

THE BULLDOG "BARKER"

HYLTON MARCHING BAND BOOSTER NEWSLETTER

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NOTES FROM MR. PRIESTER

The Hylton High School Marching Bulldawgs season is just around the corner with the start of band camp August 24. Here are a few reminders for getting ready for the camp. Make sure you wear the proper clothes and footwear. No vans or sandals are allowed. There will be water at the camp, but you can also bring your own water. Bring a lunch. You only have an hour and we do not recommend leaving the school campus. You will have enough time to go home for dinner. Make sure you have a pencil for note taking.

As we begin the quest for the 18th VBODA Honor Band, you the student need to be prepared to work hard, practice your music, and practice the marching and music basics. The success of the past

Hylton Honor Bands was dependent upon the competence of the individual band members. As noted in the Selmer Band Manual, "the contribution of each individual can be evaluated in terms of three factors, each of which is necessary for effective participation: Attitude, Skill in Performance and Knowledge." Attitude is the students EQ or Emotional Quotient. Skill in Performance is the students Application Development and Knowledge is the students Intelligence Quotient.

As we begin the marching band and symphonic band season, we need to begin using these factors to be able to maintain the high standard of excellence the Hylton band program has achieved since the inception of the

your family and let us know if there is any information that you do not want to be published.

MANDATORY PARENT MEETING

Every year during Band Camp we hold a mandatory parent meeting. This year's parent meeting



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school. And remember students, these factors can also be used in the classroom, as well as everyday life.

In closing, I leave you with this thought from Nilo Hovey, "The student who merely "plays the notes" cannot possibly play with understanding. He/she must comprehend the language of music in order to speak it properly."

David Priester

will be on Thursday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m.

This is your opportunity to hear about the band from the Executive Board and it's your chance to ask questions. You will hear about ways to volunteer, finalize uniform orders, order spirit wear and get an opportunity to meet the other parents.

Special Points of Interest

- Notes from Mr. Priester
- Band Camp
- Uniforms
- BATO
- Band Schedule

Summer Practices

Sept 1 (7-9)

Sept 3 (7-9)

Band Camp

Aug 24-28

Mandatory Parent meeting
August 27, 7:00 p.m.

Performances

Aug 31—Teacher orientation

Sept 3—Freshman orientation

Sept 4—Home football game

BAND ROSTER

The Hylton Band publishes a complete list of all Marching Band students including their name, parents names, address, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses

Please stop by the Secretary's table at Parents meeting to review the information that we have for



*** BAND CAMP ***

August 24 through August 28.

BAND CAMP IS MANDATORY.

The schedule for each day:

Morning Practice 9:00 am to 12:45 pm

Lunch Break 12:4 to 1:30

Afternoon Practice 1:30 to 4:30 pm

Dinner Break 4:30 to 6:30

Evening Practice 6:30 to 9:00 pm

Note: Mon/Tue Guard is required back at 6:00 p.m.

On Friday, there will be NO evening practice

Students will be required to sign-in for all sessions.

What to wear:

Wear loose clothing in light colors. Leave the jeans and long pants at home, Tennis shoes with socks Hats, Sunglasses, (ladies watch the length of your shorts)

What to Bring:

Lunch, Fruit is also a good thing to bring, Water and/or sports drinks (cold water will be available), Sunscreen, pencil

What to stay away from:

The Hylton band does not allow students to drink Energy Drinks (i.e. Monster) during any band activity.

Watch what you eat in the morning. Stay away from dairy products, especially if it's going to be a hot day.

It will be Hot and we will be outside most of the day

What to do:

- * Put on sunscreen before you come and re-apply during the day.
- * EAT Breakfast And Lunch and Dinner. You will need the energy.
- * Get plenty of sleep.
- * Start hydrating the week before band camp.
- * DO let an adult know if you are feeling sick, dizzy, etc. and Don't push yourself to the point of passing out.
- * DO Drink plenty of water/sports drinks during band camp
- * ***DO NOT LOCK YOUR KNEES when standing at attention.***
- * ***Don't forget your drill sheets, EVER!***

Students should stay on campus for lunch and plan on going home for dinner

(Rest, cool down, hydrate).

Things happening during band camp

You will receive information on the following during band camp.

Participation Fees

Band—\$200; Guard—\$210

due 8/27

Emergency Medical forms due Tuesday, August 25

Pool party sign up and \$- due by 9am 8/28

Orders for shoes, warm ups and gloves are due on 8/27

Friday night family pool party

Friday, Aug 28; 7PM-10PM

Oakridge Swim Club

Cost is \$5 per person to cover pizza, pool and lifeguards.

Sign up and pay by 9am Friday 8/28

Each student should bring one 2-liter soda.

Parents and siblings are invited!

Directions will be available during band camp week.

We need Parent help

Donations of grapes and oranges.

These can be sent in with your student any day of band camp during the am.

Volunteers to bring water coolers to the field for the students at 9am and 6:30pm

Volunteers to prepare a dinner meal for the directors. We supply meals for the directors M-Th evening. If you would like to show off your culinary talents let me know.

Please, contact Mary Bockes if you would like to volunteer or have any questions about band camp.

Marybockes@yahoo.com; 703-987-0855

Board Meetings

The next Booster meeting will be on Thursday, August 27 at 7:00

This is a mandatory parent meeting



UNIFORM 101

All students are measured for uniforms during band camp.

BAND STUDENTS:

What is provided: White overalls, band jacket, hat, gauntlets (sleeve covers), band t-shirt (will be given out last day of band camp)

What is worn with band uniform: white shorts (no markings of any kind), white crew socks that cover ankles completely (no markings of any kind)

What will need to be purchased during band camp: . white marching shoes (\$30), a shoe bag (\$3) and white gloves (\$2) need several pair, none needed for percussion.

GUARD STUDENTS:

What is provided: Blue Tunic (Guard will be given band t-shirt too)

What is worn with Guard uniform: Black Socks or black tights

What will need to be purchased during band camp: Black Jazz Pants (\$30), black dance shoes (\$30).

ALL STUDENTS:

All students are required to purchase: Warm-up Jacket and warm-up pants (\$85 S-XL, \$95 2XL, \$105 3XL), Blue shorts (\$20)

I know this seems like a lot of money to be spent in one week. I will say, having had a band senior, that I did not have to re-buy anything the rest of our three years in band. The only

exception was gloves, which we bought every year. If you have any questions or problems, please contact me. I will be at band camp every morning and at the mandatory meeting on Thursday of band camp. We are looking forward to working with all the band kids this year!!

Your child will bring home an order form on Monday for items that need to be purchased. Checks should be made payable to HBB (Hylton Band Boosters).

Cyndi Guemmer and Flo Bruser

SPIRIT WEAR

Want to support your band/guard student? Spirit wear is available in the form of polo shirts, sweatshirts, hats, t-shirts, coats, etc. An array of items will be available for purchase at the parent meeting on August 27th so bring your checkbooks. We will also be taking orders for Letter Jackets for distribution around Christmas. You can contact me via email at florie.goodman@verizon.net.

TAG DAY

What is TAG Day? It's an event most of the activities hold to gain income for their organization. What we, as the marching band, do is to have the students put their uniforms on (band and guard in their respective uniforms) and go door to door in our community asking for donations to offset the cost of funding the band season.

The kids travel in fours with an adult chaperone in designated areas. These areas are aware that we come out the same time each year and are very generous with their money. We tend to average about \$100 a student so this is a huge money-maker!

This year's Tag Day will be on **Saturday, Sept 12**. It is **mandatory for the students** to participate and will satisfy one of the two mandatory volunteer opportunities for the parents.

We provide some breakfast foods to get them going and have water in each car to keep them hydrated as some years are hotter than others.

Afterward, we announce the team with the most money brought in and we have a lunch provided for all! Please speak with Kathy Vaughn-Burford to volunteer and get more information .

NOVEC DINNER

NOVEC Dinner will be on Wednesday, **September 23rd** at Hylton. This is a **fundraiser** for the Band and all **Band members are required** to sign-up to work. Sign-up sheets will be available the week of Band Camp. There are two shifts 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. See Andrew, Mrs. Vallowe or Mrs. Salazar if any questions.

Parents - we need your help too. This fundraiser is a big one for us, so please sign up to help.. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Salazar at jepa.salazar@verizon.net



2009—"BANDS ALONG THE OCCOQUAN"

Many of the high school marching bands in Virginia are show AND competition bands. The bands provide half-time entertainment at the football games and also compete their shows against other marching bands. These marching competitions are just the prelude to the annual VBODA (Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors' Association) competition. Here, bands do not compete against each other, but against a set of standards. The ultimate goal is "SUPERIOR RATING". Obtaining this superior status in marching, puts the Hylton Band (marching and concert) on its way to its ultimate goal obtaining the coveted Virginia HONOR BAND status. The Hylton Marching/Concert Bands have the distinction of being a 17 year consecutive Honor Band

On **Saturday, September 19**, the Hylton Marching Band will host their sixth annual "Bands Along the Occoquan" band competition.

Competition starts at 4:00 p.m (rain or shine). This competition allows the Band Directors to get an early evaluation of their Marching Band show. This evaluation allows them to make any necessary changes to their program in preparation for VBODA which is scheduled for late October. In 2008 we had thirteen high school bands from across the Northern Virginia participate, eagerly seizing the opportunity to win an early season trophy. Earning the coveted band awards always help to make the student's first grueling month of band camp, practice and training worthwhile.

This is one of our biggest fund raisers of the year and the profits from this event help support band operations. This event is **mandatory for students** and we need participation from all families in order for us to be successful.

Bands come in all sizes from

40 to 150 or more students, from one small equipment truck to tractor trailers. We will need help with concession, admissions, unit check-in, parking, publicity (program) and Pit Crew. Also, if you have or know anyone that has an ATV, tractor or trailer willing to let us use it for the day please contact Mike Gainey, 2009 BATO Event Chairman, at (mgainey6@verizon.net). These are needed to help bring the participating band's equipment into the stadium.

"Bands Along the Occoquan" competition is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend and support our students at this exciting "high-stepping event! The Hylton Band will be opening the show with an exhibition. Invite your family, neighbors, etc. Let's make this the best year ever! GO DAWGS!

Mike Gainey

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed in various areas during Marching Band season. More information will be given at the parent meeting

Pit Crew: Help get the band/guard equipment to the football games, competitions and parades.

Uniforms: Wash pants, help with putting away uniforms after cleaning. Hemming pants & jacket sleeves

Football games: Go early and put out seat covers. Fill water containers and have water ready when band enters stand. Help students dress before games. Bus Chaperones.

Guard: Help with uniforms, hair and make-up. Hem pants, sew new flags or repair old flags

First Aid: Nurse or School certified to administer first aid or meds. We always need qualified people.

Afterschool: Fill water containers to take down to practice field.

Band Camp: Provide dinner for band directors and aids, Xerox drill sheets, collect health forms, staff front check-in desk, keep water containers full of cold water.

Fundraisers: Tag Day, BATO, NOVEC Dinner, Indoor Guard Competition.

NISSAN

Nissan fundraising is coming to a close within the next few weeks. Thanks to all the students and parents who have worked hard all year to raise money. Money will be distributed into your student's account as soon as all the checks have been received.

Cathy Sampson

NEW YORK

The New York trip is a GO! We will be leaving Hylton on Friday, November 20 and returning on Sunday, November 22. Please mark your calendars. Details will be given during the parent meeting.

The first installment of \$124 will be due on Thursday, Aug 27.

Wadina Thompson

DONATIONS

Ask before we buy.

The guard is in need of clear storage containers in various sizes to store the guard flags and guard uniforms in. If you have any that you are not using and would like to donate them, please send them in during band camp.



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Advisors: Dennis Brown
 David Priester
 Mary Polk—Percussion
 Rebecca Anderson
 Stephanie Collins—Guard

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NOT getting our e-mails,
 please let us know so that we can get
 you setup

We're on the WEB TOO
 at www.Hyltonband.com

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FALL SCHEDULE

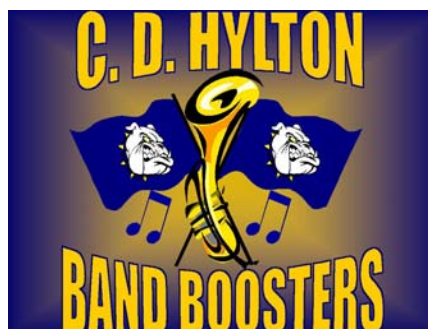
Tuesday, September 8

School begins

After school practices will take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from
 2:15 pm to 4:30 pm and on Thursdays from 2:15 pm to 5:00 pm

- Aug 31 Teacher Orientation (morning report time TBA)
- Sept 3 Freshman Orientation (morning report time TBA)
- Sept 4 Home game (Matoaca)
- Sept 11 Game at Stonewall
- Sept 12 TAG DAY Mandatory for all band members
- Sept 17 Home game (Osborn Park) Thursday Night Game
- Sept 19 Bands Along the Occoquan Exhibition Performance
- Sept 23 NOVEC DINNER—FUNDRAISER
- Sept 25 Game at Battlefield
- Sept 26 Competition at Woodbridge
- Oct 2 Game at Potomac
- Oct 3 Competition at Manassas Park and Spotsylvania
- Oct 9 Game at Woodbridge
- Oct 16 Home Game (Heritage)
 Senior Night--Tailgate Party--8th grade night
- Oct 17 Competition at Hanover
- Oct 23 Homecoming Parade and football game vs Freedom
- Oct 30 Game at Garfield
- Oct 31 VBODA at Massaponex, Millbrook or West Springfield
- Nov 6 Home game (Forest Park)
- Nov 13 Possible playoff game
- Nov 14 Santa's Old Bridge Christmas Parade
- Nov 20 New York Trip (leaving at 12:00 noon)
- Nov 22 Return to Hylton (about 7:00 p.m.)
- Dec 6 Quantico Christmas Parade with Mrs. Custard

Students should listen for announcements and check the board in the band
 room for scheduled Friday practices and times to leave for away games.
 Specific schedules will be given for competitions, parades, and trips.



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