



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 right around the corner. Guard and Percussion Pre-Camps begin on Monday. Rookie camp for takes place on Wednesday, July 31. This is for all new wind performers. Percussionists and guard members need not attend. Full camp begins on August 1. This is for All members. On the schedule, All means Winds, Percussionists, and Guard members. A full camp schedule can be found on the band website at this link
<https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/calendar.asp?cb=7659560>

Over the next few weeks, we will learn basic marching fundamentals, how to conduct ourselves as a member of the Golden Hawks Regiment, and begin the staging of our production. On Thursday, we begin our full camp. This will be the first time that the 90 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.

July 30 - Band Booster Meeting 7:00 PM (Go Play Save Books, Snap Fundraiser, Info. on Salamanders and Farmer's Market)

August 3 – Senior returning marcher uniform fitting (winds and percussion only) 8:00-9:30 AM.

August 3 – Junior returning marcher uniform fitting (winds and percussion only) 9:30-11:00 AM

August 3 – Sophomore returning marcher uniform fitting (winds and percussion only) 11:00-12:30 PM

August 3 – New marcher uniform fitting (winds and percussion) 12:30 – 2:00 P.M.

August 3 - Performance and outing at the Holly Springs Salamanders game (select members)

August 22 - Meet the Teacher Night - NO REHEARSAL

August 23 - First Performance v.s. Athens Drive - Parent Preview BBQ Dinner prior to the game

August 26 – School Starts

.It is so AWESOME to hear that in only a few hours, we had a full ensemble of junior and seniors to perform at the Salamanders game next Saturday evening. Last year, we had over 100 people attend this fun-filled outing with the band family. We anticipate another large crowd this year. Thank you to Mrs. Powers for organizing this event for us.

Prior to arriving to band camp, please make sure you have consulted the band handbook found on the website, under member documents.

It has last years booster dates (these will be updated by Tuesday's meeting), however, all of the information As I have the honor of directing our fine program for the fourteenth year, it has been a true blessing to work with so many talented young performing artists and parents as we have built a "Tradition of Excellence". In our first competitive season, we captured a class championship with a little over 40 members . Since then, many other honors have followed, including our first Grand Championship in 2008, sixth place finish at Cary Band Day (35 bands) in 2013, ninth place finish at Cary (41 bands) 2014, fourth place finish at Havelock (23 bands) in 2016, and a runner-up finish at Scotland in 2017 and Middle Creek in 2018. We have also performed in the Disney World parade twice (2013 and 2017), at Appalachian State, the USBands North Carolina Championship and CrownBeat sponsored by Carolina Crown Drum Corps. Last season, we attended our first Bands of America Regional in Georgia, finishing only four spots away from making Finals. This season, we are returning to

Havelock to close our season, while also making our first ever appearances at Wakefield and South View High Schools. We are also performing at the Bands of America Regional in Lynchburg, Virginia on the campus of Liberty University.

There will be many opportunities to support your band this year. We have several committee positions and other behind the scenes jobs that are all important in order to guarantee a successful season. If interested, please let a board member know either by email or contacting them at our meeting on Tuesday.

In addition to being surrounded by young adults who have bought into our concepts of delivering a unique, entertaining, and competitive product each season, I have been surrounded by phenomenal staff members, who bring vast experiences and passion to the activity. Their experiences in the “real” world and ability to connect with students has allowed us to grow. I continue to learn so much from them and am humbled to be able to work with them and consider them friends as well.

This year, our staff are as follows:

Musical Arranger - Jesse Rackley

Jesse, is the Director of Carolina Gold Drum Corps, the artistic director of the Triangle Youth Brass Bands, and conductor of the Watson Brass Band.. He has been our arranger for seven years, and also arranges for Green Hope and Green Level. A graduate of East Carolina University and Northern Nash High School, he an accomplished tenor trombonist, euphoniumist, and educator. He is the Principal Trombone of the Fayetteville Symphony and Tar River Philharmonic and second trombone with the Carolina Philharmonic. He performs regularly with the North Carolina Symphony and has performed with the Wilmington symphony, Chamber Orchestra of the Triangle, Durham Symphony and Eastern Music Festival Orchestra. Jesse was the winner of the 2009 and 2007 Southeast Regional Tuba Euphonium Conference’s solo euphonium competition, runner up in the 2002 International Tuba Euphonium Conference’s Young Artist solo competition, semi-finalist in the 2002 Leonard Falcone International Tuba Euphonium Competition, and was the winner of the 2002 NC Governor’s School Concerto Competition.

Percussion Arranger - James Boyce

While freelance percussion teaching and composing is a passion, Jim's career has been in public education. From 2006 to 2010, he taught band at Havelock Middle School in Havelock, NC where his ensembles consistently received excellent and superior ratings. From 2010-2013, Jim was the Assistant Director of Bands and the Percussion Director at Northern Nash High School in Rocky Mount, NC. While in this position, the percussion program was honored to perform twice with the East Carolina University Percussion studio, receive a gold medal at the 2011 Atlantic Indoor Association Championships, win their class at the 2012 Spartanburg WGI Regional, receive silver medals at the 2012 and 2013 Atlantic Indoor Association Championships, and perform at the 2013 NC Day of Percussion East. Following his tenure at Northern Nash, Jim assisted with the opening of a new middle school and band program in the city of Rocky Mount, NC, serving as the band director and then assistant principal of the school. Throughout his teaching career, Jim also taught privately, having multiple students participate in the NC All-State Bands and go on to major in music at prominent universities. Currently, Jim is an assistant principal at Charles E. Jordan High School in Durham, NC.

Director of Percussion - Matt Griffin

Matt Griffin returns for his fourth season as our percussion director. A native of Rocky Mount, he is a graduate of the nationally acclaimed Northern Nash High School band program. Currently, he is a student at Wake Tech. Under his leadership, the percussion section has earned caption championships at Fuquay-Varina and Appalachian State and medaled at all three appearances at the Atlantic Indoor Association Championships.

Visual Designer - Andy Hudson

Andy is a freelance visual designer. He was a member of Carolina Crown Drum and Bugle Corps for four years. Additionally, he has had the pleasure of working with many nationally acclaimed programs in Bands of America, Winter Guard International, and USBands such as Bassett (VA), and Smithfield-Selma, First Flight, and CVP. This is the fifth time, Andy has worked with our program. He was the Visual Designer for *When I was Younger* (2010), *A Light in the Darkness* (2016), *Primary* (2017), and *Winterscapes* last year. Andy was also the designer of our 2019 winter guard production.

Visual Caption Head - Linh Schladweiler

Linh Schladweiler is leading our visual program for the eleventh time. He is a graduate of NC State and Northern Nash High School. He is an Information Technology manager for a law office. 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.

Director of Guard Activities - Luke Olgesby

Luke began his instructing career with Northern Nash High School. In addition to this, he has been on the instructional staffs with Broughton, West Carteret, Wakefield, and Cape Fear High Schools. In 2013, he was named director of the guard program at East Carolina University. In 2014, the Winter Guard program was established. This unit went on to earn medals at the Atlantic Indoor Association Championships, were WGI Regional Finalists, and a WGI World Championship Semi-Finalist in the Independent A class. In 2017, he was on the staff of the Drum Corps International Bronze Medalist Carolina Crown.

In addition to his new position with Holly Springs High School, he is a teacher at Riverdell Elementary (Clayton), and a member of First Flight Independent World Class Winter Guard.

Guard Instructors - **Daniel Adams, Aliyah Echols, John Hickman**

Music/Visual Techs - **Chris Jackson, Avery Gray**

Chris is back for his third full season with the Golden Hawks Regiment. A graduate of Northern Nash High School, he was a brass performer with Carolina Crown Drum Corps.

A graduate from Holly Springs in 2016, Avery is currently a senior at Appalachian State University studying music education. She has served as Appalachian's clarinet section leader and woodwind caption head for two years respectively and serves as the president of the Iota Omicron chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi, a national band fraternity. During her time at Holly Springs, Avery was a member of the Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble. She was also a Golden Hawks Regiment member for four years, serving as Drum Major in 2016.

I hope you are as excited as I am with the individuals who will be involved with our production this year, entitled aRound We Go. Musical Selections include *Spin Me Around, Roller Coaster, Wrapped Around my Finger, and Pyschopomp.*

We are still in need of MANY volunteers to run band camp and our season smoothly. Band Camp meals, being present during rehearsals, assisting the movement of equipment, uniform fittings and distribution, costume production, are just a few of the areas that we really need your help. EVERY parent should be involved in some way. The more parents we have helping, the easier it is, and we do not run the risk of burning anyone out. Our senior parents have the MOST experience and know how to run this machine, however, there are several times during the season, where they will be involved with their senior performer. We need underclassmen parents also. You get the joy of watching our production come to life. It really is incredible how raw it is in August, to the level our kids perform in November. Don't you want to be a part of the ride? The teenage years are tough. Many times, you'll feel like your child doesn't want you around. Deep down, they do. They don't always say it. Four years go by very quickly. Years down the road, you and they will be glad that the family was a part of the band family. In order to volunteer you must be WCPSS approved. Contact Helga Bogardus at helgabogardus@yahoo.com and/or sign up on your Charms account.

All of the parents/guardians of the band members are invited to join us at the first meeting of the Band Parents Organization on Tuesday, July 30, at 7:00 P.M. in the auditorium. 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. 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. There are so many needs of our program, especially during band camp, and **ALL** parents are needed in some form. Even the smallest amount of help on your part, is a big help for our success. We will be reviewing expectations for camp, upcoming schedule, fair share payments, volunteer opportunities, and fundraisers taking place between now and November. It is imperative that **EVERYONE** has a Charms account. There will be an opportunity to sign up this evening, or you can do it yourself, by contacting debbiewysocki@msn.com for an id.

To be prepared for the first day of band camp, **it is very important that you download the and fill out the forms found at this link-** <http://goldenhawksband.org/fund-raising-and-boosters/booster-documents/>

Members will not be allowed to rehearse during band camp without them. The Hold Harmless Agreement form requires a notary. These are required by whatever day is your **FIRST** day of band camp. This is to protect your student in the event an emergency should occur. These forms travel with us throughout the year. If updates occur, please notify the band office. The code of conduct form was due in June. If you already completed this, you do not need to turn this in again. The

information on the last page of the 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 if necessary** when you report to camp on your first day. Additional forms needed are the 1713c, Photography/Video Release, Personal Property Waiver. ***Students will not be allowed to take part in rehearsals without this paperwork.***

The fair share assessment for this season is \$720. 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 fundraisers 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 \$180. **The second payment of \$180 is due by August 1.** 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). 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 Drillmasters marching shoe (guard will have a different package that Luke will share) 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, or you may pay through your charms account. More information regarding uniform accessories will be coming shortly. All items must be PAID for prior to pick-up.

The estimated break-downs of where your fair share dollars are going are as follows (does NOT include competition expenses):

\$300 – Instruction/music/guard costumes/drill/props, etc.

\$135 – Band Camp food

\$270 - travel expenses

\$12 – Band T-Shirt

Items needed for camp:

****Hydrate NOW - Drink plenty of water PRIOR to the first day of camp!**

****Breakfast - Nutritious.** Stay away from large amounts of caffeine, juice, milk products. Historically don't work well in the heat.

1. Fair Share 1st payment of \$180 and 2nd payment of \$180 (by August 1) to HSHS Band Boosters

2. All forms (on website under member 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) ***A shirt must COMPLETELY cover your upper torso.***

Females - This means a shirt. It may be a t-shirt or school appropriate tank shirt; however, you must have a shirt on. A sports bra only is unacceptable.

Males - This means a shirt. It may be a t-shirt or school appropriate tank shirt; however you MUST have a shirt on.

****I know it's HOT. I know soccer and cross-country do not follow these policies consistently. However, I have received many concerns about this in the past, SO we are addressing it before we begin the season.**

Have an extra set of clothes, in case we get caught in the rain.

4. Water Jug (½ gallon) with water. (Camel packs are good also). We will also have large water coolers on the field at all times. These are for refilling only. Please be prepared.

5. 3 ring binder with protector sheets to store music in. Flip folders for stands music.

6. Pencils/highlighter

7. A lanyard to hold your drill dot books. (This can be worn around your neck or waist; however all are REQUIRED to have one) EXCEPTION - Percussion

8. A set of 50 note cards bound together. This will be your dot book. Each card will serve as a page of drill. We will show you how to mark one during camp.

9. Instruments and/or accessories in great working condition.

10. Hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen, sunscreen, sunscreen!

11. Bug Spray. Must be DEET free. (can harm our instruments). Our practice field does have a history of ants. This is treated each year, however, unfortunately, bites do still occur. PLEASE make sure you let Mr. B know if you have an allergy (Remember your medications), and if bitten, you inform a parent chaperone IMMEDIATELY, so that we can get it treated.
12. Sign up for Charms (see above info); Sign up for Remind - 81010 - @hshsghr
12. **GREAT ATTITUDE**

If for any reason, you must miss a portion of camp or are going to be tardy, this needs to be communicated to your captain, Percussion or Guard Instructor if applicable, and Mr. B. This can be done by filling out the electronic Missed Rehearsal Form on the website in the members section, AND calling the band office at 919-577-1444 ext. 23496. An email is great also, however, during camp, Mr. B does not check emails as frequently as he's in rehearsal most of the day.

I believe that is it for now. More information will be provided at the July 30, Band Booster meeting. Please plan to attend. If there are any questions, please email or call me. If you are not receiving information from Charms, please let Mrs. Sevier or Mrs. Powers know at. We will continue to send updates as needed. New Members can contact Julie Hepner at julie@jhps.com as well. She is the chair of New Member Mentoring committee and can help you as well.

Looking forward to a great season.

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