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Dear UGHS Marching Wolverines member and parents:-

It is hard to believe that school has already been out for 2 weeks. Students I hope you are enjoying your time away from school as you vacation, relax and in some cases work during the summer break. This letter is being sent as a reminder of our summer/fall marching band schedule; it also includes some of the 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 different than previously distributed information and/or different from previous years. Please check the band website (www.ughsband.org) regularly for the most up to date schedule/calendar and UGHS Band information. I will be checking e-mail almost daily throughout the summer, but should you need to contact me via telephone, the band room phone number is 678-583-8502 (main school phone number-Extension 137 to leave a message if you call after hours). I will only check phone messages a couple of times per week, so e-mail is the best way to contact me until summer rehearsals begin.

I am really excited about the upcoming season and hope that you are too. I will be sending music to the woodwind and brass players in approximately a week. In addition to working on the halftime show music when it arrives, all woodwind and brass players should make sure they are familiar with and working towards the memorization of page 4 and pages 6-8 from the Foundations for Superior Performance book (the blue book). Returning UGHS Band students should have a copy of this book. Rising 9th grade students may have used this book at some point in middle school. If not, this book can be purchased inexpensively (around \$7.00-8.00) at one of our local music stores or on-line. Percussionists do not need this book. On page 4 learn exercises 1A/1B/1C/1D and on pages 6-8 woodwinds need to learn the top and bottom of the page and brass players just learn the option at the top of the page for now. Make sure to pay careful attention to chromatic fingerings in the woodwinds and proper slide and valve combinations in the brass. We will also use this book in band class throughout the year.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or need further information, 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 soon.

Sincerely,

Stan Kramer, Director
Union Grove High School Band

Information and Reminders:

Communication & Contact: Please check the website (www.ughsband.org) regularly for the most up to date schedule/calendar and UGHS Band information. Most communication will be conducted via some form of electronic method: website, e-mail, Remind etc. I have included information for our new students and parents regarding how to register for Remind. Please take time to do this upon receiving this letter. If you have not received an e-mail from me prior to the arrival of this letter, please contact me at skramer@henry.k12.ga.us, so I can add you to my contact list. Also, the band boosters and I will continue to use [Facebook](#) as a method of communication with our band members and parents. The listing is [Union Grove High School Band Boosters](#). The UGHS Band is also on Twitter and Instagram: [@ughsband](#) Please like/follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

Physicals/Insurance Consent Forms: All students participating in marching band at a Henry County school must have a physical in order to participate. Colorguard members and percussionists must have a physical form on file in the [UGHS Band office](#) by Monday, July 9th; and all other marching band members must have a completed physical form on file by Thursday, July 12th. I advise parents to keep a copy of the completed physical form for their records. The [Physical Form](#) is included with this letter. If you need another copy of the form, it can be found on the [band website](#) in the [Documents](#) section. Physicals are considered valid by the school system for one calendar year. Any student who had a physical to participate in a school sport this past winter or spring may use a copy of that form; however, I need a copy for the band files. We operate separately from the athletic department. You may visit your primary care physician for a physical, or there are several clinics and locations that offer lower cost sports type physicals. There is also an [Insurance Consent](#) form that must be completed. The consent form will be included in the next mailing in a few weeks.

After School Practice Schedule

Once school starts, the marching band will rehearse Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:45 p.m.-6 p.m. 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](#). This is different than the past several years. In addition to performing at varsity football games, we will also participate in the following events: the Henry County Marching Band Exhibition; compete in two marching festivals/competitions during the month of October and possibly the McDonough Christmas parade in December. All performances are mandatory for members of the marching band. Additional performance information will be made available as soon as possible. Also, please keep in mind should our football team make the playoffs the band will be expected to attend.

Marching Band Fees

The cost of marching band for each member will be \$375.00 again this year (colorguard members will also pay an additional \$100.00 uniform fee). This includes the deposit in May. The rest of the payments for marching band fees can be spread throughout the month of June with any remaining balance due by the July 10th Band Camp Meeting. June payments can be mailed to the school or dropped off in the school's front office. There is also a link for PayPal on the band's website for parents who choose to use this method of payment.

Marching band fees help pay some of the costs for things such as music, drill, camp staff, colorguard & percussion staff, uniform cleaning, colorguard equipment, lunch during band camp, band T-shirt, contest entry fees and transportation among other expenses. New instrumental band 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

As in the past, 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.

Instrument Repairs

Summer break provides the opportunity to have regular maintenance and repairs performed on students' instruments. Should your child's instrument need repair or maintenance, please do this now and do not wait. The summer is a busy time for repairmen, and the return time for repaired instruments can easily run as long as 2-3 weeks or longer depending on the nature of the repair.

Parking/student drop off during all camp activities and practices for the season: UGHS will be busier than usual during band camp and for the foreseeable future. The school is going through construction and renovation for approximately the next 12-16 months. Parents please drop off/pickup your student(s) in front of the school, and parents please help make sure that your child(ren) arrive on time (early) to rehearsals/performances/activities and are picked up in a timely manner afterwards. Students who drive should park in the front parking lot. Please follow these procedures throughout the entire school year for all band events.

Important UGHS Band Dates

(As of June 1, 2018-Some dates may be subject to change)

June 2018

4	Colorguard practice	3:00-5:00p.m.
11	Colorguard practice	3:00-5:00p.m.
18	Colorguard practice	3:00-5:00p.m.
25	Colorguard practice	3:00-5:00p.m.

July 2018

- 9-13 Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Percussion and Colorguard Camp
(Students need to bring lunch. Students will not be allowed to leave campus during camp hours.)
- 10 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 etc.
- 12 Thursday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. New Marchers and Student Leaders
6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. All Marching Band Members
(the evening session includes new marchers and student officers but not colorguard and percussion)
- 13 Friday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. All Marching Band Members (bring lunch)
(including colorguard and percussion)
- 16-20 Band Camp Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. and
Friday 8:00 a.m.-12:00 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 the 4:00 p.m. dinner break each day and then return after dinner.)
- 26 Thursday 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. All Marching Band Members
- 30 Monday First day of school!!!
- 31 Tuesday Regular Practice Schedule begins

August 2018

- 4 Saturday 9:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Picture day/mini-camp/preview show
(We will take group pictures for the football program and yearbook, senior band pictures and work to finish learning the halftime/competition show.)

***The first football game is Friday, August 24. The full football schedule can be found at the end of this document and on the band website www.ughband.org Attendance at ALL games is required for participation.

September 2018

October 2018

- T.B.D. Henry County Schools Marching Band Exhibition:
at Union Grove High School (most likely 10/1 or 10/2)
- T.B.D. Saturday T.B.A. Competition Date
Report approximately 9:00 a.m. Return 12:00 a.m.
- T.B.D. Saturday T.B.A. Competition Date
Report approximately 9:00 a.m. Return 12:00 a.m.

November 2018

December 2018

- T.B.A. Saturday McDonough Christmas Parade

UGHS Varsity Football Schedule Fall 2018

Date	Opponent	Location	Kickoff
8/24/18	Henry County	Away	7:30 p.m.
8/31/18	Strong Rock	HOME	7:30 p.m.
9/7/18	Jones County	Away	7:30 p.m.
9/14/18	Dutchtown	Away	7:30 p.m.
9/21/18	NO GAME	OPEN	NO GAME
9/28/18	Eagles Landing	HOME	7:30 p.m.
10/5/18	Stockbridge	Away	7:30 p.m.
10/12/18	Clarkston	HOME	7:30 p.m.
10/19/18	Ola	HOME	7:30 p.m.
10/26/18	Locust Grove	Away	7:30 p.m.
11/2/18	Woodland	HOME	7:30 p.m.