

WHY JOIN THE HIGHLANDER BAND?

The parents' perspective

When the Highlander Marching Band performs, you witness the sights and sounds of a polished show, but off the field you will notice your child's increased self-esteem, motivation, and social interaction. Mastery of music at a high level, marching, field choreography or playing in the pit, all benefit the student's intellect, memory, concentration and sensory awareness. Through deliberate practice students learn how to succeed today and lifelong. There's a premium on student imagination, thinking, emotion, expression and communication as well as mental and physical discipline. This artistic team effort prepares students to embrace the challenges of life ... and to enjoy the journey.

In the Highlander Band, nobody sits on the bench - it is truly a team effort. The hours of preparation, planning, rehearsing, and performing culminate in championship competitions. You will be amazed by the presence, discipline, and commitment of the musicians and color guard. The Highlander Spirit and the pursuit of excellence persist well beyond the last competition.

PARENTS OF 8TH GRADERS - HOW TO JOIN:

Select ONE of the following 9th grade courses:

Marching Band: instrumentalist in Marching and Concert Bands

Band Front: color guard in Marching Band

Concert Band: instrumentalist in Concert Band only

"The August band camp was great because by the first day of school the 9th graders felt comfortable knowing upper classmates."
- freshman father

*"I was concerned that the practice schedule would affect his grades. In fact his **time-management and self discipline** improved his academic performance."*
- freshman father

The Highlander Band is:

- ☞ A strong community steeped in tradition with a passion to learn, grow, and perform
- ☞ A Varsity lettered team with a formidable record of championship
- ☞ Chosen by many seniors as their theme for college application essays
- ☞ A factor in college acceptance and scholarships
- ☞ Recognized for their achievement with a reputation that precedes them!

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Highlander Band 2008 ACC Champions (best band across 9 states, 11th win for GL), Chapter X Champions, USSBA Marine Corps "Esprit de Corps" award

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What the students say:

Make new friends!

make music that sounds GREAT!!

IT'S A WHOLE LOT OF FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Make lots of friends so freshman year won't be so strange

Opportunity to perform in front of large crowds!!!! (and they're there to see YOU!)

Build strong muscle!!

Get really close with upper classmen!

Improve your time management & schoolwork

Pride in your accomplishments and being CHAMPIONS!!!

It's fun spending practices, competitions, and bus rides with friends.

it's GREAT on your college resume/interview/essay!!!!!!

Enhance your coordination and have fun!

It makes me feel I that what I do is important and that everyone is relying on everyone for support

It is a great group to join. There are lots of fun and activities

Other schools want to see what our color guard is doing.... we're seen as being the best, choreography, degree of difficulty, etc.

You Gotta Believe!

You can learn to play the Great Highland Bagpipes!

The drum core was a great way to boost my rhythmic abilities

It motivates me and encourages me to work hard

The band helped boost my confidence in all areas of my life.

There are big field trips like...
FLORIDA
SCOTLAND!

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