

## HAMBURG HIGH SCHOOL BANDS 2019-2020 Calendar & Information



Dear Students and Parents:

We hope you are having a wonderful summer! The following pages contain very important dates and information regarding the school year. **We encourage you to read through all of the information carefully and to add these dates to your schedule as soon as possible.**

Welcome Ninth graders! We look forward to having you in the program! Please feel free to email Mr. Dubill ([ldubill@hcsdk12.org](mailto:ldubill@hcsdk12.org)) or Mrs. Michalewski ([kmichalewski@hcsdk12.org](mailto:kmichalewski@hcsdk12.org)) with any questions you may have.

### COURSE EXPECTATIONS

**GRADING:** Students will be graded on their participation and preparation during rehearsals, lessons and performances. Lesson attendance and assignment preparation is crucial for a successful program. The band relies on **every individual** to contribute to ensure success. **Together**, we can have great musical performances!

#### Grade breakdown:

**25% - Rehearsals:** Participation, attendance, and preparation

**35% - Lessons:** Participation, attendance, preparation, and quizzes

**40% - Performances:** Participation, attendance, and preparation

(\*Please note performances are in school and out of school functions and include Marching Band Performances)

The number of rehearsals, lessons, and concerts varies per quarter but the percentage weighting shown above remains the same. Lessons are rotating and on a weekly basis. If you must miss a lesson due to a test, or lab, a lesson excuse form **MUST BE FILLED OUT**. **The teacher**, not the student, must sign and fill out the reason for missing the lesson. **All MISSED LESSONS MUST BE MADE UP WITHIN FOUR SCHOOL DAYS OF THE ORIGINAL LESSON DATE AND THE PASS MUST BE SUBMITTED (students 4 days start upon returning to school if a lesson was missed due to an excused absence)**. Contact your lesson teacher to set up a make-up time. No points are deducted from your grade if you are prepared for and make-up the lesson.

There are more performances in the Fall and Spring due to the Marching band schedule. These include parade rehearsals, parades and the Homecoming game. The performance portion (40%) of your grade is divided by the number of performances and outside rehearsals in that semester. Students are instructed in the beginning of the year that **work excuses are not acceptable for missing a performance**. Occasional allowances for marching performances are made for such reasons as weddings, playoff athletic events, and church activities but must be approved by Mr. Dubill or Mrs. Michalewski in **advance**. You must participate in all Concerts; sports conflicts are not an excuse.

**\*EXTRA CREDIT** will be available from time to time. If you perform a solo at a NYSSMA or ERIE COUNTY Audition, you will receive 5pts extra if you get a score of 90 or above. You will also receive extra credit if you participate in another ensemble outside of the school day.

### GENERAL EXPECTATIONS:

- **Behavior-** Students are expected to maintain a high degree of discipline during rehearsals, performances, and field trips. Rehearsals are a time of intense music learning in an aural environment. Talking in rehearsals is intrusive and detrimental to the learning process. Students are expected to avoid conversation of any kind during rehearsal (**even about the music!**) Questions are encouraged if there is a problem, but talking is not acceptable. (Raise your hand and ask us.) Detentions will be issued and removal from class will follow if the problem continues. **\*Students may be permanently removed from the class at any point if severe behavioral situations occur: i.e., student hazing, physical or mental harm to another student/staff member/chaperone, physical damage/harm to another student's or school equipment, severe disruptive behavior or any serious breach of the band or school rules.**

- Gum/Food/Drinks - are not allowed in the band room or anytime during a performance.
- Attitude and Participation – active participate must occur during rehearsal & performances
- Instrument Maintenance - Students are responsible for keeping their instrument in proper working condition (good reeds, valve oil, cork grease, etc.). If your instrument breaks, it is expected to be repaired in a reasonable amount of time. Ask for a loaner during this time.
- Attendance - It is the student's responsibility to make sure that he/she is present at all rehearsals and performances outside of school. Work is not an acceptable excuse for missing a practice or event. Extra copies of the Band schedule are available for your employer. Parents, please help us achieve 100% attendance for all band activities during the school year. We request a parent phone call or note two weeks in advance for absences from rehearsals and performances. This will enable us to make adjustments to cover your child's part.
- **\*\*Metronome & Tuner Requirement\*\*** - All students are required to have a metronome and tuner (percussionists only need a metronome). We will group order the Korg TM-50, which is an all-in-one tuner and metronome. If you would like to purchase one on your own, please purchase this model. Students should have them in band at all times during the year. Siblings will be required to have their own tuners. Sharing will not be possible. Tuners, metronomes and instruments should be clearly labeled. Please use the attached form to purchase through HHS.

**CONCERT DRESS:** This dress code *will* be enforced. Our goal is to look as professional as possible.

**Concert and Symphonic Bands:**

- Men: Dark dress coat, White dress shirt with tie, Black pants, Black dress shoes/black socks
- Women: **PLAIN, LONG** Black skirts (below the knee) or pants (no capris), Black shoes (no sandals or flip flops), White blouse with sleeves at least to the elbow. **Absolutely no spaghetti straps, t-shirts or low cut tops.**

**Wind Ensemble:**

- Gowns for the ladies, Tuxedos & Black shoes for the men (provided by the school) Ladies have to get their own black shoes. **\*\*Students in Wind Ensemble are responsible for paying a \$10 dry cleaning fee for their tuxedo/gown due at the beginning of the year.**

**MARCHING BAND:**

Every high school band member participates in the Marching Band. There are three parades throughout the year: Homecoming, Hamburg Holidays, and Memorial Day (please see dates on calendar page). To prepare for the parades there are occasional rehearsals after school in the Fall and Spring. Freshman will be sized for uniforms when school starts. Below you will find a form for a **required \$15.00 uniform cleaning fee.**

**Marching Band Expectations:**

- The Marching Band is the most visible element of our program. We represent our community as well as give tribute to veterans at several parades. In times like these when programs are being cut, we need to show our best during these performances. **With this in mind, students and families are expected to arrange their schedules to allow the student to be at the parades.** If you are traveling out of state, and must go due to a special reason, please contact us at least two weeks before the parade. This is for special circumstances only.
- All students are required to purchase their own marching folio and instrument lyre (to hold your folio) from a music store. Please note that if kept in good condition, this should be a one-time purchase. Flute players purchase the black, plastic wrist lyre/folio. (Avoid the metal arm model) Trombonists should buy the clip on type. Trumpet players should buy the "L" shaped lyre holders that fit into the 3<sup>rd</sup> valve slide ring holder. Drummers do not need to purchase lyres.
- **Marching shoes:** It is important that we all look uniform in our footwear. We will be putting together a group order of white marching band shoes during the first week of school. You may order or purchase white shoes on your own. **Shoes must be all white - no colored logos or markings.** You may find "cheapies" at Wal Mart or Target. We do have extra "slightly-worn" shoes available at school. Please fill out the form below if you plan to order marching shoes through HHS.

## 2019-2020 CALENDAR DATES

These are MANDATORY Rehearsals & Performances - Please write them in your calendar!

- September 18<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday - Homecoming Rehearsal, 6:30pm-9:00pm  
September 19<sup>th</sup> - Thursday - Homecoming Rehearsal, 6:30pm-9:00pm  
September 20<sup>th</sup> - Friday - 5:30 pm - Homecoming Parade followed by the Football Game, Yearbook picture will be taken at halftime. Rain Date is October 11<sup>th</sup>  
November 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jr. Area-All State Festival at Pioneer Senior High.  
November 7<sup>th</sup> - Thursday - 7:00 pm - Fall Band Concert: Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble. Snow date is Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm.  
November 19<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday - 7:30 pm - Orchestra Concert  
Snow date is Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm.  
November 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> - Sr. Area-All State Festival at SUNY Fredonia  
November 30<sup>th</sup> - Saturday - Hamburg Holidays Parade- late morning parade  
December 3<sup>rd</sup> - Tuesday - 7:00 pm - HS/MS Jazz Ensemble Concert  
Snow date is Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm.  
December 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> - NYSSMA Winter Conference All State  
January 11<sup>th</sup> - Saturday - ECMEA Jazz Solo Auditions: Depew Jr./Sr. High School  
January 18<sup>th</sup> - Saturday - ECMEA Jr. High Solo Auditions (9th graders): Orchard Park High School  
January 25<sup>th</sup> - Saturday - ECMEA Sr. High Solo Auditions (grades 10 -12): Buffalo Performing Arts HS  
February 12<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday - 7:00 pm - Fiddle Fest  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> - Tuesday - 7:00 pm - Guest Artist Concert: All Bands  
March 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> - ECMEA All County Jazz Festival: Cheektowaga CSD  
March 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> - ECMEA Jr. High All County Festival  
March 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> - ECMEA Sr. High All County Festival: SUNY Buffalo  
March 31<sup>st</sup> - Tuesday - 7:00 pm - Spectrum Band Concert - Grades 6 - 12.  
April 7<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday - 7:00 pm - HHS Percussion Recital  
May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> - NYSSMA Solo/Ensemble Festival at Frontier HS  
May 18<sup>th</sup> - Monday - 7:30 pm - Spring Band Concert: Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble  
May 20<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday - 7:00 pm - Spring Orchestra Concert (for Full Orchestra members only)  
May 25<sup>th</sup> - Monday - Memorial Day Parade - Starts at 10:15 am, ceremony to follow at Memorial Park  
\*\*There will be an evening marching rehearsal the week before Memorial Day. Date and time TBA.  
June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Wednesday - 7:00 pm - "Concert in the Park: Wind and Jazz Ensembles.  
June 27<sup>th</sup> - Saturday - 12:00 pm - Graduation Ceremony, Hamburg Fairgrounds Event Center

### \*\*Guest Artist Concert

Each year, we bring in a famous professional musician to work with our bands in rehearsals and performance. Please be aware that this is our only concert with an admission charge.

Check out our website for news and information: Go to [Hamburgschools.org](http://Hamburgschools.org) - click High School - click Departments - click Music - click Bands. We also use the **Remind app** for all ensembles and marching band. Students will receive this info the first week of schools. **Band Parents, we can always use your help; please call the band office if you would like to volunteer your time.**

We are looking forward to a wonderful year filled with music and fun. We take pride in the tradition of excellence that has been a part of Hamburg High School's Band program for years. Please help us maintain this tradition through your efforts and dedication. We look forward to seeing everyone again soon!

Sincerely,

Mr. Dubill  
Mrs. Michalewski  
Band Office - 646-3300 x6420

**\*\*Please return all necessary forms by Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>\*\***

**\*Please use separate checks for each item\***

This is due for accounting purposes. Thank you for your understanding.

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**Guidelines Agreement form**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree to the guidelines set forth in this letter to participation in band.  
(Student's Signature)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ agree to the guidelines above for my child's participation  
(Parent's Signature) (Date) in band. My son/daughter's photo may also be used for  
publicity unless checked below.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please check if you do not want your son/daughter to be included in photos used for publicity in the  
newspaper and/or on the school's website.

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**Dry Cleaning Fee Form:**

Marching Band Uniform dry cleaning fee: Mandatory Dry Cleaning Fee: \$ 15.00  
-(For ALL band members)

Tuxedos/Gowns dry cleaning Fee (Wind Ensemble members): \$15 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed cash or a check to "Hamburg High School Bands" Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student's Name)

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## MARCHING SHOE ORDER FORM

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student Name)

**Size:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Put a "W" for Wide width)

**Cost: \$25.00**

**Women's:** 6-12 including all half sizes.

**Men's:** 6 1/2-17 including all half sizes  
except 11 1/2, 12 1/2, 13 1/2, 14 1/2,  
15 1/2, and 16 1/2.

I have enclosed cash or a check to  
"Hamburg High School Bands"

All sizes are available in Wide Widths. Please indicate with a "W", i.e.: Size 13W.  
Please be advised: Shoes tend to run small in length and width.

## TUNER/METRONOME ORDER SLIP

\*Students must have by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of school\*

Required models: Korg TM-50 "all-in one" tuner and metronome

\*\*\*Attention Percussionists\*\*\*

You do not need a tuner. However, you do need a metronome. You may get an app on your phone, or order the Quik Time QT-3 metronome from us by the 2nd week of school.

<u>Place "X"</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
_____	Korg TM-60 "all-in-one" tuner/metronome	@ \$35.00	_____
_____	Quik Time QT-3 Metronome (Percussionists only)	@ \$16.00	_____

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student's Name)

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**Band Directors**  
Larry Dubill &  
Katie Michalewski

**Music Aide**  
Madonna McCarthy