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Dear UGHS Marching Wolverines member and parents:

It is hard to believe that school has been out for 3 weeks. I hope that all of you (students) are enjoying your time away from school as you vacation, relax and in some cases work during the summer break.

At the writing of this letter, the colorguard has already had started rehearsals, and the drill writer is working on the drill and visual portion of the marching show. Our show this season will be fun yet challenging for the band, entertaining for our audiences and enjoyable for the judges. The marching show will not only provide exciting music for players and listeners alike but will provide numerous opportunities to make a visual impact. All upperclassmen should have received their show music prior to the end of school. I have included copies of the music for our new 9th grade marchers. If you are missing your music or have questions, please e-mail or call me at the address or number listed above. The sound files for each of our show selections can be listed accessed via our band website. Please use them as a reference for proper tempi, style, dynamics etc. I realize that those of you that use school instruments do not have access to those right now. You should work to make yourself as familiar as possible with the music: unusual accidentals; tough rhythms etc. School instrumentals will be available for pick-up starting July 5 from the UGHS band room. I expect each student to be familiar with and well on the way to memorizing his/her music prior to arriving at the first rehearsal.

This letter is being sent as a reminder of our summer/fall marching band schedule and basic expectations for the season and year. Please pay careful attention to the information listed in the remainder of this letter because it may be slightly different than previous information and/or different from previous years. Please check the website (www.ughsband.org) regularly for the most up to date schedule/calendar and UGHS Band information. I have included a roster of students participating in marching band this year.

If your name is missing or if someone is missing from the list that you know should be included, please let me know as soon as possible. Also, if you are on the list and not planning to participate, please call or e-mail me at the number or e-mail address listed at the beginning of this letter.

Important UGHS Band Dates : This calendar supersedes any previous schedules/calendars. Some dates/times may be subject to change.

June 2011

T.B.A. Colorguard practices (2-3 practices approximately 2 hours in length)

July 2011

11-14 Monday-Thursday 4:00p.m.-8:00p.m. Percussion and Colorguard Camp
(Students will not be allowed to leave campus during camp hours.)

12 Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Band Camp Meeting
At least 1 parent of each participating student should be in attendance at the meeting (students do not have to attend). The remaining balance of marching band fees are due and camp/season information and expectations will be covered. Paperwork pertinent to the season will be distributed: medical/travel form; volunteer form; spirit wear form. It is not necessary for students to attend this meeting.

14 Thursday 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. All Marching Band Members

18-21 Band Camp Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. All Marching Band Members
(lunch will be provided 12:00-1:00 p.m. and students should make arrangements for the supper break 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Students are required to remain on campus from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. each day.)

25 Monday 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. All Marching Band Members
This is a change from previous calendars

26 Tuesday 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. All Marching Band Members

August 2011

1 Monday First day of school!!!

2 Tuesday Regular Practice Schedule begins

6 Saturday 9:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Picture day/mini camp/preview show/cookout
(We will take group pictures for the football program and yearbook, senior band pictures and work to finish learning the halftime/competition show. There will be a cookout at the end of the day for band members and their families. RSVP forms will be sent out at a later date.)

September 2011

October 2011

3 Monday 6:30 p.m. Henry County Schools Marching Band Exhibition:
Stockbridge High School
(Student Report time T.B.A.)

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Report approximately 9:00 a.m. Return 12:00 a.m.

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Our competition dates will most likely be on Saturday October 15 and 22.

November 2011

Late December 2011 and Early January 2012

Dec 30, 2011-Jan 3, 2012 Marching Wolverines Perform at the
2012 All-State Sugar Bowl
New Orleans Superdome
New Orleans, LA
(trip participation is optional but encouraged)

I will be sending information via e-mail regarding the upcoming trip to New Orleans and performance at the Sugar Bowl. I will also have the information posted on the band's website for anyone that may not receive the e-mail.

2011 UGHS Varsity Football Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Time</u>
August	26	Northside Warner Robins	Away	7:30
September	2	Fayette County	Away	7:30
September	9	Whitewater	Home	7:30
September	16	Alcovy	Away	7:30
September	23	Woodland	Home	7:30
October	30	Bye Week-no game	-----	-----
October	7	Dutchtown (Homecoming)	Away	7:30
October	14	Griffin	Home	7:30
October	21	Ola	Away	7:30
October	28	Jones County	Home	7:30
November	4	Region Play-In Game	T.B.A.	7:30

*Sub-Region Games

After School Practice Schedule

Once school starts, the marching band will rehearse Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. In the event that it becomes necessary to schedule an extra rehearsal(s), every effort will be made to give as much prior notice as possible. Please understand that it is rare but sometimes necessary to schedule an extra rehearsal. After our competition performances, the after school time commitments are greatly reduced. Late in the season the marching band usually practices once per week.

Marching Band Performances

During the upcoming season, the marching band will perform at all varsity football games. In addition to these performances, we will also participate in the following events: UGHS homecoming parade; the Henry County Marching Band Exhibition on Monday, October 3rd; compete in two marching festivals/competitions during the month of October; possible 1 additional parade. Additional performance information will be made available as soon as possible. All performances are mandatory for members of the marching band. Also, please keep in mind that our football team has enjoyed winning seasons over many of the past years, so the band's attendance at any possible playoff games will be expected.

Marching Band Fees

The cost of marching band for each member will be \$350.00 again this year (colorguard members will pay an additional \$125.00 uniform fee). This includes the May 20th deposit. Most parents find it convenient to pay the remainder of marching band fees in multiple payments (June 15; June 30; July 12 Band Camp Meeting). June payments should be mailed to or dropped off in the UGHS front office attention of the UGHS Band (please make sure that your child's name is always written somewhere on your checks). The address is at the beginning of this letter. The remaining balance for each student is due by the July 12th Band Camp Meeting. These fees help pay some of the cost for things such as music, drill, camp staff, uniform cleaning, colorguard equipment, lunch during band camp, band T-shirt and contest entry fees. New members will have a few additional start up costs not included in the band fees: band shoes; gloves; music lyre. If there are special circumstances concerning payment of fees, please contact Mr. Kramer immediately. I never want a child to not have an opportunity to participate because of financial reasons.

Instrument Fees

In addition to the fees for participating in marching band, students who use school owned instruments will pay a \$75.00 maintenance fee. This includes all percussionists, bass clarinets, tenor saxophones, marching french horns, marching baritones, and sousaphones. Students using multiple instruments (ex. mellophone for marching band & horn for concert band) will only pay 1 fee.

Physicals

This year for the first time physicals will be required for students participating in marching band. The county physical form can be downloaded from the UGHS school website: click on the athletics link then click the link under athletic forms then open and print the 4 page physical form. Copies of the physical forms can also be picked up from the UGHS front office. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the physical form or the physical itself.

I am excited and looking forward to a great season. Please remember to check the band's website (www.ughsband.org) regularly for the most up to date schedule/calendar and UGHS Band information. The next mail out will include more specific information concerning camp, more music for each woodwind/brass player and music for members of the drumline. If you have any questions, please e-mail or call the band room. My e-mail and phone number are listed at the beginning of this letter.

I hope you all enjoy the rest of your summer, and I look forward to seeing you all at band camp 2011.

Sincerely,

Stan Kramer, Director
Union Grove High School Band