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Meeting and Season Information and Reminders

Do I need a physical to participate in colorguard?

Any girl selected for the colorguard must have a physical prior to the start of guard camp beginning July 10. The Physical Form can be downloaded from the school's website on the athletic page under Athletic Forms. Students may receive their physical from the physician of their choice. There is also an Insurance Consent form that needs to be printed, filled out and turned in with the physical form. It can be found at the same location on the school's website.

If I am selected, what is the time commitment?

1. There will be a few practices during the month of June (see page 2). I realize that students have prior commitments and vacations etc. planned for the summer during June. A written excuse is expected when an absence from one of these practices occurs. With the exception of an emergency, excuses should be submitted in advance. In the event of an absence due to an emergency, the member/parent should call the band room and leave a message and bring a written excuse upon her return to the next practice. Members of the guard are expected to be at all of these rehearsals when in town.

The following dates are mandatory in order to participate with the UGHS colorguard:

2. Colorguard Camp: Monday, July 10 through Friday, July 14 (see page 3). The first portion of the equipment work and choreography for the marching show will be taught during this camp.
3. Band Camp Meeting: This meeting must be attended by at least one parent of every student participating in the marching band. The meeting is Tuesday, July 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the UGHS gym. Students do not have to attend this meeting.
4. Band Camp: July 17-21. All rehearsals are at the school. Band camp is **ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL**- We learn the marching show and hire a staff to help teach it. Please see the attached calendar on page 4 for dates and daily schedules.

5. All rehearsals once school starts: The marching band will rehearse Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:45-6:00p.m. (if the end time for school changes for the 2017-18 school year, practice times will be adjusted accordingly). After our competition performances in October, the after school time commitments are greatly reduced. The band handbook gives more detailed information concerning the attendance policy. The handbook can be found on the band's website at www.ughsband.org

6. Mini-Camp and picture day Saturday, August 5 from 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m. (more information is listed on page 3 regarding this rehearsal day)

7. All football games(see page 3): The band performs at all varsity football games. We are also planning to perform at the scrimmage game on August 11 at our home stadium. An unexcused absence from any performance may result in dismissal from the marching band. The band handbook gives more detailed information concerning the attendance policy. The handbook can be found on the band's website at www.ughsband.org

8. Marching competitions and other performance opportunities: The band will attend the Henry County Marching Band Exhibition and two competitions/festivals during late September and/or October (The exact dates will be announced later). We may also participate in a local parade in December.

Important UGHS Band Dates

(As of May 23, 2017-Some dates may be subject to change)

May 2017

23 7:00 p.m. Colorguard meeting: All Members and at least 1 parent must attend. Marching band deposits due - \$100.00

June 2017

5 Colorguard practice
 12 Colorguard practice
 19 Colorguard practice

July 2017

10-14 Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Percussion and Colorguard Camp
 (Students need to bring lunch. Students will not be allowed to leave campus during camp hours.)

11 Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Band Camp Meeting
 At least 1 parent of each participating student should be in attendance at the meeting (students do not have to attend). The remaining balance of marching band fees are due and camp/season information and expectations will be covered. Paperwork pertinent to the season will be distributed: medical/travel form; volunteer form; spirit wear form etc.

13 Thursday 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m. New Marchers and Student Leaders
 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. All Marching Band Members
 (this includes new marchers and student officers but not colorguard and percussion)

July 2017 cont.-

14 Friday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. All Marching Band Members (bring lunch) (including colorguard and percussion)

17-21 Band Camp Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
All Marching Band Members
(lunch will be provided 12:00-1:00 p.m. and students should make arrangements for the supper break 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Students are required to remain on campus from 8:00 a.m. until the 4:00 p.m. dinner break each day and then return after dinner.)

27 Thursday 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. All Marching Band Members

31 Monday First day of school!!!

August 2017

1 Tuesday Regular Practice Schedule begins

5 Saturday 9:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Picture day/mini camp/preview show
(We will take group pictures for the football program and yearbook, senior band pictures and work to finish learning the halftime/competition show.)

11 Friday UGHS vs. Luella-Scrimmage Game

September 2017**October 2017**

2 Monday Henry County Schools Marching Band Exhibition:
(Rain date Oct. 6) Hampton High School

T.B.D. Saturday T.B.A. Competition Date
Report approximately 9:00 a.m. Return 12:00 a.m.

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November 2017**December 2017**

T.B.A. Saturday McDonough Christmas Parade

Date	Opponent	Location	Kickoff
8/11/17	Luella (scrimmage)	HOME	7:30 p.m.
8/18/17	Woodland/Stockbridge*	Away	7:30 p.m.
8/25/17	Whitewater	HOME	7:30 p.m.
9/1/17	Apalachee	Away	7:30 p.m.
9/8/17	Eagles Landing*	Away	7:30 p.m.
9/15/17	Locust Grove*	HOME	7:30 p.m.
9/22/17	OPEN DATE-NO GAME		
9/29/17	OPEN DATE-NO GAME		
10/6/17	Hampton*	HOME	7:30 p.m.
10/13/17	Jones County*	Away	7:30 p.m.
10/20/17	Dutchtown*	HOME	7:30 p.m.
10/27/17	Ola*	HOME	7:30 p.m.
11/3/17	Stockbridge*	Away	7:30 p.m.

If I am selected, what is the financial commitment?

The marching band is funded completely by its membership. The band receives no funding from the county for the operation of the marching band. The total colorguard fees for 2017-18 will be \$450.00. These fees pay for an instructor(s) for the season, uniform, flags/poles/other equipment, warm-ups for new members, meals at band camp, band shirt and transportation among other things (any returning member who has not received their warm-ups will also receive them as part of this year's fees). Payments can be spread over the summer. (\$100.00 deposit (non-refundable) at the May 23 meeting; \$125.00 due on June 10; \$125.00 due on June 24; remaining balance due at the July 11 Band Camp Meeting). June payments can be mailed to the band room or dropped off at the UGHS front office. Payments can also be made using the PayPal link on the band's website. I do not want any girl to miss the opportunity to participate. Should special circumstances exist concerning fee payment, it is possible through prior communication to arrange an adjusted payment schedule; however, all fees must be paid prior to the first football game.

