

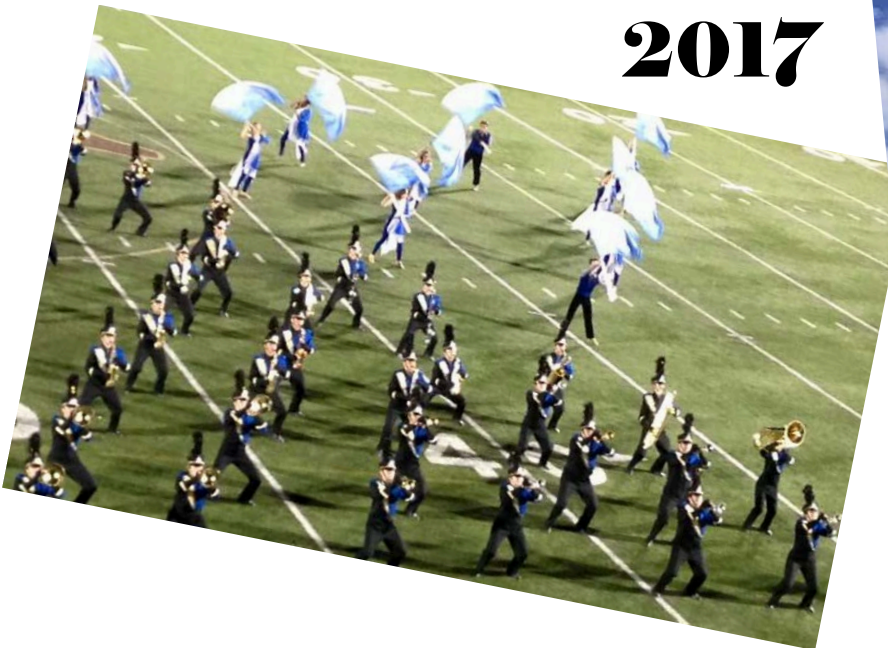


HASTINGS MARCHING BAND



PARENT PACKET

2017



HASTINGS RAIDERS MARCHING BAND

WHO WE ARE

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PHILOSOPHY

Our goal is to provide students with a meaningful, enjoyable and rewarding experience through musical growth, dedication, student leadership, loyalty, and community service. We will represent Hastings High School and the community as ambassadors of excellence, pride and character.

MEMBERSHIP

Wind and Percussion players **must** be enrolled in a Hastings High School instrumental course for the upcoming school year. Band/Orchestra are full year courses and students must be registered for the entire year. Auditions are not required for wind players for marching band, but there is an audition for percussionists on instrument assignment. The color guard and honor guard is open to students not enrolled in a music program.

DRUM MAJOR AND SECTION LEADERS

The staff shall appoint the Drum Major and section leaders, following an application and interview process. These positions are open to juniors or seniors. Membership in any performing unit of the marching band for at least one season immediately prior to tryouts shall be a prerequisite to the position.

PARADE AND FIELD SHOW PERFORMANCES

The marching band season consists of two different performing opportunities. The band will march in 3 parades in July. The band will then begin preparing for field show competition in July, with competitions beginning in September through the second weekend of October.

PEP BAND AT FOOTBALL GAMES

The marching band serves as the pep band during regular season home football games. It is our responsibility and privilege to provide entertainment throughout the game. We perform our field show at most games.

VARSITY LETTER

Students are eligible to earn points towards their "Band Varsity Letter." Full points are awarded based on attendance and participation. Band letters will be presented in the spring following the marching band season. Please see the attendance policy for more information. Color Guard members are eligible to earn a "Guard" letter. This will be rewarded after the season ends in the fall.

WEBSITES AND CONTACT INFO

www.hastingsbands.org: Main website for all forms and performance details.

www.accountlinkonline.com/member: ALO is the viewing site for all finances withdrawn and deposited. This is a viewing account only. Money is not directly deposited into it.

www.payschools.com: PaySchools is where you pay via credit card for all fees.

Director: Emily Chandler: echandler@seas-school.org 651-338-8274

Director: Thomas Wentzler: twentzler@rwps.org (507)429-6477

Percussion: Josh Wahlstrom: joshwahlstrom@gmail.com (651)-428-4327

Color Guard: Lindsey Wetterhahn-Baumann. Lindsey.wetterhahn@gmail.com 651-335-9962

HASTINGS RAIDERS MARCHING BAND STAFF

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DIRECTORS

Emily Chandler

Emily has been directing the Raiders Marching Band for 16 years. Emily holds a degree with honors from Winona State University and a Masters of Education with honors from Saint Mary's University. Leading two bands grades 5-8, Emily is the founder and director of the band program at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. In addition to teaching K-5 Classroom Music, she teaches K-8 Liturgical music. Also for SEAS school, Emily enjoys coaching Volleyball and Softball. As an active member of MBDA (Minnesota Band Director's Association), Emily has held multiple leadership roles in the Southeast Honor Band Program, including coordinator, guest conductor, and clinician. Emily's vision for the marching band is to provide students with a competitive instrumental activity that challenges and encourages each member to reach their potential musically and personally.

Thomas Wentzler

Thomas has been co-directing the Raiders Marching band for 11 years. Thomas holds a degree from Winona State University and is pursuing his Masters degree from VanderCook College of Music. As an instrumental music educator, Thomas Wentzler has the privilege of teaching students in Red Wing School District. In the middle school, Thomas teaches the beginning bands, the beginning jazz ensemble, and weekly lessons. In the high school, he co-directs the pep band, jazz 2, the solo/ensemble program, and is responsible for all instrumental lessons grades 8-12. Prior to teaching in Red Wing, Thomas was a band director in Lake City, MN. Thomas is active throughout Southeast Minnesota as an adjudicator, clinician, and high brass performer. He currently performs cornet with the Sheldon Theater Brass Band.

PERCUSSION INSTRUCTOR

Josh Wahlstrom

Josh has worked with the Hastings High School Marching Band since he graduated from Hastings in 2003 and is currently going on his 9th year in the role of percussion director. After high school, Josh graduated with honors from Gustavus Adolphus College in 2007. At Hastings, he teaches the batterie during the summer parade season and teaches and arranges for the front ensemble during their fall field show season. Josh also co-directs the Hastings High School Percussion Ensemble and Hastings Middle School Percussion Ensemble, teaches private percussion lessons, and freelances as a percussionist/drum set player for churches, orchestras, and musical theater productions. In addition to teaching at Hastings, Josh taught with the Eagan High School Winter Drumline for six seasons (2009-2015). Josh is also currently on staff with the River City Rhythm Indoor Drumline during their winter season and the Rosemount High School Winds group during their winter season.

COLOR GUARD INSTRUCTOR

Lindsey Wetterhahn-Baumann

Lindsey is entering her 5th year working with the Raiders color guard. Lindsey has been involved in the pageantry arts since 1995 both as a performer and an educator, and has extensive experience performing at the world class level. Most recently, she's marched with Lux Independent Winterguard, Govenaires Drum and Bugle Corps, and Minnesota Brass Inc. In addition to movement classes with Zenon Dance, she's also worked with the Eden Prairie Winterguard, Minnetonka Marching Band and Coon Rapids Winterguard over the last several years.

ADJUNCT STAFF

Eddie Staff-Percussion Alice Flom-Color Guard Amanda Flom-Color Guard Jake Bohlken-Music
For a full and complete bio, please visit www.hastingsbands.org

HASTINGS RAIDERS MARCHING BAND

ATTENDANCE POLICIES

REHEARSALS

- Attendance at all rehearsals is critical to remain competitive. Please mark all rehearsals on your calendar.
- If an absence needs to occur, please notify a director **In Writing** (text, email, note) **BEFORE** the student is absent.
- Work related absences are not excused
- More than two unexcused absences due to work or no communication will result in losing points for the Varsity Letter.
- Too many absences and/or multiple times being late will result in not performing at the next competition. This is up to the discretion of the staff.
- Absences and tardiness will also result in losing points for the Varsity Letter.
- Students who are unable to attend the rehearsal leading up to a performance may be unable to participate in that performance. Complex revisions learned at the last rehearsal prior to a performance may prevent you from knowing what to do. You will be expected to accompany the band to the competition and assist the band in a non-performance role.

PERFORMANCES

- All members will attend all performances.
- If an absence needs to occur, it must be pre-approved by a director in advance.
- All cheering will be done in good taste and in the appropriate places.
- If a student misses more than two performances the entire season, they will lose their letter points.
- If the student is not returning to Hastings on the bus, the responsible adult must be present at the bus to pick them up.

PROCEDURE TO BE EXCUSED FROM A REHEARSAL, SECTIONAL, OR PERFORMANCE

It is very important that every member be present for every rehearsal and performance. Similar to any athletic team, a marching band cannot, and will not perform to its best level if all the members are not present. However, the staff realizes that a student may be unable to attend a rehearsal or performance. Excusable absences include student illness and death in the family. Unforeseeable family emergencies will be excused on a case-by-case basis.

To be excused from a rehearsal, sectional, or performance, students must notify the band directors in advance. Contacting just their section leader is not enough. Any missed event should be followed up with written parent communication (email, text, note). Communication is the key to success and the best way to handle attendance difficulties.

HASTINGS RAIDERS MARCHING BAND EQUIPMENT USE POLICIES

SCHOOL OWNED BAND INSTRUMENTS

- A \$30 rental fee will be collected and used to keep the instrument in working order throughout the season, as well as cleaning after the season
- Damaged or stolen instruments must be reported immediately to the Directors.
- All instruments will be issued to each member, and checked for damages at the end of the season. Such damage will be charged to the individual issued the instrument.

PERCUSSION EQUIPMENT

- A \$40 percussion fee will be collected from all percussion students. This will purchase all mallets/sticks/heads and instruments needed for the season.
- Damaged or stolen equipment must be reported immediately to the Percussion Instructor.
- All equipment will be issued to each member, and checked for damages at the end of the season. Such damage will be charged to the individual issued the instrument.

COLOR GUARD EQUIPMENT

- Each member is responsible for having a flag bag. Members can purchase one through instructors.
- Guard members will be permitted to check out equipment for home practice.
- Members will be responsible for purchasing undergarment wear for performances
- All equipment must be returned at the end of the season. Students are responsible for damaged and destroyed equipment.

EQUIPMENT MISCELLANEOUS

- Each band students will be issued a flip folder to use for the football pep band games. A \$20 fee will be charged for lost or damaged ones.
- Band students will need to possess a marching band lyre. If they don't already own one, they can be purchased at rehearsal.
- Reeds and valve oil can be purchased at rehearsal
- All students, with the exception of Pit members, will be required to purchase a set book

All Individuals are responsible for ensuring that their instrument/equipment is on the trailer/bus when it leaves and when it returns to school.

HASTINGS RAIDERS MARCHING BAND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

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FEES FOR ALL WIND MEMBERS

\$150-District Activity Fee
\$175-Marching Band Operations Fee

FEES FOR FIRST YEAR WIND MEMBERS

\$10-Black Performance Shirt
\$10-Black Athletic Shorts
\$42-Marching Band Shoes
\$3-Gloves
\$8-Show T-shirt

FEES FOR WIND MEMBERS PLAYING A SCHOOL INSTRUMENT

\$30-School Instrument Rental Fee

FEES FOR ALL PERCUSSION MEMBERS

\$150-District Activity Fee
\$175-Marching Band Operations Fee
\$40- Percussion Fee for sticks and mallets

FEES FOR ALL FIRST YEAR PERCUSSION

\$10-Black Performance Shirt
\$10-Black Athletic Shorts
\$42-Marching Band Shoes
\$8-Show T-shirt

FEES FOR ALL COLOR GUARD MEMBERS

\$150-District Activity Fee
\$175-Marching Band Operations Fee
\$165-Costume Fee

FEES FOR FIRST YEAR GUARD MEMBERS

\$35-Shoes
\$15-Gloves
\$20-Flag Bag

FEES FOR HONOR GUARD/PROP MEMBERS

\$18-Dry Cleaning
\$10-Black Performance Shirt
\$10-Black Athletic Shorts
\$42-Marching Band Shoes
\$3-Gloves
\$7-Show T-shirt

Gustavus Band Camp July 23-27

\$390 per marcher
June 1-\$200 Non-refundable Deposit
June 13-\$100 Payment #2
June 27-\$90 Payment #3

Festival of Bands-Sioux Falls, SD 10/1/17

\$50 per marcher

- *The \$150 Activity Fee needs to be paid by **June 1** for students to participate in rehearsals. Marching band will count as the **FIRST** activity of the 2017-18 school year for your participation fees.*
- *All 9-12th graders must pay all fees on PaySchools. Younger members please pay with check payable to ISD200.*
- *Requests for payment extensions must be made in writing no later than June 1st to the directors, unless a life-changing event has occurred.*
- *For assistance with the Activity Fee, please contact Mike Johnson at mjohnson@hastings.k12.mn.us by June 1st*

HASTINGS RAIDERS MARCHING BAND TIMELINE OF PAYMENTS DEDUCTED FROM ALO

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Group	May 15	June 1	June 13	June 27	July 11	August 31
Winds		District Activity Fee \$150			MB Ops Fee \$175	
Percussion		District Activity Fee \$150		Percussion Fee \$40	MB Ops Fee \$175	
Color Guard	Costume Fee \$165	District Activity Fee \$150			MB Ops Fee \$175	South Dakota \$50
Honor Guard			\$90.00			
Band Camp Payments		\$200 Deposit-Non Refundable	Payment #2 \$100	Payment #3 \$90		
*Additional Fees Winds/Perc		\$30 School Inst. Rental Fee	\$42-Shoes \$3 Gloves	\$10 Perf. Shirts \$10 Shorts \$8 Show Shirt		South Dakota \$50

- *Additional Fees do NOT include all marchers. Please see itemized list for clarification.*
- *All Marching Band Fees are paid on PaySchools. The link for PaySchools can be found at <http://www.hastings.k12.mn.us> or at the links on www.hastingsbands.org*
- *Use the "open amount" option on PaySchools if you have fundraised and do not owe the total.*
- *District Activity Fees for Marching Band can be paid at the PaySchools link. For assistance with the Activity Fee, please contact Mike Johnson at mjohnson@hastings.k12.mn.us by June 1st.*
- *You can check your account balance by going to ALO at www.accountlinkonline.com/member The ALO accounts are set up by Mrs. Chandler and registration codes are emailed out to you. Once you create your login information, if you need help, click "Forgot password" link.*
- *All marching band fees are the responsibility of the families and must be paid by the dates required. Students will not be allowed to participate in rehearsals/performances if fees are owed past due date.*
- *For an extension of payments, a request in writing must be made no later than June 1st to the directors, unless a life-changing event has occurred.*