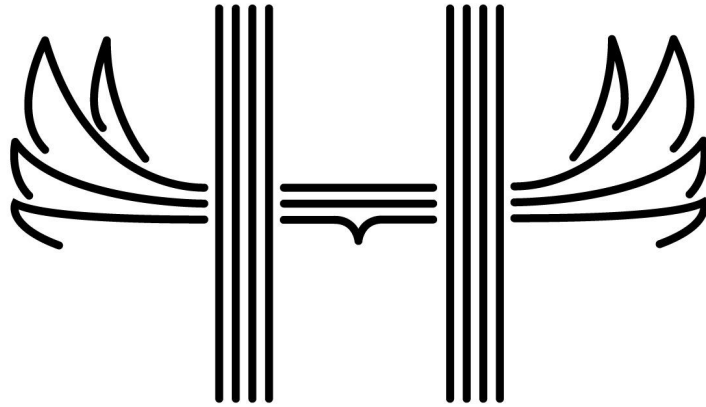


HAYFIELD SECONDARY MARCHING HAWKS

2021 INFORMATION



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ABOUT THE MARCHING HAWKS

The Hayfield Marching Band is an extension of the band curriculum at Hayfield Secondary School. The band's purpose is to give students in all different mediums of music experience in the marching arts. Our marching band consists of members from the band, orchestra, and choir, and offers non-musicians the opportunity to participate through our color guard. All members of our ensemble add to our overall performance.

MARCHING BAND ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS

Absences

When joining the Marching Hawks, you are joining a group of students and staff that work hard for success. Therefore, any absence affects every member of the ensemble, no matter what section they're in. If a student must miss practice due to illness, it is helpful for the student to let the band director know by email or phone. The student must provide a note from a parent or guardian at the next rehearsal. Jobs/babysitting/etc. are not an appropriate excuse for missing rehearsal. The calendar is available enough ahead of time to avoid such conflicts.

After School Help

After school help should be scheduled with teachers on **Mondays and Wednesdays**. Sectional time can be missed if necessary to make up assignments or receive extra help. After school help with a teacher on Tuesday or Thursday past 3:15pm will be allowed only through prior communication between the teacher and Mr. Specketer.

Clubs and Activities

Marching Band members are often very active in the school through other clubs and activities. While we celebrate our well-rounded students, these clubs and activities cannot interfere with rehearsal attendance during marching band season. It is your responsibility to receive information from your club sponsor and be on time and present to rehearsal.

Communication

More often than not, attendance issues can be solved through communication between Mr. Specketer, the student, the parent, or the student's teacher. Be responsible and plan your schedule ahead of time to avoid unexcused absences.

Fundraising

The Hayfield Marching Band conducts its **Tag Day** annually to support the efforts of the marching band. This year's Tag Day fundraisers will take place on August 21 and 28, 2021.

WHAT DO I NEED TO PAY FOR?

The following fee(s) will be invoiced through MySchoolBucks for all marching band participants.

ALL STUDENTS:

Marching Band Fee - \$150.00 per student

The Marching Band fee covers all of the following “consumables”:

- Uniform costs (2021 Show T-Shirt, gloves, MH uniform dry-cleaning)
- Operational Costs (truck rentals, food costs, band camp supplies)
 - Competition Registration Fees

In addition, students in the following sections have additional fees:

Shoe Fee - \$25.00 - All new members (or returning members needing new marching shoes) will be required to purchase shoes as a one-time fee. The Hayfield Band Boosters will fit students along with their uniform fitting in the first week of band camp.

Percussion Fee - \$30.00 - Per FCPS Notice 5922 regarding Student fees, there is a \$30.00 High School Percussion fee for all students using percussion instruments, battery and front ensemble. This fee will be combined with the \$30.00 concert percussion fee for students enrolled in the Percussion Ensemble course.

Color Guard Supplies Fee - \$25.00 - All color guard members will pay an additional \$25.00 to cover the costs of supplies not utilized by wind/percussion students.

Instrument Rental Fee - Students renting an instrument from Hayfield Secondary for use as their primary instrument throughout the school year will be assessed a rental fee of \$50.00 per semester through their band class fees.

If your child receives free/reduced lunch, please select the appropriate option in the sign-up form. The fee will still be invoiced to your account, but will be removed after verification in October.

We **never** want financial obligations to be the reason a student does not participate in marching band. If assistance is necessary, please reach out to Mr. Specketer (rcspecketer@fcps.edu).

All Marching Band-related fees will be invoiced to students in MySchoolBucks in August. Fees can be paid at this time.

MARCHING HAWKS 2021 SCHEDULE

COVID-19 STATEMENT - The safety of our students, staff, and families is of the highest priority. Any rehearsal or performance of the Marching Hawks is subject to change due to COVID-19 protocol. All dates and times are subject to minor changes or adjustments.

BAND CAMP

August 2-6, 2021
8:00am-4:30pm

August 9-13, 2021
8:00am-4:30pm

August 17 and 19, 2021
5:00-8:00pm

Saturday, August 14, 2021 - Join us for our Preview Picnic! The students will give their first performance of the 2021 Marching Show, followed by a picnic and parent information presentation by the band boosters in the auditorium.

Thursday, August 19, 2021 - The Marching Hawks will perform for the freshman orientation event at Hayfield in the morning. Details TBA.

2021 SCHEDULE

August 21, 2021 - **TAG DAY #1**

August 27, 2021 - **Away Football vs. Lake Braddock**

August 28, 2021 - **TAG DAY #2**

September 2, 2021 - **Home Football vs. South County (Thursday)**

September 17, 2021 - **Away Football vs. Marshall**

September 24, 2021 - **Home Football vs. West Springfield (8th Grade Night)**

September 25, 2021 - **Competition #1 - Colgan Classic**

October 2, 2021 - **Competition #2 - South County Invitational (VMBC)**

October 15, 2021 - **Home Football vs. Annandale**

October 16, 2021 - **Competition #3 - JMU POC**

October 22, 2021 - **Home Football vs. Lewis (Homecoming)**

October 23, 2021 - **VBODA Marching Assessment**

October 29, 2021 - **Home Football vs. Mount Vernon (Senior Night)**

October 31, 2021 - **Hayfield Farms Halloween Parade**

November 5, 2021 - **Away Football vs. Edison**

GENERAL PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS

1. Non-Band Members (including alumni) are not permitted to sit within the band.
2. Cell phone use during performances will not be allowed (i.e. football games, competitions)
3. The full uniform, 2021 band shirt, shorts, hat, gloves, etc., must be worn at all times unless instructed by the director.
4. Students will represent Hayfield Secondary School at the highest level while participating in any Marching Hawks performance. All FCPS Code of Conduct expectations apply during travel.

WEEKLY REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday* |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Sectionals 3:15-4:30pm | After School 3:15-5:15pm | Evening 5:30-8:30pm | After School 3:15-5:15pm | 3:15 - 5:00pm |

*Friday rehearsals will only occur on Fridays with no home football game before a competition.

Percussion/Color Guard Expectations - Drumline, Front Ensemble, and Color Guard will have additional rehearsals scheduled. These rehearsals are required for participation in those groups.

Advanced Band Requirement Information

As a requirement for the Advanced Band course, Marching Band is a graded activity. Students enrolled in Advanced Band will receive grades for every week of rehearsal, as well as each performance.

- **Rehearsal Grade (40%)** - rehearsal attendance, having all required materials
- **Performance Grade (60%)** - performance attendance

Attendance Policy

Students are expected to be present at all Marching Hawks rehearsals and performances. Absences may, in some circumstances, affect a student's eligibility to perform. The safety of all students will be taken into consideration. The Marching Hawks Instructional Staff reserves the right to hold any performer off of the field for a performance should they see it necessary due to absences from rehearsal.

MARCHING HAWKS UNIFORM

Hayfield was lucky enough to purchase new uniforms in 2018. These uniforms are meant to last the ensemble for a long time, so precautions must be taken to ensure they are maintained for years to come.

Uniform Rules

- 2021 Band t-shirt **MUST** be worn under the uniform
- Long black socks must be worn – no ankle, golf, tennis or other short socks; no colors (such as on the heel) or logos
- Shoes should be cleaned **at home**, before each event
- Hair must be worn tucked securely to fit under the uniform hat when in uniform
- No makeup, No jewelry (rings, earrings, watches), No fingernail polish.
- Uniform-friendly food only when in uniform (No pizza, nachos, chocolate, etc)

[1] FEES MAY BE AS MUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: Jackets \$350.00; Pants 125.00; Plume 15.00; Hat 50.00; Hat Box 15.00; Uniform Bag 10.00; Buttons 2.00; Uniform Hangers 2.00 each; Gloves 2.00 pair; Socks 2.00 pair; Hair Accessories 1.00; Food Infringement 5.00

MARCHING HAWKS BAND CAMP

Band camp occurs in August each year. It is essential to the success of our program for the entire season. It is a time for students to get to know each other, as well as the time when we learn the entire marching band show, including music, drill, and choreography.

Time

Students should be *in the band room*, ready to begin rehearsal/warm-up at the scheduled times. Arrive early so you have time to prepare for the rehearsal.

Meals

Meals will NOT be provided, and students are not allowed to leave the school grounds during camp. Students will need to bring lunch every day of band camp.

Attire

Students should wear shorts, a light colored t-shirt, socks, and sneakers. Jeans, flip flops, and sandals will **not** be allowed during rehearsals. Students should also bring a spare pair of socks in case of rain. Students who are dressed inappropriately will be asked to find a change of clothes. If no change is available, the student will be sent home.

MARCHING HAWKS INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Andrew Clifford
Assistant Director

Sheir Clark
Front Ensemble Instructor

Beth Morgan
Percussion Instructor

Amy Sesay
Guard Instructor

Nicholas Graziano
Woodwind/Visual Instructor

What to Bring

- Water Bottle** (*Reusable, with your name on it.*)
- Sunscreen** (*Usually provided by band boosters, but have some just in case.*)
- Deodorant** (*Re-apply when necessary. Stick deodorant only, **no aerosols!***)
- Towel** (*A small hand towel will work, used for sweat/protecting hands while doing aerobics*)
- Lip Balm** (*Recommended with SPF protection*)
- Instrument w/ all accessories** (*Always have a spare reed or valve oil!*)
- Binder for Music/Handouts with clear plastic pages**
- Pencils**
- All music and drill**