



PARENT MEETING NOTES  
MAY 31, 2022

# TECHNOLOGY IS YOUR FRIEND

The band utilizes several different technological platforms to get information to you throughout the year. Please take some time to familiarize yourself with the resources to the right so that you can stay current.

[www.huntsvillehsband.com](http://www.huntsvillehsband.com)

WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS ARE FOUND HERE EACH SUNDAY NIGHT/  
MONDAY MORNING!!! PLEASE LOOK OVER THEM.

[www.Facebook.com/huntsvillehsband](http://www.Facebook.com/huntsvillehsband)

ALL THE POSITIVE MOMENTS HAPPENING TO YOUR STUDENT  
WHILE YOU ARE AT WORK!

[www.Youtube.com/hhsband](http://www.Youtube.com/hhsband)

VIDEO RECORDINGS OF ALL THE HHS BAND PERFORMANCES.  
CHECK THEM OUT TO WATCH THE PROGRESS AS IT HAPPENS!

# TECHNOLOGY IS YOUR FRIEND, PART 2

The band uses Remind to send text reminders/ updates during the year. Please sign up to receive these messages.

## iPhones

1. Go into the Settings app
2. Touch "Accounts & Passwords"
3. On the Accounts & Passwords screen, touch "Add Account"
4. On the Add Account screen, touch "Other"
5. Under Calendars, touch "Add Subscribed Calendar"
6. For the Server value, enter the URL for the teacher calendar:  
<https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/calsynct.asp?s=HuntsvilleHSBand>
7. Touch "Next" in the upper right corner.
8. It will verify the server then show a subscription page. Change the description if you like.
9. Touch "Save" to save the subscription.

## Android (non- iPhone)

To sync with Android devices, you will need to use your Google account and have a Google calendar created.

In your Google calendar on a real computer:

1. Under "Other Calendars" click the Add link.
2. Select "Add by URL"
3. Enter the following URL:  
<https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/calsynct.asp?s=HuntsvilleHSBand>
4. Click "Add Calendar"
5. Google will begin to sync your calendar, and it will appear on the screen.
6. Click "Settings"
7. Change the long name of the new calendar to something you will remember such as "Charms Calendar"
8. Your phone should automatically be set to sync with your Google calendar.
9. On your phone: Click on "Calendar", then bring up the settings for the calendar. Click on Calendar Sync.  
You should see your google account listed already. Make sure Auto-Sync is checked.

# BAND IS EXPENSIVE.

We get it. The sticker shock that comes with high school band is real. Please know that we do everything we can to keep the costs down, but it takes money to do the things we do. The good news is that we give you opportunities to pay down the band fees through our partnership with the VBC.

You can sign up to volunteer at the VBC as a wristbander (you do have to take a class to be "certified") or to work in concessions.

Wristbanders make \$14/ hour, \$11 of which goes into your Charms account, and concessions workers make \$15/ hour- \$13 of which goes into your Charms account. The remaining funds are put into the general fund for the band. Audrey Buemer is the Booster parent in charge of coordinating volunteers, so please contact her for more information!

There are also several other fundraisers throughout the year that can help pay down band fees. Be on the lookout for those as they happen.

# PARENT VOLUNTEERS

- We are always needing parents to help with a variety of tasks throughout the year- chaperoning football games, competitions, hospitality, uniform fitting, and many other things. Please don't be shy about asking if there is anything you can do to help! The answer is almost always a resounding YES!



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## Surviving Band Camp- before you get here.....

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- Don't spend all summer inside! Get out and walk for an hour or so each day while it is hot, ride your bike, mow the yard...anything to get you outside and in the heat.
- Drink a lot of water every day. Hydration starts well in advance of when you actually need it.
- Be mindful of the food you eat and try to start eating a little something for breakfast just to get your body used to it.



# Surviving Band Camp- the actual camp

- Be sure you bring a ½ gallon water JUG filled with water each day.
- Eat something for breakfast each day, but avoid dairy! Heat + dairy= unhappy stomach.
- Wear appropriate clothing for hot weather- athletic shorts, tank- tops, etc.
- Athletic sneakers are a must. No Converse, Vans, Crocks...
- Hats, sunglasses, and sunscreen are **STRONGLY** encouraged!
- Sports drinks should be saved for lunch breaks or after rehearsal. They should not be used in place of plain water!



# LAST THOUGHTS

- Thank you for looking through this presentation! I am sure you will have questions as time goes on, so please don't hesitate to send me an email!
- [Holly.Connell@hsv-k12.org](mailto:Holly.Connell@hsv-k12.org)
- Summer email checking will be sporadic, but during the school year, I try to take care of emails at least once each day.



