

Huron Tiger



Marching Band

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*** (must be signed in order to participate)**

2011 Huron Marching Band Directors and Staff

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Dear Students and Parents:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2011-2012 school year and the 2011 marching season of the Huron Tiger Band! Also, let me congratulate you on choosing to be part of an organization that has been, and will always strive to be, a cornerstone of our community.

This handbook is designed to serve as a guide for both students and parents to give specific details concerning all aspects of marching band. Most of your questions regarding participation as a member of this group will be answered in the pages that follow. Any concerns that are not answered in this document may be addressed by visiting the band website at www.hurontigerband.com or by emailing Adam_Ladd@huronhs.com.

As we stand at the beginning of a new year it is important for us to once again remember why we do what we do. The goals of this program are to: **develop musical performance skills and apply these skills to the marching band setting, learn to work together as a group toward a common goal, develop positive leadership skills, conduct ourselves at all times with class, and finally to enjoy the success that comes after working hard.**

We have everything we need to be a fantastic band. It is now up to us to make it happen.

Adam Ladd
Director of Bands

General Information

Sheet Music/Drill Charts: Every wind and percussion player is issued one copy of each song/drill per show. Music is expected to be memorized and a memorization check-offs will take place during arranged times. Failure to prepare music on time will result in a lowering of your grade (per attached grading policy), and/or non-marching status for the upcoming game.

All students need to have a music flip folder which can be purchased from Forte Music in Sandusky.

School owned instruments should be treated even BETTER than if they were your own. **Students using school owned instruments will be responsible for any damage due to negligence.**

Uniforms: Uniforms will be stored at the High School and passed out before each performance/event. All members must provide their own marching band shoes, **PLAIN black or red tee shirt, BLACK socks, and white gloves.** Gloves can be purchased in the band room before every performance for \$2.00. Gloves should be clean/white and should be replaced if badly stained. Any damage done to the uniform will be paid for by the student.

Practice: It is expected that all members of the Huron band program will practice their instrument outside of the scheduled band time. Rehearsals can be fun and fast paced if we spend less time learning our own parts, and more time learning how our part fits into the rest of the group!

Rules and Code of Conduct

1. Rehearsals will NEVER be cancelled due to rain, snow, etc. If school is cancelled, there will be no rehearsal.
2. Come prepared for rehearsal. You should always have: Your instrument, your flip-folder of music, a pencil, your drill charts, and appropriate marching clothes.
3. **No eating, drinking, or gum chewing in the band room or on the practice field.**
4. Be in your chairs, **ready to play**, at the start of rehearsal. Plan on arriving at least 5 minutes early to give yourself time to get yourself and your instrument set.
5. Do not play your instrument before class starts. Wait until we all warm-up together as a group.
6. Only play or handle your own instruments.
7. There should be **no talking during music rehearsals** and limited talking during field rehearsals. Students will be given one verbal warning and then will be disciplined based on the frequency of such problems.
8. All trash, litter, sheet music, and other paperwork should be picked up before you leave the band room. Even if it does not belong to you!
9. When excused, put all music, instruments, and equipment away properly and neatly. **Remove mouthpieces/reeds, and close your case.** Failure to store instruments properly will result in losing your instrument locker.
10. Prior to each performance, students will line up outside in parade block for inspection. Directors will inspect students for uniform appearance and compliance (*in accordance with the uniform care policies*). Students who fail to pass the inspection will receive one “warning.” If the problem occurs repeatedly, students will lose

participation points for that performance and will be unable to perform.

11. Students may not drive to or from any away performances.
12. Students will remain with your assigned sections in the band seating area during all games. Feel free to be rowdy and spirited during games, but be ready to play when asked to do so. You will be permitted to leave the stands during 3rd quarter. When **2 minutes** are left on the 3rd quarter clock, you are to be in your seats ready to play. Those students that are not back in the band section at 2 minutes left in the 3rd quarter will lose their 3rd quarter priveledges for the next week's game.
13. No profanity.
14. Hazing of any kind will not be tolerated and will result in immediate removal from the Huron Band Program.
15. Treat all staff, chaperones, and fellow members with respect.
16. All school handbook policies are in effect. (including cell phone policy at all rehearsals and performances)

Consequences will depend upon severity and frequency of the problem.

Consequences are (but not restricted to):

- Verbal or Written Warning
- 15 Minute Detention with Mr. Ladd
- 30 Minute Detention through Mr. Munafo
- Phone call home
- Extended Thursday Detention
- Saturday Detention
- Lowered grade
- Removal from band

Attendance Policy

To be a member in good standing, your attendance at rehearsals and performances is required. The calendar has been developed holding extra time to a minimum thereby allowing band members to “have a life” outside of band. With any less scheduled time, the group would be unable to present a quality product to the public.

The following will always be considered excused absences...

- Your illness
- **Sudden** family emergency
- Death in family
- Observance of religious holiday

To be excused for the above reasons requires contact from a parent to Mr. Ladd (in advance when possible) in the form of a note, phone call, or email (Adam_Ladd@huronhs.com). Last minute emergencies may be handled by calling 419-433-1234 ext. 1117.

Students that need to miss rehearsal for reasons that are not covered by the above circumstances will be considered on a case by case basis only after a parent has contacted Mr. Ladd **in advance** with the times and dates of the requested absence. Parents can contact via written message, phone call, or email. Please note: Work is **never** an excused absence. The band calendar is known well enough in advance that work schedules may be adjusted accordingly.

Participants in fall sports will be worked into the main flow of rehearsal and performance as the schedules dictate. Every attempt will be made to accommodate scheduling conflicts for fall sports athletes, but final performance decisions will be made by Mr. Ladd based on fairness to the group and the preparation of the individual. **Each fall sport athlete is responsible for presenting Mr. Ladd with a written schedule of all sports practices and/or games/matches that conflict with band activities. If I do not receive a copy of your sports schedule conflicts, you will be unexcused for all absences.**

Unexcused absences and tardies will affect your grade in accordance with the grading policy.

Grading Policy

Grading in band is based upon attitude, participation, check offs, occasional written assignments, and attendance.

- Students receive full credit (10 pts) for each song that is checked off on time. Songs that are checked off one week late will receive 80% credit (8pts). Songs that are checked off two weeks late will receive half credit (5pts). Songs that are not memorized after the second week late will be given 0 pts.
- Students will receive 5 points each day for regular class participation. These 5 points include bringing your instrument, a **pencil**, your music, your drill charts, and actively participating in all activities.

Grade overrides

If a student fails to attend rehearsals, or is constantly tardy, his/her grade will be lowered.

- **2 unexcused absences = 1 letter grade lower + non-marching status for 1 game.**
- **2 tardies = 1 unexcused absence**
- **Unexcused absences from a performance will result in the student's grade being lowered by 3 letter grades.**

Final Grade = 30% Check offs and written assignments + 70% Participation – absences/tardies

Football Game Policy

Football games are fun, and we are there to perform and support the team. However, we must maintain a class act at all times. Band members may stand up and YELL/SCREAM in support of the game, but should always remain in his/her “spot”. The band will sit in the west end of the home bleachers and each section will sit together so that the band will sound great from the stands. Our primary purpose for being at the game is to play. WE WILL PLAY REGULARLY and students are expected to have their instrument and flip folder ready at all times.

Only band students and chaperones are allowed in the band section.

Uniform Care and Code

1. Hair must be kept neatly INSIDE of your hat. Your hair should not touch your collar, and pony tails/braids must be kept inside of your hat.
2. Heavy make up is NOT to be worn while in uniform.
3. Jewelry is NOT to be worn while in uniform. Small earrings are permitted (no hoops, “pegs”, or “spikes”). If you have facial piercings, remove them or cover them with a band-aid. Bracelets, necklaces, etc that show when in uniform must be removed.
4. You must have black socks, white gloves, and plain black or red tee shirt when in uniform. This will be checked at all inspections. If you don’t own these items, buy them.
5. **DO NOT** wear sleeveless shirts under your uniform.
6. **DO NOT** push your sleeves up while wearing your uniform. This causes the trim and striping to fray. This will cost YOU money!
7. **DO** follow the instructions of our Uniform Crew.
8. **DO** hang your own uniform up. Do not give it to another member, or leave it hanging somewhere. (i.e. the percussion room, or your locker)
9. The uniform is not to be worn in pieces. When you wear the uniform, you wear ALL of it. Do not step out of the band room or off of the bus without your complete uniform on. (This does not include hats)
10. Raincoats will be issued at the discretion of the director.

11. Your uniform/raincoat pockets are not for the purpose of carrying candy/food into the stadium.
12. Shoes must be spotless before each performance.
13. You may unzip your jacket on the bus, but you may NOT take it off.
14. Do not wear jeans under your uniform to stay warm. Wear long underwear or fleece. Your uniform will fit better and you will be warmer!
15. Do not carry your hat by the strap.
16. If you wish to wear a hat in the stands, you must purchase a Huron “band” hat from Katman Graphics or Huron Sports Center. This is the only hat that you will be permitted to wear while in the stands.
17. Gloves must be clean for every performance.

School Instruments

The Huron Band program provides school musical instruments for our “larger” instruments. These instruments are quite costly (example: Sousaphone- \$5,000). These instruments are sent to the repair shop and reconditioned during the summer. **Any damage or normal adjustment during the year is the responsibility of the band student using the instrument.** We expect the instrument to be returned in the same condition as when issued. Dings, dents, and other damage will be repaired at the student’s expense.

Signature Page

I have read and understand all of the information in this handbook. I agree to comply with all of the policies and procedures as they have been set forth.

(Printed Student's Name)

(Student Signature)

Date

(Parent Signature)

Date

Parents, please circle your preferred method for us to contact you:

Email Phone

Preferred email address or phone number: _____

* Please detach and return this signature page to Mr. Ladd by Thursday August 25th. It is worth 5 points if turned in on time!