noise makers, or wrapped packages.
4. During the ceremony, no individuals will be allowed out of their seats to take pictures or move closer to the stage. You can turn to watch the graduates receive their diplomas; however, you may not talk, make comments, or chat with your friends.
5. Students who are non-compliant and disruptive during the commencement exercises or rehearsal will FAIL the performance component of the final exam.
6. Cat-calling, yelling out names, whistling, pranks of any kind, etc. during the graduation will distract from the ceremony and will not be tolerated. Any band member partaking in these types of things will FAIL the performance component of the final exam.
7. Gum chewing will not be tolerated. Food and drinks are also not permitted in Memorial Auditorium.
8. All electronic devices must be OFF. THIS MEANS OFF, NOT IN SILENCE OR VIBRATE MODE. You are not allowed to use your phone as a camera at any point during the ceremony.
9. Purses and handbags are not permitted during the graduation ceremony. For those of you who will be driving to school, we will leave your wallets (drivers license) locked up in the band room. For those of you leaving with your parents (sibling graduation), please make arrangements with them to hold your items during the ceremony.
10. **ALL SCHOOL RULES APPLY FOR GRADUATION. IF YOU DO NOT ABIDE BY THE RULES, YOU WILL FAIL THE PERFORMANCE PART OF THE EXAM.**

Band Related Information for the Graduation Ceremony

1. We will depart promptly at 1:30 P.M. Please plan accordingly. Students who play larger instruments will need to load them on to the bus prior to departure. I will be here at 1:00 P.M. Plan accordingly. Any student, who misses the bus, will have to be transported to Memorial Auditorium themselves. If you arrive after 2:30, you will not perform, and thus FAIL the performance component of the final exam.
2. All percussionists are responsible for auxiliary equipment (triangles, tambourines, beaters, mallets, cymbals, etc.) These items must be placed in a container and loaded on the bus. You are responsible for returning items to HSHS. **DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING AT MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM.**
3. Band Members will need to arrange the seats and rows to fit our set-up. Please refer to the concert seating chart that will be available in the band room on your exam day and also at the beginning of the rehearsal.
4. There are 75 stands provided. We have about 100 members. Percussionists will need extra. If at all possible, please share with your stand partner. Chairs and stands will need to be returned quickly after the ceremony **EXACTLY** in the way we found them.
5. All music will be placed in a container/box prior to leaving HSHS. The folders will clearly be marked by instrument and part. It is the section leader's responsibility to make sure all folders are passed out at the graduation ceremony, and collected afterwards. **DO NOT KEEP THE MUSIC.**
6. At the conclusion of the ceremony, our band needs to clean up, pack up, and depart Raleigh Convention Center as quickly as possible.
7. All band members who have *senior siblings graduating*; you will be excused at the conclusion of the ceremony in the care of your parents. **You DO NOT HAVE TO RIDE THE BUS BACK.** Please make sure I have a note in writing (parent signature) stating this fact by the rehearsal of graduation, preferably on your written exam day. **Only band members who have senior siblings will be allowed to leave with their parents. Everyone else is expected to ride the bus unless it has been approved by Mr. Biasi prior to the graduation ceremony.**
8. We will not be stopping for food. Please eat before you come to the school, and enough to hold you over until 6:30-6:45.
9. Upon returning to Holly Springs HS, all instruments that belong to the school will need to stay in the band room for their annual repairs. If you are leaving with your parents at the ceremony (see #7), please make arrangements with another band member to have your instrument returned. If you want an instrument for the summer, please let Mr. Biasi know. Music and Arts will put a rush on your repair if needed. This includes those attending summer music camps.

EXAM GRADE BREAKDOWN

1. Written Exam	50 Points
2. Performance Exam (Graduation or. Alt. scale exam)	50 Points
3. Roll Call 1:15 AM (late for roll call)	-20 Points
4. Missing music, percussion equipment, instruments	-30 Points
5. Talking during rehearsal or ceremony	-20 Points
6. Yelling out names or other items (#4, 5, 6)	-20 Points
7. Inappropriate clothing or jewelry (refer to the attire section)	-30 Points
8. Wrinkled clothing	-20 Points
9. Electronic Devices on during ceremony	-40 Points
10. Failure to attend graduation if required	-50 Points
11. Dismissed because of discipline	-50 Points

Band members, thank you in advance for your participation in the graduation ceremony. It is often said that the band is the first to arrive at the beginning of the year, and the last to leave at the end of the year. I appreciate your sacrifice to ensure a meaningful ceremony not only for our 24 seniors of the HSHS Band Program, but also the 400+seniors in the graduating class of 2012. Please make sure you read and understand the above information. Any questions can be directed to me personally or via email at mbiasi@wcpss.net. Again, thank you for your participation and thank you for a wonderful year. Have a safe and relaxing summer, and let's do it again in 2012-2013.

Mr. B