



HATTIESBURG HIGH SCHOOL “TIGER” BAND

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Dear Freshman Tiger Band Member and Parents,

Welcome to the Hattiesburg High School Tiger Band. You have been accepted based upon your performance in the 8th Grade Band or by recent audition. This year’s freshmen group of band members is the largest in recent history and we are looking forward to the growth that it will provide. We are looking forward to another great year as we strive to be the best high school band in Mississippi. Communication is vital in any successful organization. Please review the enclosed summer schedule and summer band information so that you will be well-informed and prepared to have a successful first year in the Tiger Band. The first day of summer band for freshmen is **July 21**.

Students who need to be absent from a rehearsal or a performance should have a letter or email written by their parents or guardian submitted well in advance of their absence to Mr. Lantz when possible. See the above letterhead for all contact information. Phone calls may be accepted only in rare circumstances as we prefer to have written records. Please arrange schedules and appointments accordingly as absences will very rarely be excused. Band is a performance activity and students who cannot rehearse and perform with the Band should not be in the Tiger Band.

Grades in Marching Band will be based on students’ overall preparation and participation. Musical talent or lack thereof will have little effect on the grade. Students will be graded on their music/routine memorization, attendance/promptness, performance and rehearsal attitude, and whether or not they have proper materials at the proper times. Our primary goal is to have performances and rehearsals of which we can all be proud.

Behind every great high school band is a large group of dedicated, organized parent volunteers. The first meeting of the **Band Boosters** this year will be **Tuesday, August 12 at 7:00 PM** in the Band Hall. New Officers will be elected and plans for the year will be discussed. Please attend and support the Tiger Band.

We are very proud of our web page and the link of communication that it provides. Please check it often as it will contain practice and performance schedules and itineraries. Hand outs and mail outs will also be posted as well as our Stevie Wonder marching show music that will be available soon to download, listen, print and practice. There are also many practice aids available. Of particular note are the 12 major scales that all Tiger Band students are expected to memorize during their first year of high school band. It is highly recommended that these scales be printed and practiced during the summer. We will use them almost daily.

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Have A Great Summer!

Kenneth W. Lantz, HHS Director of Bands