



Marching **Hawks** Headlines



As the creator and editor of this newsletter for the past month, I refrain from publishing anything that doesn't fit the band's announcements mold. That has worked pretty well I think. Today, however, I am taking the editorial liberty to insert a personal anecdote.

Hickory Marching Hawks: A Love Story

My son joined the drumline in the Spring of 2016 before his 8th grade year was even over. I knew then that we were in a program that values quality instruction and how important it is to get kids acclimated to the rigors of high school band. At that point, I had no idea what was coming. By the time he got through his first experience with band camp, I was even more convinced we were in the right spot for a teen who wanted to be a music teacher when he grew up. The sheer number of instructors hired to work with individual sections was impressive. Yet I still had no idea what was coming. As school started that fall, I was excited about getting to see my kiddo march out in that uniform with 200 of his peers and show us what they had. I saw announcements for HBPA meetings, chaperoning, concessions sales, uniform committee, something called SEVMG, a craft fair, and thought about seeing what those were about. I cautiously signed up for a few things under the pretense that this was my only child and this was my only chance to get up close and watch him grow in this program. Again, I had no idea what was coming. By the end of his freshman year, I had served Gatorade to thirsty and grateful band camp kids, I had chaperoned games, competitions, and overnight trips. I had served concessions at football games and SEVMG. I had attended almost all HBPA meetings (and new then I wanted to find my way on to that Board). If I wasn't volunteering at an event, I was in the stands proudly wearing my teal, heart beating out of my chest at what these kids had accomplished, all while breathing a sigh of relief that my 14 year old had found a group of peers that he clicked with, were responsible, and loved each other. It finally came...what, up until November of that year, I could not see: absolute **LOVE** for this organization, its leaders, its kids, and its parents. It's hard to break in to something new and unfamiliar. I get it. But I also promise that you will not regret it. The group of friends I've found in this organization are also incredible. Now, as the parent of a junior, I'm becoming increasingly aware that I only have 2 more years to enjoy this. The time flies, ya'll, so don't hesitate. This massive machine cannot run without the dedication of parents. Parents graduate with their kids. We need some freshman and sophomore parents to start learning the ropes. If you see something you think you'd be good at, let us know! WE NEED YOU! Please ask all the questions. Please just try one thing. All of those links to the right are your ticket to the ride of your life. Jump on with us. It's more fun than you'd ever bargain for.

- Melissa Thomas, HBPA Secretary

Southeastern Virginia Music Games (SEVMG)

September 29, 2018

WE NEED YOU!!!

We need MANY volunteers to make this day a success. There are many opportunities available for you to volunteer. Some of the volunteer positions are available on [Charms](#) under calendar>volunteers>SEVMG tab. Some have been posted to the [Facebook page](#). Simply click on the links you see here to be directed to the signup page.

You can volunteer for:

Water tents:

Provide water to the marching students after their warm-up and prior to their performance. There are several locations for the water tents. Sign up on [Charms](#).

Concessions:

2 hour shifts are available at both concessions stands. Work a shift in the afternoon/evening or both if you are interested. Sign up on [Charms](#).

Hushers/Shushers:

Help control crowd noise during band performances by holding up signs. First & second shift is covered, need a few more from 730-930. Info from Stacy on Facebook.

Hospitality Tent:

Help with setup, serve, and donation of foods for the staff of our visiting bands. Sign up for [food donations here](#) and tent shifts on [Charms](#).

Ticket Booth:

Sell tickets at both North and South ticket booths. Sign up on [Charms](#).

Parking:

Help with the parking of buses/trailers of visiting bands.

Registration, Band Guides, & Field Monitors:

Greet schools when they arrive and help keep them in the right place at the right time. [More info and sign up here](#).

Please see Forrest's post on Facebook for additional needs. Contact Forrest with questions about volunteer opportunities.
forretharrell@yahoo.com

Annual Craft Fair Needs Volunteers!

November 10, 2018

The annual Hickory Band Craft Show is in need of volunteers. They need lots of help with set-up, vendor assistance/check-in and clean-up! Please go to [Charms](#) to sign-up!

Band Portraits

November 10, 2018

Band portraits are taken each year during the craft show and are usually back in time for Christmas. E-N-E Photography will be on site with 2 photographers. Look for signups in the band room later this fall. Students will be photographed in uniform and should plan to be dressed 10 minutes prior to appointment time. Order forms can be found on the [website](#).

Pit Crew is ReCREWting

"The Pit" is the group of students and instruments that set up and plays along the sideline during the show. Have you seen how many instruments and gadgets they have down there?! All of that equipment has to be loaded and unloaded in to trailers for off-campus events, not to mention rolling it all on and off the field for every performance. It really takes a good crew that doesn't mind working hard. As an added bonus, you get an awesome Pit Crew shirt! If you are interested in being a part of this vital group of parents, the Crew will be at the game on Friday (just look for them in their sweet shirts) or you can call/text them directly.

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Forward March

What's on the horizon for the Marching Hawks?

Sept. 22	Rehearsal & Game vs WBH	830am-230p
Sept. 28	Away game @ OSH	5pm-10pm
Sept. 29	SEVMG @ HHS	ALL DAY
Oct. 5	Home game vs Indian River	5pm-10pm
Oct. 6	Rehearsal	8am-1pm
Oct. 6	Picnic	1pm-3pm
Oct. 12	Away game @ GBH	5pm-10pm

NOTE: Sportsplex has been cancelled due to Homecoming



Fall Fruit Fundraiser

Co-chair needed!

We are in need for a co-chair for the upcoming fruit sale in the Fall. Your help is needed in getting the flyers ready, distribution of the flyers, processing orders and being present for fruit delivery day. If you are interested, please email Jeannet Barr at jeannet.barr@gmail.com.

Marching Hawk Family Picnic

October 6, 2018 1pm-3pm



RESCHEDULED DATE: If you have registered for the picnic, your registration will carry to the new date. If you had not signed up yet, we will take registrations until **Friday, Sept. 28**. All friends, family, and alumni are welcome to attend. **Anyone who wants to eat needs a paid ticket (this includes students).** Tickets must be purchased in advance. Wristbands will be distributed to all registered attendees upon entry to the picnic. Anyone can come and play games and bid on auction items, but a wristband will be required for food. *Adults - \$10 Children under 8 - \$5* More information and registration forms can be found on the [website](#).

If you've gotten here and you haven't signed up to help with SEVMG, scroll back up and try again! 😊

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Marching Hawks Family Picnic Registration



October 6, 2018 – 1pm-3pm

\$10/adult \$5/children 8 & under



Family Name: _____

Primary Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Primary Contact Email: _____

Total number of Children (8 & under): _____ Total number of adults (9 & older): _____

Total Amount Due: _____ (Children: \$5/ea Adults: \$10/ea)

Please return form and payment to the black box in the band room **ASAP (no later than Sept. 28)**.

Checks can be made payable to HBPA with "Picnic" noted on the memo line.

Please join the Hawk family for food, lawn games, silent auction, and Rita's Italian Ice, and get to know your fellow Marching Hawks families!

Looking forward to a great season together!