



Hilhi Band Newsletter

HBBA News

It was a such a great Fall for all of our band and Colorguard students! I hope everyone had a restful Christmas Break!

I love this time of year because there are so many enriching musical opportunities for all of our band students. Starting with our regular in class rehearsals throughout the semester to a host of other choices for band students to get involved in.

Over the next few months, our students have many opportunities to participate in Winter Percussion, Pep-Band, the Musical, Band Concerts at school, and of course Jazz and Symphonic Competitions!

I also look forward to March when we host and exhibit all of our students here at Hilhi, and our feeder schools at our All-School Band Festival March 15th at 7pm in the main gym!

Looking ahead we will be adding Marching Practices for either the Grand Floral Parade or Starlight Parade!! I welcome all 8th graders from South Meadows to participate in these parades too! Right now, I am still waiting to hear if which Parade we will be invited to March in.

Lastly, I thank you for encouraging your kids to continue with band! These are the types of experiences that they will remember throughout their lives! Thanks also for attending their performances, it is so important that they know that YOU think what they do is important!

Musically,
Mr. Fotland

We are not having the parent meeting on Monday January 8th.

Winter Percussion and MASH (Music After School at HilHi) are off and running. Pep-Band continues through February for the basketball games. The pit orchestra will start rehearsals for the musical on January 17. The musical is Little Shop of Horrors. This should be a fun one for the kids! The musical starts on March 1st.

The [calendar on the band website](#) has been updated to include many more band events. Please be sure to take a look!

The next **restaurant fundraiser will be at Panda Express** on January 23 from 10am – 11pm. The flier will be uploaded to the [fundraising page of the band website](#).

There will be a raffle during the All School Band Festival on 3/15. In the next couple of weeks, the students will be given raffle tickets to sell. This is a mandatory fundraiser to support the band's general account. Each student needs to sell a minimum of 5 tickets (@ \$5.00 each) for the prize raffle that will be held during the concert. So far we have about 4 prizes, but we need 2-3 more prizes for the drawing. If you or your company would like to donate a prize, please contact Michele Stead (michstead72@gmail.com). These donations are tax deductible.

Please note: if you have not already turned in your band fees or Sponsor-a-Spart contributions, you will now need to turn these in directly to Alice (the HilHi bookkeeper) in the office or use the school payment portal. If your student is a senior, these fees must be paid in full prior to June or they will not walk in the graduation ceremony. If you have any questions or concerns on this, please email Tom Bechtold (president@hillsborohighband.org).