

To: All HHS Band and Choir Members and Parents
From: Mrs. Conerty and Mrs. Nardone
Date: August 30, 2022

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! Attached is our Performing Arts Department Handbook. Please detach, fill out, and return the double sided **Authorization and Release Form** on page 3 and the **Parental Involvement Form** on page 4 and return it to school by September 9.

If you are interested in auditioning for / participating in any of the **music festivals**, be sure to fill out the correct form and return it with any fees by the listed due dates (see pages 10-11 of the handbook). All of these opportunities have deadlines that need to be met in order to participate.

Please pay special attention to the **Concert Attire** segment of this handbook on page 8, and let us know well in advance if we can be of any help in meeting this requirement.

Please note that the Concert Band and Chamber Choir performs annually at the **HHS Graduation Ceremony**. This year, it is on the evening of June 16, 2023, which could potentially be after students have finished the school year (depending on snow days). In this scenario, graduation is still a required performance.

For the Band students: **Pep Band apparel is on sale now through 9/6!** Visit this website <https://grandstandapparel.chipply.com/hhspepband>, or or scan this QR code:



Follow the Performing Arts Department on Instagram [@hartfordperformingarts](https://www.instagram.com/hartfordperformingarts) for photos and updates throughout the year! Please visit our website at hhsvt.com/academics/performing for even more information about our department.

Sincerely,

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Hartford High School Performing Arts Department
2022-2023 Handbook

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2022-2023 PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION and RELEASE

I, as parent, or as legal guardian, do hereby authorize my child, whose name and address appears below, to participate in Performing Arts Department activities sponsored through Hartford High School. This may include transportation, use of equipment, use of facilities, and necessary preparatory activities. I further hereby release the Hartford School District and its employees from any and all liability for personal injuries and/or property damage sustained by my child, or any claim which I may have as a parent, arising directly or indirectly in connection with this program.

In case of injury or illness, I authorize the Hartford High School staff, or other music festival staff for the event at which the student is in attendance, to take my child to a doctor or to a hospital for treatment. This authorization and release is valid for the 2022-2023 academic year.

I have read the Performing Arts Handbook and Calendar and agree to its contents.

Student signature

Date

Parent signature

Date

Please also complete the contact information below and optional involvement form on the next page and return this double sided page only to Mrs. Conerty or Mrs. Nardone.

Parental Guardian Contact Information:

Guardian A Name _____ Guardian B Name _____

Primary phone _____ Primary phone _____

Secondary phone _____ Secondary phone _____

Email _____ Email _____

Student Information:

Name _____ Age _____ Cell Phone _____

Parental Involvement Form

SECTION 1: Sign up for fundraising events!

Please check off the events with which you can assist. If your help is needed, you will be contacted using the information on the reverse side of this page. We are always seeking food donations for our concession sales (several throughout the year, see below), and will email the band/choir families for donations. Thank you in advance for your help!

November 11 Musical Intermission Concession Sales at HHS; 6:30 - 8:30 PM

- Set up table, sell concessions during intermission, break down table

November 12 Musical Intermission Concession Sales at HHS; 6:30 - 8:30 PM

November 13 Musical Intermission Concession Sales at HHS; 1:30 - 3:30 PM

December 3 Music Festival Concession Sales at HHS; approx. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

- Work a 2 hour shift: Set up table, sell concessions, clean up

January 14 Music Festival Concession Sales at HHS; approx. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

- Work a 2 hour shift: Set up table, sell concessions, clean up

SECTION 2: Join FoPAH (Friends of Performing Arts at Hartford)!

FoPAH is a group of dedicated parents and students who assist the department in many ways.

FoPAH meets once per month (meeting time TBD depending on member availability).

YES, please include me on the FoPAH email list for the next meeting!



HHS Pep Band

Website: <https://grandstandapparel.chipply.com/hhspepband>

Ordering Closes on September 6th at 11:59pm



1 Color Option(s) \$17.00
Gildan - Heavy Cotton T-Shirt



1 Color Option(s) \$20.00
Gildan - Heavy Cotton Long Sleeve T-Shirt



1 Color Option(s) \$27.00
Gildan - Heavy Blend™ Hooded Sweatshirt



1 Color Option(s) \$17.00
Gildan - Heavy Cotton Women's Short Sleeve T-Shirt



1 Color Option(s) \$20.00
Gildan - Heavy Cotton Women's Long Sleeve T-Shirt



2 Color Option(s) \$25.00
Gildan - Heavy Blend Sweatpants



1 Color Option(s) \$43.00
Ladies Medalist Jacket 20



1 Color Option(s) \$43.00
Medalist Jacket 2.0



1 Color Option(s) \$17.00
Sportsman - 12" Striped Pom-Pom Knit Cap



1 Color Option(s) \$17.00
Valucap - Twill Trucker Cap

All orders are final. There are no returns or exchanges on custom decorated apparel.



Refer Questions To:
Grandstand Apparel
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<https://www.grandstandapparel.com>



HARTFORD HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS

2022-2023 Calendar

<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	7	Auditions for annual musical, "Footloose" (callbacks 9/8)
	13	District VI Fall Festival Interest Form Due (Band & A cappella)
	14	Annual Performing Arts Cookout
	16	Home Football game (Band & Chamber Choir)
<u>OCTOBER</u>	5	Field Trip to see <i>Spring Awakening</i> at The Northern Stage (optional)
	7	Audition sign-up deadline for New England Solo & Ensemble Festival
	7	Home Football game (<i>Homecoming Game!</i> Band & Chamber Choir)
	21	Home Football game (Band & Chamber Choir only)
	28	District VI Winter Festival Interest Form Due (Jazz Band and Choir)
<u>NOVEMBER</u>	10	Annual Musical "Footloose", double matinees during school day
	11	Annual Musical "Footloose", 7:00 pm
	12	Annual Musical "Footloose", 7:00 pm
	13	Annual Musical "Footloose", 2:00 pm
	15	Audition sign-up deadline for VT Allstate Music Festival
	18-19	District VI Fall Music Festival, <i>Brattleboro Union HS</i>
<u>DECEMBER</u>	3	New England Solo & Ensemble Festival, <i>Hartford HS</i> (snow date 12/17)
	9	High School Madrigal Festival, <i>Burlington, VT</i> (Chamber Choir only)
	13	HHS Winter Concert, 7:00 pm (snow date 12/15)
	20	Holiday Caroling Tour (Jazz Band and Chamber Choir)
<u>JANUARY</u>	14	VT Allstate Auditions, <i>Hartford HS</i> (snow date 1/21)
	27-28	District VI Winter Music Festival, <i>Bellews Falls Union HS</i>
<u>MARCH</u>	14	Concert Grande, 7:00 pm, <i>HHS Gym</i> (snow date 3/15)
	23-25	New England Music Festival, <i>Woodstock, CT</i>
<u>APRIL</u>	TBD	Tri-M Variety Show
<u>MAY</u>	5	Band/Choir Trip: Performance Festival at 6 Flags New England
	11-13	VT Allstate Music Festival
	18	HHS Spring Concert and Performing Arts Awards, 7:00 pm
<u>JUNE</u>	16	HHS Graduation (Band and Chamber Choir only)

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Assessment of Proficiency Based Learning Opportunities

● **CREATE: 60% of each quarter grade**

- Students will submit a biweekly Google Form on Fridays to self-assess **P.E.P.P.**:
 - **Positive Participation:** Students will model collaboration, lead by example, show and encourage respect, demonstrate appropriate cell phone use, and refrain from having food, drinks other than water, and chewing gum.
 - **Eye Contact:** Students will use eye contact with the conductor to express musicality, maintain a steady beat, and work together as an ensemble.
 - **Posture:** Students will display proper singing and/or playing posture.
 - **Punctuality:** Students will arrive to rehearsals every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday in their seats with music/instrument **ready to go at 2:08 pm.**
- Band Lessons:
 - Students will attend at least (4) 30-minute pull-out lessons per quarter on a rotating schedule. Students will be responsible for checking the lesson schedule and arriving on time and prepared with instrument and music.

● **PERFORM: 25% of each quarter grade**

- Students will be assessed on performing varying elements of musical notation throughout each quarter using Flipgrid and/or Google Voice.
- Students will perform with proper tone and technique and demonstrate proper performance skills at **all** of the concerts as outlined in the Performing Arts Calendar. Concert etiquette, punctuality, and appropriate concert attire (see page 6) are expected at each performance.

● **RESPOND: 15% of each quarter grade**

- Students will identify, analyze, and describe elements of music in the context of a musical work using music-specific vocabulary.
- Students will evaluate music performance of their own and of others and provide suggestions for improvement using music-specific vocabulary.

**While this course is taught at the “standard” level, students will have the opportunity to earn an “advanced” credit by applying to do so through the teacher on or before Friday, September 9. Please see the “Band/Choir Advanced Credit Criteria” on page 6 for more information!*

● **FINAL PROJECT: 10% of your overall final course grade**

- Students will participate in a project-based learning opportunity as the final for this course.

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Band/Choir Advanced Credit Criteria

If you choose to take this course for advanced credit, you need to let either Mrs. Conerty or Mrs. Nardone know by **Friday, September 9**. If you are in both band and choir, you will select a concentration (vocal or instrumental). It is up to you to sign up for the auditions, prepare for the auditions, and submit all other requirements on time (see below).

CREATE

- Consistent practice and preparation for the 2 festival auditions/performances (see “PERFORM”)

PERFORM

- Choice of two auditions/performances: **(100 points each; 200 points total)**
 - District Band/Choir Festival Participation
 - District Jazz Band/A cappella Participation
 - Allstate Festival Audition
 - NEMFA Festival Audition
 - A performance of a solo of your choosing

RESPOND

- **1 Performance Review:** go to a show and write a review. Include the program with your review.
 - This review is due at least 2 weeks before the end of the school year (or earlier!) **(100 Points)**
 - Your review should be 2+ pages (double-spaced) and should discuss the following:
 - What was performed? What specific musical elements did you hear?
 - The specific performance skills that you noticed
 - What you liked/did not like and any other interesting components of the show
 - Examples of shows that you can see:
 - HMMS/OQS/DBS/WRS/any other school music concert
 - HHS/HMMS/DBS/WRS/any other school musical
 - Any other musical performance (professional or amateur/school)
- **Program Notes** for Winter Concert, Concert Grande, and Spring Concert (your program notes may be selected to be printed in our actual program!) **(40 Points each)**
 - These are due 1 week before each concert (Due dates: 12/6, 3/7, 5/11)
 - Your program notes are a chance for you to share some information about the pieces with the audience. The program notes should be at least 3-5 sentences for each musical selection and may include:
 - When was this piece written? Who wrote it? What is the style of the piece?
 - Was the piece written for a specific purpose? What is the meaning behind it?
 - *Here is an example of a program note: **Cenotaph**, written by composer Jack Stamp, is a short and striking piece of music that was written to depict a cenotaph, which is an empty tomb or monument that is meant to honor a person or group of people who are not buried there. Some examples of cenotaphs include the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial. This composition has a five part fugue: the short melody is introduced by the trumpet section and is then successively taken up and developed by other sections of the band.*

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Concert Attire

All students will adhere to the following concert attire.
A consistent, unified look will embody professionalism within our ensembles.

- Black blouse (shoulders must be covered)
or
- Black button down dress shirt (long-sleeves)

- Ties should accompany button down dress shirts

- Black pants, slacks, or skirts (skirts must be knee length or longer)

- Black dress shoes, with black socks or tights

****Chamber Choir and Jazz Band members add blue accents for their portion of the concert.****

Avoid the following:

Jeans, shorts, leggings, t-shirts, tank-tops, spaghetti straps, sneakers/flip flops/casual footwear, athletic clothing, white socks, exposed midriffs, dark/visible undershirts and/or underwear, and hats.

If you cannot acquire this attire:

Please see Mrs. Conerty and/or Mrs. Nardone as soon as possible and we will discreetly provide you with concert attire.

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Additional Information

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

Throughout the year, we offer various opportunities for students to perform in additional ways beyond band and choir, including:

Chamber Choir (*Auditions 9/7, 9/8, 9/9*)

Jazz Band (*Auditions 9/14, 9/15, 9/16*)

Fall Musical: *Footloose* (*Auditions 9/7*)

Music Festivals (*see pages 8-9*)

Pep Band: Everyone in band is invited to play at all home football games! See calendar.

Tri-M Music Honor Society

Tri-M is a leadership opportunity for those involved in the performing arts. The Hartford High School Tri-M Chapter hopes to inspire people to participate in the Performing Arts Department programs here at Hartford, put on fun events for everyone, and raise money for special additional equipment and trips. See Mrs. Nardone or Mrs. Conerty for a Tri-M application and/or to review the requirements of Tri-M members.

Community Service Opportunities

Students can earn many hours by helping the music department host festivals, organize music libraries, play music at football games, and more. Ask how you can help!

Add/Drop Period

Band/Choir a full year course. The add/drop period without penalty for band/choir ends at the end of Quarter 1 (October 31).

A note about music selections:

To ensure that all Hartford music students receive a well-rounded music education, both band and choir will perform a variety of musical styles including but not limited to: folk, sacred, secular, and multicultural. For more information about this, please visit the

National Association for Music Education's website:

www.nafme.org/about/position-statements/sacred-music-in-schools-position-statement/sacred-music-in-schools/

Social Media

Instagram: @hartfordperformingarts

Facebook Page: HHSVT Performing Arts

Hartford Performing Arts Department Music Festivals

Festival Name	Sign-up Due Date	Audition Date	Festival Date	Audition Fee	Participation Fee
VT District VI Fall Festival: Concert Band and A cappella	9/13	N/A	11/18-11/19	N/A	\$20
New England Solo and Ensemble Festival: Band, Orchestra, Chorus	10/7	12/3 <i>(Snow date 12/17)</i>	3/23-3/25	\$15	Approx. \$100
VT District VI Winter Festival: Jazz Band and Concert Choir	10/28	N/A	1/27-1/28	N/A	\$20
VT All State Festival: Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Scholarship, Composition	11/15	1/14 <i>(Snow date 1/21)</i>	5/11-5/13	\$10 (\$15 scholarship)	Approx. \$80

Hartford Performing Arts Department Festival / Auditions Sign-Ups

Directions: For each festival that you are interested in, please fill out the correct form below. Cut on the line and give the slip and money (if applicable) to Mrs. Conerty or Mrs. Nardone. No late forms or money will be accepted. See the deadlines and festival dates in the chart on page 10. See Mrs. Conerty or Mrs. Nardone for audition materials so that you can begin preparing!

CUT*****

ALLSTATE AUDITIONS

January 14, 2023 at Hartford High School (Snow date 1/21)

Name _____ Instrument/Voice _____

Type (circle): Band Orchestra Jazz Vocal Scholarship Composition

Cost: \$10.00 per audition (Scholarship \$15)

CUT*****

WINTER DISTRICT FESTIVAL INTEREST FORM

Participation is by Director Recommendation for Choir / Video Audition for Jazz Band

Name _____ Instrument/Voice _____

Type (circle): Jazz Band Concert Choir

Cost: \$20 if accepted into the ensemble; Please wait to pay.

CUT*****

NEW ENGLAND SOLO & ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL

December 3, 2022 at HHS (Snow date 12/17)

Name _____ Instrument/Voice _____

Title of Audition Piece _____ Composer _____

Type (circle): Band Orchestra Vocal

Cost: \$15.00 per performance

CUT*****

FALL DISTRICT FESTIVAL INTEREST FORM

Participation is by Director Recommendation for Band / Video Audition for A cappella

Name _____ Instrument/Voice _____

Type (circle): A cappella Choir Concert Band

Cost: \$20 if accepted into the ensemble; Please wait to pay.