

Parent Handout: February New Member Meeting

IMPORTANT DATES:

UNIFORM FITTINGS: (TENTATIVE): **May 26 and 28**, Uniform room at Holt High School
(Down hall from band room)

June 2 Freshman Drills, 3-4 PM, HS South Parking lot (By football field)

June 4 Freshman Drills, 3-4 PM

(Through summer, there will be sectionals that upperclassmen run)

July 22 and 23 Precamp rehearsals- 2-4 PM, South Parking Lot

July 26- 31 Band Camp, Holt High School

MUCH info can be found at www.holtbandboosters.com

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UNIFORMS:

Band Shoes: **\$40**

****Please purchase a pair of “tan” khaki shorts. (If you don’t have them). We’ll need it for the summer uniform.**

(GET NAMES IN THEM- THEY GET LEFT BEHIND A LOT)

****MOST STUDENTS USE ALL OF THE ABOVE FOR 3-4 YEARS.**

BAND CAMP: **\$130.00.** (Many pay this all at once- no problem).

PAYMENT: Checks for \$130 can be turned in to Mr. Lewis or Mr. Emerson’s mailbox @ HHS.

Checks made out to: “HHS BAND BOOSTERS”

If there is financial hardship, Or you'd like a payment plan, please communicate with Mr. Emerson. memerson@hpsk12.net **Scholarship deadline is June 1.**

TO ATTEND CAMP, WE MUST HAVE \$60 (MINIMUM) BY JUNE 1, 2020
These expenses are **Investments** that pay big dividends to the students.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: TONS OF INFORMATION AT www.holtbandboosters.com

What are the upcoming events for High School band?

Before end of school-Uniform Fittings, Uniform room at Holt High School (**Down hall from band room**)

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How do uniform fittings work for Marching Band?

Students and parents need to come to the Uniform Room at Holt HS. The uniform room is located outside the band room, down the hall to the east. **All incoming 9th graders come in once and once only.** You'll be fitted for the formal marching uniform (which stays in the room), and the band polo.

What are the costs for uniform?

For 2020, Band Polo is **included** in camp costs. They are delivered during band camp. Band shoes (required) are \$40. These are paid for at uniform fittings. Kids are FITTED during band camp, and the shoes arrive before the 1st football game. **Get your student's name in those shoes.**

Why should I put my students name in his or her shoes?

Everyone has the same shoe. Everyone. If your student forgets them, they are likely lost forever without a name in them. Protect your \$40 and get the kids' name in the shoes.

What are “freshmen Drills” and when are they?

Freshman Drills are the first introduction to marching for the 8th grade. At drills, it's only the freshmen (next year, your students), and the seniors. This year, Freshmen Drills are Tuesday June 2 and Thursday June 4, 3-4 PM, in the south High School Parking Lot.

What is the cost of band camp?

Band camp costs \$130.00. **Money is due June 1, but we'd like it May 1.** *It's easiest if this is collected by the end of the school year.* Money goes to staff, supplies for party/snacks/water, activities through the week, uniform cleaning at the end of the season, and dinner each night for each student. **Please make band camp checks out to “HHS Band Boosters.”**

How do I pay for band camp?

Checks to Holt Band Boosters, given to band director, before the end of school. We can accept installments, but 1 payment of \$130 is preferred. Please make every effort to get that going. Contact Mr. Emerson with questions: memerson@hpsk12.net

Are there scholarships available?

The Holt Band Boosters are happy to offer NEED-BASED scholarships. Email Mr. Emerson with a request memerson@hpsk12.net – and he will forward it to the boosters. Mr. Emerson is not involved with the scholarship disbursement. **Scholarship request deadline: June 1.**

Is there a website with some info for camp?

Why, yes! www.holtbandboosters.com

Why is Band Camp mandatory?

Band camp is about 50 hours of instruction. Missing band camp is like missing 50 days [10 weeks!] of school, and then coming in for a test. If a student misses band camp, they have no idea where to go on the field, and are most likely quite behind in their musical preparation. Without camp, marching is almost impossible.

What are precamp rehearsals?

Precamp rehearsals are important marching and playing rehearsals. We get things together as a band, (All grades, 9-12) and introduce the entire band together to get things started for camp.

Where is band camp held?

Band camp is held at Holt HS. It's a day camp, non-overnight.

****PLEASE NEVER SCHEDULE DR. APPOINTMENTS OR OTHER ITEMS DURING THIS WEEK. Missing band camp is missing very valuable, brand new instruction each year. Pretend your kids are out of town and avoid this week for appointments.

What is the schedule for band camp?

Precamp Rehearsals: Tuesday and Wednesday, July 22 and 23, from 2-4 PM

Sunday, July 26: 5 PM-9 PM.

Monday, July 27: 8 AM-8 PM

Tuesday July 28: 8 AM-8 PM

Wednesday July 29: 8 AM-8 PM

Thursday July 30: 8 AM-10 PM

Friday July 31: 8 AM-12:30 PM

*At the close of camp, there is a PARENT PERFORMANCE in the stadium at NOON, Sharp. At the end of the show, students are dismissed to leave with parents.