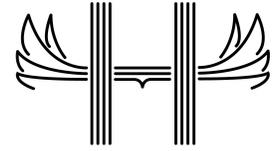


# HAYFIELD BANDS



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Date: July 20, 2020

Re: 2020 Marching Hawks Band Camp Update

Dear Marching Hawks Families,

I hope you and your families are safe. I want to update you on our upcoming marching band camp. At this time, the uncertainty of school structure for the fall is making it difficult for us to plan an in-person, face-to-face band camp experience. As much as I want to host the camp at school, we don't have the information or resources required logistically to make that possible. Our overriding goal is keeping students and families safe.

We will instead be offering a Virtual Band Camp for students interested in participating. This will be separate from the Marching Hawks experience that students signed up for in May. That in-person experience will still be offered when it is safe to do so. The virtual band camp will run Monday-Friday, August 17-28, 2020. Our marching band instructional staff will be ready to teach fundamentals of visual and music performance through focused clinics, culminating in a video project to be presented to our Hayfield community. A sign-up link will be posted on the Hayfield Bands website. At this time, no fee will be assessed for the Virtual Marching Band Camp. As this is a separate camp from the in-person Marching Hawks experience, students may elect to participate on a different instrument or in a different section than they registered for in May.

For percussion students, we will offer instruments to students who sign up for the camp to the best of our availability, but all students will be given instruction on proper percussion hand and marching techniques. Instrument distribution, both battery and front ensemble, will be determined once we have an idea of how many students will be participating.

Color guard equipment will be distributed before camp for students who register for the color guard camp. Any student interested in learning fundamental color guard techniques is encouraged to sign up for that portion of the virtual camp.

This will be a different experience for all of us, and I ask for your patience and flexibility as we finalize details. We will also have to adhere to any new guidance that comes from Fairfax County Public Schools, which will be communicated as quickly as possible.

Again, I hope you and your families remain safe. We will communicate details for camp as soon as they are available, but I hope as many students as possible will plan to join us in August for Virtual Band Camp!

Sincerely,

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