

HOOVER HIGH SCHOOL BUCCANEER BAND

BAND PARENT 101

*“A bunch of things you may...or may not...
need to know for the upcoming four
(or more) years.”*

WELCOME!!!!!!

**We are so glad you are
here, and want you
involved!**

Disclaimer

This program is to welcome you into the Hoover Band program, and make you aware of the many facets of being a band booster, presented by band boosters. We can't answer any program specific questions.

**Tips for freshman parents,
to help your child have a
successful year in the
band, and to make your
life easier....**

Friendly tip numero uno....

- Great “untruths” in life....

“They didn’t tell me when to be there....”

“They didn’t tell me what to wear...”

“I don’t know when we are getting home.”

“I don’t know if we are eating or not.”

“I don’t know where we’ll be.”

*A weekly schedule is prepared for all students by Mr. Carroll, either in print or
on*

www.hooverband.com

Or Hoover High School Band on Facebook

Tips...

- Check Hooverband.com, or Facebook, weekly.... The school website weekly as well (click “band” in the left hand column).
- Have your student early to all scheduled events....
- Prepare your uniform parts the day before you need them...
- Please **FEED YOUR CHILD** before performances.....
- Read **all** emails sent from the communications chair...
- Fill out the forms we need and send them back to school....
- Send cash when needed.... (the chaperones are broke).
- Encourage your child to follow their leaders, and chain of command....
- Please wait on the chaperones, and don't have the chaperones don't waiting on you.....
- Despite what they say.... They REALLY want you there....be there!

More Tips....

- Dress your student for the weather...
- Buy a set of “Long Johns”.... Hoover plays football a LONG time. (Invest in black “Under Armor”).
- Buy hand warmers in advance... not on game day.
- Buy a black toboggan... (solid black, plain, boring).
- Think “total program”, not individual child....
- Attend booster meetings!
- Think ahead... you will be needed to step up and be a leader soon!

Band Camp

**Helpful tips and
hints to make your
life easier... a little.**

Band Camp... let the sweat begin!

- Have your child **EAT BREAKFAST** before practice, each day. (Go light on “dairy”, or we’ll be seeing it again later that day.)
- Your child will need a **THERMOS** full of ice water **daily**.
- Label your thermos with your child’s name!
- **NO SANDALS** or **FLIP-FLOPS** allowed. **CHOCOS** are allowed.
- Dress appropriately for hot weather, yet in dress code. (Appropriate t-shirt slogans, shorts appropriate length).
- Bring a hat and sun block each day. (Sunglasses are nice too.)
- Pick your child up **PROMPTLY** at the end of practice.

More tips...

- (No kidding), take a bath EACH NIGHT!!!!
- Wear deodorant, EVERY DAY!!!!
- Bring an extra t-shirt and socks to change into for indoor practices, or sudden rain days.
- Band camp is required, every day, every practice.
- Missed practices require notification via email by a **PARENT**, not a student: rfitchpatrick@hoover.k12.al.us

Instrument Specific Info

- Required reeds for clarinet and saxophone: **NO RICO REEDS.**
- Recommended: **VanDoren.** Other brands to be approved by director.

Band Camp....

- **A complete band camp schedule** of the football band, and competition band has been sent home with your student. Please check with your middle school director if you do not have one.
- Football Band practice dates are indicated by a “**FB**”
- Competition Band practice dates are indicated by a “**CB**”
- If your child is in the Competition Band, they will need to attend **BOTH** practices.

They can do it!!!!!!

- Encourage participation.
- Don't let them give up!
- It was hard for everyone, once!

Sneak Preview Night

- A preview of the “home show” will be held at the **Hoover High Stadium, August 29, 2013 at 7 PM.**
- A BBQ dinner will be held before the performance...tickets go on sale the first week of school.

Various Areas of Service

**And boy, do we need your
help!**

1st and 2nd VPs

They are in charge of the
Hoover Invitational,
among other things....

What is this Hoover Invitational?

- Set the date ... October 19th ... Always the 3rd Sat. in Oct!
- Largest marching competition in the Southeast.
- Draws between 25-35 bands from the Southeast.
- Has set the Hoover Met attendance records... top 5.
- Consistently draws over 5,000 attendees (usually more!)
- Can raise approximately 1/2 of our annual budget.
- **EVERY SINGLE PARENT** is needed this day!
- Team leaders in training are needed.... NOW!

How You Can Help.... Right Now!

- We need trailers....to move visiting band's equipment.
- Approximately 20 utility trailers are needed, and drivers.
- 14 or 16-foot trailers needed.
- Contact Sarah Irvine: cvrn76@aol.com, 205.503.0022
- Food... we need it! Each donation needs to feed 25 or more.
- We feed visiting directors, staff, and our own volunteers.
- Skyboxes at Regions Park... If you work for a company that has one? Contact 2nd Vice President Angela Lee: ahlee118@yahoo.com.

Uniforms: Jenny Barrett

**Making them all
look alike...
takes a lot of work.**

Contact Jenny Barrett: jenny.barrett@yahoo.com

Band Uniforms 101

- ARRIVE ON TIME AT BAND HALL EARLY....
- Shoes stay in cubbies, and the students clean before each game.
- GLOVES.....gloves will be available for purchase each Friday morning in the band hall PRIOR to school...
- Keep things clean: Gloves socks, t-shirts and shorts go home after each performance and need to **BE WASHED!!!!**
- When the game is over, your child **IS NOT** dismissed! They will need to go back to the bandroom and correctly store their uniforms.

Band Uniforms 101

- There is **NO** eating or drinking (other than water) while in uniform. **FEED YOUR CHILD BEFORE THE GAMES!**
- The band will be responsible for cleaning the uniforms. That is part of the band fee.
- Please purchase crew-length (or higher) socks **in both black and white** for your child. A **limited** number of socks will be available for purchase on game day for those who forget!

Band Uniforms 101

- Your band uniform is your responsibility. It is a large part of your whole band experience. With proper care, these uniforms will continue to look good on the field and be a source of pride to those who are chosen to wear it.

Don't forget The Shoes!

- Make sure you have ordered your student's **band shoes**! When students are fitted for uniforms, they will be sized for shoes. Shoes are ordered from a vendor, Frank Godfrey. Both black and white colors are needed, cost is \$26.00 per pair...\$52.00 total. Checks made to **Frank Godfrey**.

Volunteer Opportunities...SOS!

- Every Thursday morning during marching season, we will meet to prepare the uniforms for that week's game. We will make sure they are in numerical order, make repairs (snaps, buttons, hems), and make sure all the uniform components are present. If we have lots of volunteers it will go **FASTER** and we'll all have more fun!
- Every Game Day, we will need help: again see Jenny Barrett
 - **Before** the game to help the kids get prepared in uniform
 - **During** the game to collect the chickens after halftime
 - **After** the game to make sure all the uniforms have been Febreezed and are put back in order
 - No sewing experience is required! We have many jobs that don't require a needle and thread!

Uniform SOS!

- In General, we need help with alterations -- especially pre-season...

(by the way — It's Pre-Season **NOW.**)

Equipment: Alan Christian

**All that stuff has to
get to the games
somehow....**

Contact Alan Christian: alan.christian@regions.com

Hoover Band Equipment Crew

- Fabulous benefits
- Sumptuous meal plan
- Cushy job
- Almost as good as getting Eagle Scout
- Cult-like status
- Chauffeured limo-like transportation
- Best seating in the house

Hoover Band Equipment Crew

- Umm...no benefits, not really...
- Plenty of peanuts
- Bring your gloves, you' ll need them
- Not quite as good as getting your Eagle..
- Status? Is that why you' re here?
- Sometimes the truck does have AC...
- Seating – who told you you' d be sitting – we' ve got equipment to move!!!
- Still...it' s the best job in the house!

Hoover **Band** Equipment Crew

- We move equipment (instruments, sound system, water, etc.) for **each** game
- Usually taking two trucks for away games
- Qualified drivers needed
- Did I mention free peanuts?
- Load up before kids arrive for call-time, position for half time show, load up after halftime, unload at high school

Ways and Means: Alan Stanton

**Making it all
happen!**

Contact Alan Stanton: stanton.alan@cenrx.com or
Ann Mayhall: ann.tom@charter.net

Participate!

- All students are expected to participate in fund raising activities.
- All members of the band benefit from “General Fund” campaigns.
- GF provides funds for instrument repairs, equipment, supplies, entry fees, rental fees, start up costs....You name it.
- Portions of campaigns benefit the individual student. This lessens the impact on your finances for your student’s participation on the spring trip.
- With a little effort, the entire trip can be covered!
- Please support the merchants that support us, and tell them why you came to their business... because they supported the HHS Band!

Some Guidelines that help us

- A fund raising schedule will be provided at our first band booster meeting.
- Important to follow the deadlines for fund raising campaigns. It insures we get our products in by the suggested delivery date.
- All checks are made to “Hoover High School Band”.
- Turn in orders, checks, and related items to Mr. Carroll.
- **Make sure your phone number is ON THE CHECK!**
- **Collect money up front.**

Volunteer and **Serve!**

- Parents are needed for pick-up, collection, and distribution of sale items.
- All events require volunteers, both student AND parent.
- Hoover Invitational Marching Contest: We ALL have to serve this day!
- The “Winter Odyssey” Colorguard contest also needs parent volunteers. When they look good, We ALL look good.

Concessions:
Onsite: Rhonda Love
Offsite: Scott Turek

**If you feed them,
they will come.**

Contact Rhonda Love: autgr5@charter.net or
Scott Turek: sturek@irondale.com

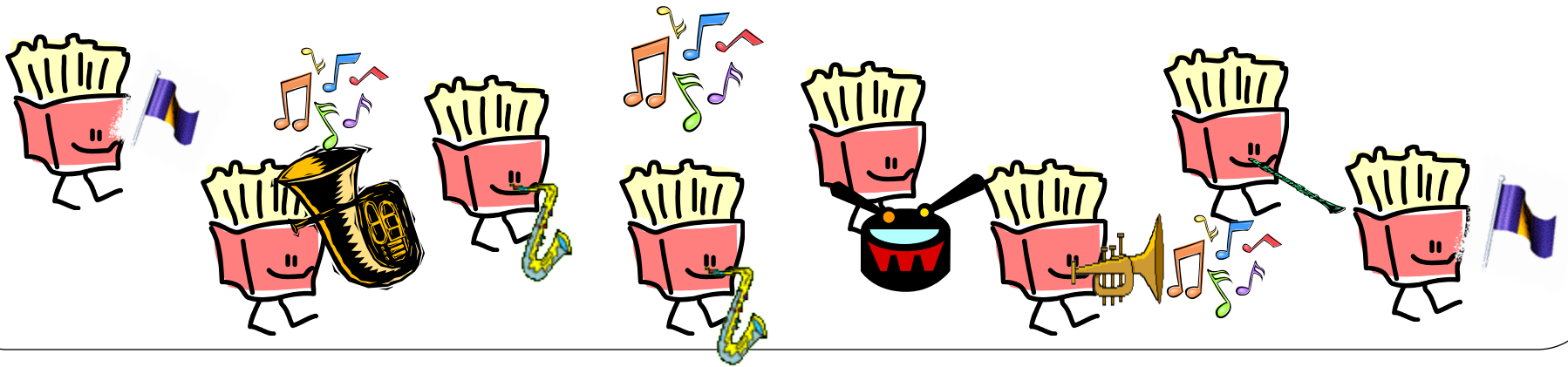
Concessions..

- Remember: All “home” games will be played at the Hoover Met.
- The second largest contributor to our band budget, and many years the largest contributor...

The Concession Stand

The “home” concession stand is responsible for:

- All Varsity games: All Home Games at the Hoover Met
- All the JV and Freshman home football games. The JV and Freshman games are usually scheduled on Monday or Tuesday nights at the Hoover High School Stadium.
- There may be other events at the HHS stadium such as youth football jamborees. We will ask for help during these events also.



Our First Game

Our first game will be at the
Hoover Met on

Friday, August 30th

vs. Colquitt County at 7 PM

(possibly televised on ESPN)



Other **Home** Games...

- September 6th: **Hueytown**
- September 20th: **Northridge (Homecoming)**
- September 27th: **Vestavia Hills**
- October 4th: **Bessemer City**
- October 11th: **Hillcrest**
- October 24th: **Tuscaloosa County** Thurs. game at 7PM
- Plus, hopefully, lots and lots of playoff games.
- (And don't forget the Hoover Invitational on October 19th!)



The Last Game of the year MAY be on Fri, Dec. 6 in Tuscaloosa!



Food Safety



- In August, TBA, there will be a food safety course required for all concession stand workers.
- All concession workers **must** attend and receive a card for attending a food safety training class once every two years in order to work at a concession stand manned by volunteers.
- If you did not attend and receive a card in 2012, you will need to attend one of these classes or a class at another location in order to work in the stands. This is a short class, 30 to 45 minutes.

Gate Passes...Where do we park?

- All Volunteers will need to have a pass to park and enter the gates at the Hoover Met for free.
- Passes will be sent home with your student on either Wednesday or Thursday.
- Gates will open at 5:15 for volunteers.

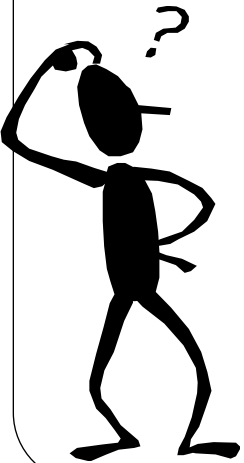
Help Your Child, and your bank account!

- Did you know you make **\$5.00 per hour** to deposited in your student's individual account for every hour you work in the concession stand?
- (Note, this does **NOT** apply for the Hoover Invitational, where all hands are on deck for the day)

Who to Ask:

- Rhonda Love:
 - 205.835.7905
 - autgr5@charter.net

- Scott Turek:
 - 205.910.7157
 - sturek@irondale.com



Sign Up Tonight!

- **A concession worker volunteer form is located at the exits for your convenience!**

Chaperones: Jackie Turek

The eyes are upon them!

Contact Jackie Turek: turekr@bellsouth.net

Chaperones

- Chaperones go with the band to every football game and trip.
- Our main job is to watch out for the health, safety and appropriate behavior of the students.
- We are with the kids from the time they get on the buses until they get off at the end of the event or trip.
- When the band takes the spring trip, chaperones go along to do the same type things we do during football games, just on a larger scale.
- We enforce the curfew and make sure students are safe in their hotel rooms and are where they are supposed to be, when they are supposed to be there.

Chaperones.... Football games

- We help the band students with uniforms
- Distribute water
- Escort students to and from the restrooms,
- “Guard” the band (making sure they aren’t distracted by friends and others when they are supposed to be playing)
- Handle any emergencies that may come up.
- When we get back to the school, we oversee the students hanging and storing their uniforms and putting away instruments.

Chaperones.... Training.

- Chaperone training will occur in August
- NEW HIGH SCHOOL BAND PARENTS ONLY . . . I will be conducting 2 sessions of chaperone informational training on **Friday, August 2nd, 6:00PM** and **Friday, August 23rd, 4:00PM**
- Once trained, you will be called to chaperone.
- We are limited to the number of chaperones for football games, so you probably will not be called for each game.
- Chaperone signup forms are available now.

Chaperones.... It takes time

- The time commitment for chaperones varies.
- On a typical Friday night, we arrive at around 5:30 p.m.
- It is well worth going through the training (30 minutes) even if you can only chaperone once or twice.
- Chaperoning gives you a chance to get to know the students who will be your child's friends, and to become familiar with the traditions and activities of the Hoover Band. It is an excellent way to become part of the Hoover Band "family," to bond with other parents of teens, and to stay involved in your child's school life, while having lots of fun.

Chaperoning.... Presidential observations... (mine not theirs)

- Chaperones work hard.
- Chaperones have LOTS of fun.
- Chaperones are the ones that really know the kids.
- **DO NOT** Chaperone if you are only looking for a ride to the Opelika game.
- **DO** Chaperone if you want to be really involved with the band.
- Please remind your kids to mind the chaperones.
- Please be on time to pick up your students.

Colorguard: Vicki Edwards

**They turn our band
program into a show!**

Contact Vicki Edwards: edwards5524@hotmail.com

Colorguard

- The Colorguard is the band's largest auxiliary.... And largest ever this year with 33 girls!
- Does not end at marching season...girls are divided up into separate award winning teams, the JV competition team and Winter Guard, and travel through-out the Southeast to compete.
- We hold additional fundraisers to help fund post-football season activities.

Colorguard

- Our major fundraiser is the Winter Odyssey, which is a one-day indoor drum-line and Colorguard competition held at Hoover High School in late February. This is the largest competition of its kind in Alabama with an attendance of over 50 teams from Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia.
- The Colorguard liaison to the Band Boosters will keep us up-to-date on the various activities of the Colorguard throughout the year, answering questions and asking for support.
- Remember... we need your help. Think “total band”, not individual child.

Buccanettes: Kelly Kuykendall

“The Shiny Girls.”

Contact Kelly Kuykendall: athomekelly@charter.net

Buccanettes

- Participate at all our home games.
- Perform at varsity basketball games.
- Perform at pep rallies.
- Perform at community events and fundraisers.
- Participate in competitions primarily in January and June: performing a variety of dance genres including jazz, hip-hop, Bollywood and Kickline.

Various Important Jobs

**Keeping us up and
running!**

Public Relations: Maelynn Cheung

- Notifies the local media (newspapers and television) about our band's accomplishments and accolades.
- T-shirts and "Spirit Packs" will be on sale soon.
- Items may be ordered soon. Watch your emails for more details.
- Oversees the Hooverband.com website.

- Secretary, Michelle Bowen
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- Treasurer, Kim Vercelli
kvhorn59@yahoo.com
- Hydration, Chuawana Abdulhaqq
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- Communications, Debra Roberts
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- Public Relations, Maelynn Cheung
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- Band Banquet Chairman, Mary Beth Rush
rushfive@bellsouth.net
- PTSO/Parliamentarian, Cindy Langston
clangston1132@gmail.com

PTSO/Parliamentarian: Cindy Langston

- Duties.... To serve as band cheerleader at PTSO meetings, and be a representative of the band for the school.
- Keep the band boosters aware of other school functions.
- Represent the band at school functions, outside of the band.

Trea\$urer: Kim Vercelli

- Keeps our accounts in check.
- Signs off and oversees spending.
- Keeps up with all money raised by the boosters.
- Presents a brief report at booster meetings.

Communications: Debra Roberts

- Sends emails to band parents with updates and announcements.
- Manages communications between committees

Hydration: Chuawana Abdulhaqq

- Purchase water from Sam's once a week for games, and for visiting bands.
- Oversees/delegates the loading of the "coffin" on Thursday nights, so our kids have water for the games.
- Volunteers are needed.

Band Banquet : Mary Beth Rush

- Organizes the end of the year Band Banquet.
- Puts together that evening's program.
- Decorates tables and banquet hall.
- Makes the evening memorable.

Facebook

**Hoover Buccaneer Band has a Facebook page.
Search “Hoover High School Band” and click “like”.
You can view updates, news, events, pics and videos.
Post some of your own too!**

Some Final Thoughts

Thank You!

- We are glad you are here, and will help you find your niche.
- Some people have more time than others...but EVERYONE can help at one time or another.
- The next four, eight, twelve years will be a fun time for you and your children.
- Go Bucs!
- Go Hoover High School Buccaneer Band!