

# HVMB 2022 Season Updates

Greetings HVMB Families:

Although Banquet is being rescheduled again, I wanted to take a moment to update you on the information I have for the 2022 Season and share dates, changes, and some exciting news with you all as well!

## **2022 NEW MEMBER INFORMATION NIGHT:**

This meeting will be for anyone interested in joining the marching band for the first time (regardless of what grade they will be in next fall). The meeting will focus on who we are, schedule, calendar, estimated fees, and all about high school marching band. ANYONE who is interested in joining as a first-year student should attend with parent(s) to get the valuable information needed to make a decision.

*This meeting is in person, and it will be on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the LHS Band Room*

## **2022 OFFICIAL KICK-OFF MEETING:**

This meeting is for anyone who will be NEW or RETURNING (regardless of what grade they will be in next fall) and is our official kickoff event to the season. We will be sharing everything from the rehearsal schedule/plan, calendar of events, and costs/payment dates, as well as many important updates. At this meeting we will GO OVER ALL THE REQUIRED PAPERWORK for joining/participating, as well as REVEAL THE 2022 SHOW!!!

*This meeting is in person, and it will be on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the MHS CPA.*

## **Drum Major Tryouts:**

Drum Major Try-outs this year will include clinics, interviews, and an application process (like last year). We will have tryout dates and times/locations to you all shortly. **We wanted you to be aware now as the tryout process will occur in February and March and will be completed PRIOR TO the 2022 Official Kick-Off Meeting.**

### **\*\*\*NEW Summer Training Plan for Woodwinds/Brass:**

We are going to move to a similar system that the drumline and guard use and will be practicing once a week with the winds throughout the summer. Start date/schedule TBA, but we anticipate starting in June and meeting one night a week up until Pre-Camp. The intent with this change is to spread out the time evenly and more consistently to learn our marching technique and work on all the music we need to prepare as a band (show music and football games/pep). This system is used by many successful bands in our activity, and it allows for us to essentially teach new material more gradually while having more time to review/develop. It also makes it so that if a student/family is gone during what would have been "July Music Week" in the past, they will no longer miss a bunch of material that was covered in that week only. We will split the rehearsal time between visual and music, and we will review new material as we move forward to keep everyone on the same pace who might be gone at various times. For your planning, Wind Training will occur on Tuesday nights from 6 – 9 pm. All dates for these will be posted in the calendar and shared at the Kick-off Meeting and later this spring once we finalize them.

### **Pre-camp and Band Camp (ALL MEMBERS IN THE MARCHING BAND, NEW and RETURNING, ALL SECTIONS):**

Pre-Camp will be held from August 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9 am – 5 pm.

Band Camp will be held August 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, at Blue Water Campground in Lexington, MI (same camp 😊). We will be departing in the afternoon on August 5<sup>th</sup> (3 pm check-in). We will finish camp on Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> with our annual Parent Performance in the evening (same as last year).

**\*\*\*Please note: Guard and Drumline Sectionals, as well as all Post-Camp dates, will be announced this spring at/before the Official Kick-off Meeting as soon as we have secured days/times, finalized HVS Calendar for 2022, etc. Stay tuned!**

### **Football Game Updates/Info we know currently:**

While we don't know which games for sure that we will be at for the season, we are going to make one adjustment and whatever games we are at, we will have the FULL BAND there for all of them. In a normal season in the past, the bands could anticipate 4 – 5 home games. We will be doing 4 – 5 games as a norm moving forward as well. We will perform together at these games (weather and schedule permitting) at halftime or pre-game, and we will represent as the Huron Valley Marching Band. I will know more on which games prior to the Kick-Off Meeting. For now, we will be at these games for sure:

Milford Homecoming: September 30<sup>th</sup>

Lakeland Homecoming: October 7<sup>th</sup>

Milford vs. Lakeland Game (at Milford this year): October 21<sup>st</sup>

**Pep Band Only Students (those students not in marching band) will be asked to attend games at their home school on the dates that the marching band will also be there.**

## Competition Dates We know:

MCBA State Finals: Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> (FLIGHT 1 is the first flight on...be prepared for an early day 😞)

BOA Grand Nationals: Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

\*\*\*Please note that we will be going down to nationals the day before we perform, which means we will either go down on Wednesday (11/9) or Thursday (11/10). We will leave after school in the evening to minimize school absences. Our performance date is announced usually in April each spring. Stay tuned.

## Exciting News to Share 😊:

We have been given the green light (and yes, I've already started) to request quotes/designs for a NEW UNIFORM!!! My hope, of course, is to have the band in the first ever Huron Valley Marching Band Uniform for the fall of 2022! We are beyond excited to make this happen and cannot thank HVS Administration enough for helping us do this!!!

If you have any questions on any other dates/specifics, please ask and I will try to get you as much information as I can. I am sharing all of this out as early as I can so we can all plan for an incredible season and successful year! **Please take a moment and complete the google form survey link in the email sent with this page.**

GO HVMB!!!

Thank you all,

Mr. Green