

Dear Hebron Band Member,

June 24, 2008

Hope this letter finds you having a restful summer on some island paradise. August Summer Band Camp is rapidly approaching and the band staff and student officers are already preparing materials, music, and fun social events for you. You are entering an organization with very high expectations and a great team work ethic. The Hebron High School Band has been tremendously successful in past years and will continue to do so in the future with your energy and dedication.

Please note the summer band schedule on the reverse side of this letter. Summer Band Camp will begin on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Our summer band camp experience will differ in some ways from years past in terms of its length and the fact that we will begin to learn marching drill the week of August 11<sup>th</sup>. Even though our start of school date has been pushed back this year, our UIL football schedule and marching competition schedule remain the same or earlier as in past years. In fact we have a football game the very first week of school! This is going to force us to learn drill during summer camp. Remember, these are mandatory rehearsals. Initial marching assignments are based on May music auditions, August summer camp attendance, mastery of marching fundamentals, and music preparation. Lunch is from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM daily. You may bring a sack lunch and eat in the cafeteria or leave campus for lunch. Also included in this letter are as many fall semester marching band dates as are already set and available. This includes football games, marching band competitions, rehearsal dates, drumline contest, Marchathon, and the Hebron Band Golf Tournament. A complete year-long calendar and the Hebron Band Handbook will be available at the beginning of school. The schedule and any changes or updates will also be posted on the website at [www.hebronhighband.org](http://www.hebronhighband.org).

As you know our performance/marching contest music has to be performed from memory. These tunes include our competition music (currently not available for print) and the following football game related tunes: *Hebron Fight Song*, *Hebron Alma Mater (School Song)*, *Star Spangled Banner*, and *Hey Look Me Over*. These tunes are currently downloadable in pdf format from our band website. Since you already know what part you're playing for marching band, you can download these now and start getting these tunes memorized ahead of time. We usually try to get these tunes completed by memory during summer band camp. Just go to the Members Only area at [www.hebronhighband.org](http://www.hebronhighband.org) and follow the registration and login instructions. Some of you may already have a hard copy of some of these tunes leftover from previous music packets. Just make sure you're learning your assigned marching band part. We'll load our competition music onto the website as it becomes arranged and edited.

You should be hearing from your section and squad leaders from time to time during the summer. I know there are several section social events already planned for some groups. Section and squad leaders also contact your students to ensure that they received this letter and have successfully completed a login for the Members Only area on the website. Also, please remember these **important summer band items**: *black plastic flip folder w/ lots of extra pages, metronome, tuner, hook-up, instrument lyre for clarinets, saxophones, horns, trumpets and baritones, sunscreen, sun glasses, hat, water jug (preferably blue w/ your name on it), reeds, valve oil, pencil, and polishing cloth. All brass players will once again need a BERP mouthpiece vibration/buzzing aid.* Brass players, please purchase a replacement BERP if you do not have yours from this past year. Flip folders, BERPS, and general music supplies are available from Music and Arts new Lewisville location at 420 E. Round Grove Road (just a couple blocks west of Vista Ridge Mall).

One completely new item for this year is that we're going to adapt the long standing percussion section hair code policy for the entire marching band. We wanted you to get the word as soon as possible. We'll be augmenting the existing LISD hair code policy to include a specific policy for marching band season only. For the gentlemen: No facial hair. Hair should be cut above the collar and above the ears with the bangs not touching the eyebrows. For the ladies: Hair should be worn up, pulled back away from the face. This will clean-up our on the field look a bit and help with uniformity evaluations. Students should plan on meeting hair code by the first football game on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

As many of you are aware of by now, Mr. Daniels has accepted the position of Head Band Director for Lake Dallas High School. We are deeply saddened to see him leave Hebron, but all of us understand the value of this teaching opportunity. We thank Mr. Daniels profusely for his numerous and unselfish contributions to the students and staff of the Hebron High School Band. We could not have experienced the level of success that we have enjoyed without his efforts. Thanks for a job well done and best wishes on your new teaching assignment. The Hebron Band Booster Club will sponsor a reception in honor of Mr. Daniels sometime later this summer.

Finally, there are several opportunities for you to attend some drum corps shows in the upcoming weeks. There are two local shows and one in San Antonio during the month of July. As you know, we have five Hebron Band students marching drum corps this summer: Alex Denton-Cavaliers, Jonathan Lomax, Garrett Bishop, and Dave McCoun-Bluecoats and Will Rich-Crusaders. On July 17<sup>th</sup> at Lake Highlands High School is the North Texas Festival of Drums and Bugles. This is a great local show. Tickets are available by calling 888-547-6478. **Freshmen you should load up and go! Take your parents, too! There is absolutely no substitute for hearing and seeing this live! It will be super exciting and will get everyone pumped for marching band time.** The Denton show, Red River Thunder, is July 20<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available by calling 630-968-0419. The big show is the DCI (Drum Corps International) San Antonio-Southwestern Championship. This show is July 19<sup>th</sup> in the Alamadome. Tickets are available from Ticketmaster at 210-224-9600 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Check out the DCI website at [www.dci.org](http://www.dci.org) for further information on these drum corps shows or for specific corps competing at a particular show.

See you soon and enjoy the rest of your summer vacation!

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## Summer Band Camp Schedule 2008

July 8-12	Tues-Sun	Drum Major Camp-George Parks Academy-Tyler	All Day
July 14-18	Mon-Fri	Drumline Camp	8:00 AM-9:00 PM
July 31	Thursday	Student Leadership Team Workday (DM/Officers/Sect.-Sq.)	8:00 AM-5:00 PM
August 1-2, 4-9, 11-15	Daily	Summer Band Camp-Full Band Rehearsals	8:00 AM-5:00 PM
August 2	Saturday	Hebron Parent Band Fair/Registration Day	8:00 AM-2:00 PM
August 2/23	Saturday(s)	Uniform Measuring/Fitting Tentative Dates	8:00 AM-5:00 PM
August 6	Wednesday	Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser Leadership Clinic-Attitude Concepts	4:30 PM
August 15	Friday	Freshmen Orientation-2 sessions 9:30 AM/1:30 PM. Listen for instructions about which session to attend.	
August 18-20	Mon-Wed	Full Band Rehearsal	5:30-8:30 PM
August 21	Thursday	Hebron Band Camp Parent Perf./HBBC General Meeting	5:00 Reh/6:30 Meeting/7:00 PM Perf.

## Known Fall Dates: 2008 Football Schedule/Competition Schedule/Concerts...Etc.

July 14	Monday	HBBC Board Meeting	7:00 PM
July 25	Friday	Texas All-State (All-Region) Band Music released...check <a href="http://www.tmea.org">www.tmea.org</a>	
August 4	Monday	HBBC Board Meeting	7:00 PM
August 25	Monday	First Day of Classes	8:45 AM
August 26	Tuesday	First Day of Early AM Band Rehearsals/First Regular Tues. Night Reh. 7:00 AM/5:30 PM	
August 29	Friday	Annual Passbook Fundraiser Kick-Off	8:45 AM
		HHS vs. Wylie HS (home)	7:30 PM
September 1	Monday	Labor Day Holiday	
September 5	Friday	HHS vs. Mesquite HS (away)	7:30 PM
September 8	Monday	HBBC Board Meeting	7:00 PM
September 12	Friday	HHS vs. Plano HS (home)-Hebron Band Cluster Middle School Night 7:30 PM	
September 13	Saturday	Annual Hebron Band Marchathon-8:00 AM/ Hebron Band Golf Tournament-Indian Creek-1:30 PM	
September 15	Monday	Fall Open House	6:00 PM
September 19	Friday	HHS vs. Jesuit HS (away)	7:30 PM
September 26	Friday	Hebron Band Parent Preview Performance (pm only: tentative)4:30 Reh./5:30 Parent Dinner/7:00 Perf.	
September 27	Saturday	Tournament of Champions Marching Contest (AM-Prelims/PM-Finals)- Standridge-TBD	
		HHS vs. Abilene Cooper HS (away)	2:00 PM
October 3	Friday	<b>End of 1<sup>st</sup> Six Weeks-BE ELIGIBLE-PASS YOUR CLASSES</b>	
		Open Football Date...likely after school rehearsal	
October 4	Saturday	BOA Arlington Regional Marching Contest-UTA	TBD
October 6	Monday	HBBC Board Meeting	7:00 PM
October 8	Wednesday	Homecoming Parade and Community Pep Rally	5:30 PM
October 10	Friday	HHS vs. Flower Mound HS (homecoming)	7:30 PM
October 11	Saturday	Birdville and/or Little Elm Marching Contest-BISD	TBD
October 15	Wednesday	PSAT Test (in class)	8:45 AM
October 17	Friday	HHS vs. Coppell HS (home)	7:30 PM
October 18	Saturday	UIL Regional Marching Contest-Standridge	TBD
October 24	Friday	HHS vs. Lewisville HS (away)	7:30 PM
		Early Dismissal Day-Full Band Rehearsal early PM	TBD
		<b>End of 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks-BE ELIGIBLE-PASS YOUR CLASSES</b>	
October 25	Saturday	UIL Area Marching Contest-Pennington Field	TBD
October 27	Monday	BOA Trip Parent Meeting	6:30 PM
October 29	Wednesday	PASIC Percussion Trip Parent Meeting	6:30 PM
October 31	Friday	HHS vs. Southlake Carroll (home)	7:30 PM
November 1	Saturday	BOA San Antonio Super Regional Marching Contest (overnight San Antonio)-TBD	
November 4	Tuesday	UIL State Marching Contest-Alamodome-San Antonio	TBD
November 6-8	Thurs-Sat	PASIC Drumline Contest-(overnight)Austin TX-UT	TBD
November 7	Friday	HHS vs. Marcus HS (away)	7:30 PM
November 10	Monday	HBBC Board Meeting	7:00 PM
November 12-21	Wed-Fri	Hebron Bands (Spring Band) Placement Auditions (am and pm)	TBD
November 14/15	Fri-Sat	Possible 5A Football Playoffs (likely)	TBD
		<b>End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Six weeks-BE ELIGIBLE-PASS YOUR CLASSES</b>	
November 15	Saturday	Lone Star Percussion Contest-Goldsmith	TBD
November 21/22	Fri-Sat	Possible 5A Football Playoffs (likely)	TBD
November 26-28	Wed-Fri	Thanksgiving Holiday	
November 28/29	Fri-Sat	Possible 5A Football Playoffs (likely)	TBD
December 1	Monday	HBBC Board Meeting	7:00 PM
December 2	Tuesday	All-Region Band Auditions-Phase I-GHS	5:00 PM
December 5/6	Fri-Sat	Possible 5A Football Playoffs	TBD
December 6	Saturday	Freshmen All-Region Band Auditions AM-TCHS	8:00 AM
		All-Region Band Auditions-Phase II-PM-TCHS	1:00 PM
December 12/13	Fri-Sat	All-Region Orchestra Clinic/Concerts-R.L. Turner	TBD
		Possible 5A Football Playoffs	TBD
December 15	Monday	Hebron Bands Holiday Concert	7:00 PM