

Parents and Students,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer, getting some sun, maybe doing some fishing, going on a vacation or whatever you do to get away for awhile. This email is kind of a bummer, but it is totally necessary. There are several points I need to cover for your benefit and so you will not be surprised by them when they come up.

- I am attaching Full Fall calendar to the end of this email. Please look at everything, there are some changes you need to know, I changed August 5th as to a full day of rehearsal, and added Friday August 6th as a ½ day plus a Parent Preview, where the students will stand and play some of the stuff they have learned during camp, and a the annual karaoke/dance throw down. Also notice that there is a Meet the Rebels Performance on the 19th after the rehearsal where we will be announced with the football team and possibly the cheerleaders and have a cookout with them. On Friday Sept. 17th we will be having a rehearsal instead of traveling to the North East Jones Football game. The traditional Last Saturday rehearsal will be on the 25th of Sept. because the Perk Competition/Fundraiser will be on Oct. 2.
- Students who need marching shoes (Band and Drums-9th graders and people who lost their shoes) will need to bring a \$42 check or money order made out to Burnham Enterprises on Friday July 30th. He will be sizing students for shoes that morning during our rehearsal.
- Guard students will be required to spend an additional \$50 on their uniform. This can be paid in cash, check, or fundraised.
- All Students will need to pay off their camp fee by the end of Band Camp, which is August 6th, either through payment or through fundraising. If you haven't paid yet the fee is \$150. Budget cuts and other issues have put a strain on us and we cannot afford to even put on camp, pay for the show without this money. Students who do not pay the Camp Fee by the 1st Football Game will not receive a uniform and will not be allowed to march the half-time show until it is paid.
- There will be a \$30 charter bus fee for the trip to State Marching Band Championships on Oct. 23. Each Bus costs us \$1300-\$1400 per day and we will need 4 or 5 of them plus we will feed the students lunch out . That will need to be turned or fundraised by Oct. 15th.

- This is something new to everyone. If you pay the camp fee in cash or check outright, or any expense for that matter, you can fund raise that money back by the end of the semester. We will only do this for any cash payments you have made, any extra you fundraise has to stay in the account, it is against the law to fundraise for a non profit organization and keep the money. So for instance-you pay \$150 for camp on the first day of camp (please do this) and you fundraise \$250 worth over the course of the semester. I will write you a check for your \$150 at the end of the semester if you wish. The other \$100 will stay in the account and will be used towards future expenses; no you cannot receive a check for that. I am doing this because we need you to pay ASAP. We are spending money on your kids right now.
- Music to the 2nd song is on the website- harrisoncentralband.org and you can listen to the music on inspiremusic.com under marching band show, Fast Track.
- If you know of someone not getting these emails, please shoot me their email address back so they can be informed.
- The coke fundraiser will be an ongoing summer fundraiser. Please turn in your order when you come to rehearsal. If you turned in the form last rehearsal, your order will be here on the 21st, before or after rehearsal. If you need another form, you can also pick them up before or after rehearsal.
- Note on the calendar that on July 31st there is a fundraiser in the morning. All Students will be required to participate in the fundraiser. I will assign sections to each event- 3 different Walmart sales, and 1 car wash at AutoZone. ½ will go to the boosters and ½ will go to the students' accounts.
- Parents, if you need to speak to me, please meet with me 30 minutes before rehearsal or immediately after rehearsal. I love teaching your kids and I am unable to do that if I have to meet with parents during rehearsal.
- The drum corp. show has been changed to the 27th Ocean Springs Show. If you and/or your student wish to attend, you need to bring \$15(group price) on the 1st day of camp or during the Monday rehearsals in July. This is not mandatory for Band students, but it is for Guard.

See you at the next rehearsal.

Mr. Garrison,

HCHS Band Director