

## **Hollidaysburg Arts and Music Parents Association (HAMPA)**

Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/8/25

Time: 7:00pm

### **Call Meeting to Order:**

- At 7:05pm by Kelly Hartman
- Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

### **Officer Reports:**

#### **President-** Kelly Hartman ([president@hampamusic.com](mailto:president@hampamusic.com))

- Introduction of HAMPA board members
- 2026 Sponsorship campaign
  - Thank you for all our dedicated sponsors. Always looking for new sponsors
  - Please reach out to Kelly if you have anyone with a personal connection to a business, organization, family... that would like to become a sponsor
    - She will get you a sponsorship letter to
  - Sponsorship has various levels with benefits that run through calendar year

#### **Senior High Vice Presidents-** Lisa Brenneman and Jill Blescia ([SHVP@hampamusic.com](mailto:SHVP@hampamusic.com))

- Marching band season is going really well.
- Thank you to all the volunteers that have helped so far.
- Look out for upcoming concerts, parades... volunteer opportunities on CutTime.

#### **Junior High Vice President-** Brigitte Donlan and Melissa Krott ([JHVP@hampamusic.com](mailto:JHVP@hampamusic.com))

- See Report

#### **Drama Vice Presidents-** ([dramaVP@hampamusic.com](mailto:dramaVP@hampamusic.com))

- Into the Woods is coming up in November.
- Have some new ideas for drama concessions (fresh flowers and candy grams) as well as normal snacks.
- Look for volunteer opportunities on CutTime closer to time.

#### **Secretary-** Nikole Eardley ([secretary@hampamusic.com](mailto:secretary@hampamusic.com))

- No report

#### **Treasurer-** Beth Corey ([treasurer@hampamusic.com](mailto:treasurer@hampamusic.com))

#### **Assistant Treasurer-** Joni Baraniak

- Budget will even out by the end of November
- Joni is working on getting everything entered into CutTime.
- Payment plan (new this year) rather than taking the whole fair share amount at one time.
  - Just a way to keep parents aware of how much is left for Fair Share.
  - There will be many fundraising opportunities to help with your Fair Share.

FYI: Beth- writes all the checks and balances the checkbook

Joni- adds payments/costs into CutTime

**Fundraising:** Nicki Keagy- Fundraising Chairperson ([fundraising@hampamusic.com](mailto:fundraising@hampamusic.com))

- Just wrapped up Claysburg Pizza
  - Pick up Friday 9/12 3-5pm
    - Volunteer opportunities on CutTime to help unloading truck and distributing
  - Marianna's Hoagie fundraiser starting soon
    - Forms will be in music rooms starting Monday 9/15
  - Hershey's and World's Finest
    - Preorder by the September 26th if you are interested

**Concession Stand Updates:** Tommy Fedesco and Bernie Pavlock- Concession Stand Managers ([concessions@hampamusic.com](mailto:concessions@hampamusic.com))

- Really good turn out for cleaning concession stands- thank you!
- We need help in the concession stands
  - When we don't have enough help, we can't run fryers... lose money.
- Thank you to Mike Pope for help with concession stand computers.
- Had to raise prices for a few items due to our costs
- Open homeside concession for Skit Night 9/22
  - Drinks and candy
  - Only open for the first hour
- Pumpkinfest- coming up
  - Ox Roast
  - Amy will check on confirmation
- New water heaters are awesome!

### **Directors Reports or Comments:**

**Senior High Bands-** Scott Sheehan

- See Report
- Homecoming
  - Parade before game
    - Marching band is allowed to buy concessions at cost between parade and game
  - Marching band not traveling this week. The following week, Junior high band will join the Sr high for the football game. This is also the Sideline Cancer game and Longer Tailgate.
- New choir director- Welcome Maira Myers!
- Have not decided on the Spring daytrip yet, kicking around different ideas. Hope to have something in place by October/November.
- Tri-M National Junior Honor Society
  - Last year was inaugural year
  - 10-12th grade students
  - Grade requirement, music service...
  - Returning members to meet soon to elect officers and plan

- Brainstorm how can the Tri-M members help serve the music/drama departments
- Induction for new members will be in Spring (hopefully in March during Music in our schools month)

**Senior and Junior High Orchestra:** Jennifer Pappal (absent)

- See Report

**Junior and Senior High Choruses-** Maira Myers (absent)

- No report

**Junior High Bands-** Deenna Herb (absent)

- See Report

**Junior and Senior High Drama-** Holly Mercer

- See Report
- Will send out a GoogleForm via CutTime for volunteers

**Dance/Drill-** Alyssa Brozenich

- See Report

**Senior High Majorettes-** Julie Storm

- Girls have been awesome, great energy!

**Junior High Majorettes**

- No report

**HACT:** Kelly Hartman

- Madagascar!
  - Auditions will be in late October

**Elementary Faculty in Attendance:** Maria McElhinney

- Lots of new sign ups for all elementary music and lots of new returning students

**Old Business for Discussion:**

- PA Sales Tax exemption
  - Thanks to our helpful CPA's
  - Had to add a clause in ByLaws that if HAMPAs would ever dissolve, we would donate all funds to another nonprofit organization.
    - The bylaws will be voted on at the October meeting

**New Business for Discussion:**

- Bylaws
  - Handed out to be reviewed
    - Changes are highlighted

- We will look again at the October meeting and then we can vote
- Scott- CPA does SO much for HAMPa
  - Hess and Marino CPA's- Thank you! We appreciate it!
- Proposed budget- Kelly
  - When planning the budget- we always over budget what we think we will spend and under budget what we think we will bring in.
  - Following our CPA's advice, the proposed budget avoids presenting an operating deficit. Also, we want to maintain a healthy savings reserve to ensure we have cash on hand for unforeseen circumstances.
  - Concession stand revenue is a major contributor to our budget- volunteering in concessions and keeping them open is huge to our program.
  - With the rising costs of things and us bringing in less than in years past, our budget is reflecting this.
  - As always, HAMPa is working to keep the costs low for families/students, while maintaining our current offerings to the Music/Fine Arts programs.
- Motion to accept the budget Tommy, Lisa seconded the motion. The proposed budget passes.
- One open at large member position
  - Secret ballot
  - Terri Barth voted in as the newest at large member
- Scott
  - Please attend School board meetings!
- Tommy- noticed how excited kids were at the first day of band camp- cheering, high fives..
  - This is awesome!

### **Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Lisa.  
Amy seconded the motion.

Happy Fall!

Nikole Eardley, Secretary

Junior High September Report:  
Melissa Krott and Brigitte Donlan

We were able to fit all students with uniforms during junior high band camp that attended. We had 4 parent volunteers and appreciated the help, especially Jill Furry with her uniform fitting expertise! The students enjoyed freeze pops on the last day of camp.

Brigitte and Melissa attended Meet the Teacher Night and spoke with 7th grade parents promoting HAMPAs, explaining the expectations, and having them join CutTime using a QR code.

We have asked all 7th grade parents to sign up for a practice event on CutTime to ensure they can sign up for an event. The practice CutTime is up and running and we have had only 34 parents successful with signing up for an event. We will need to look at this in the future to decide if we will continue this process. We also had 7th grade parents sign and return a HAMPAs contract to ensure they are aware of all of the expectations.

We have asked for 6 parent volunteers for the Junior High football game and at this time we have all volunteers accounted for.

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Scott Sheehan, Senior High Band Director

HAMPAs Report – September 8, 2025

Marching Band is off to a FANTASTIC start!!

- o Congratulations to the students for an awesome start to the season!! All of the hard work is paying off. I've received dozens of compliments about the show!
- o Many thanks to Lisa Brenneman and Jill Blescia and all of the parent volunteers for all of their help during camp and during our performances so far!!
- o I will send weekly email updates via CutTime with the schedule for each week.
- o The Drumline will perform at the Homecoming Skits on Sept. 22 and at Pumpkinfest in Hollidaysburg on Saturday, Oct. 11. More info will be coming for that.
- o Homecoming is Sept. 26.
- o Bandarama Concert is Oct. 9.

The U.S. Navy Concert Band and Sea Chanters will be performing a free concert at the SH Auditorium on Thursday, Feb. 19 at 7:00pm.

The SH Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, and Jazz Bands have been doing a great job getting started this year! We're looking forward to the Spooktacular Concert in October.

Music is available for students who are interested in auditioning for PMEA District Band.

Students need to play for Mr. Sheehan by Oct. 31. Auditions are at Conemaugh Township HS on

Nov. 16. The festival is at Cambria Heights HS on Feb. 4 - 6, 2026.

Reminder: Concert Dress for Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, and Jazz Band is tuxedo, black concert gown, or a black suit. The information for the black dress will be sent home later this fall. Students will need this for concerts in December.

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## Director's Report – Jennifer Pappal – SH Orchestra

Senior high orchestra students have been hard at work starting to prepare music for the October Spooktacular concert at the senior high.

It is strongly recommended that violin and viola players bring a combination lock into school to use on their orchestra lockers.

Please have students complete the orchestra inventory google form so that I have a record of the model/serial number of any instruments they are bringing into school.

Audition information for District Orchestra will be coming out in the next few weeks.

## Director's Report – Jennifer Pappal – JH Orchestra

Reminder that all violin and viola players should bring a combination lock into school to use on their orchestra lockers.

Rehearsals are going well with 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students and I am really excited to have a huge 7<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra this year.

Audition information for Keystone String Fest will be coming out in the next few weeks.

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## Jr. High Band: Deanna Herb

September: Off to a great start!

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Drumline began rehearsals today; these will continue every Monday from 3-4PM until the end of November.

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bands will perform with the Senior High Band at the Sideline Cancer Game on Friday, September 19. Students will report to the Junior High at 6:00, and we will walk to the Stadium as a group to perform PreGame at 6:40 PM. We will then play in the stands with the Senior High Students, and after their halftime show, go back to the Junior High for Dismissal.

- If any student wishes to go back to the football game after, they **must** have a parent fill out the google form on Parent Square (also linked [here](#))
- We will rehearse with the Senior High at the stadium on Wednesday, September 17 from 3-4:30; **pickup will be at the front of the Junior High**. Any students who cannot attend this practice must fill out the rehearsal excuse [Google Form](#). (also on Parent Square and Google Classroom).

A Reminder that all 7<sup>th</sup> Graders need to have their own binder for band. All students need to have their own flip folder and lyre. If you have any questions please contact me.

We are accepting donations of new or gently used black and white concert dress clothes to provide for Junior High students. Please drop off any donations in room 120 OR in the main office labeled "Junior High Band"

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HARP: The cast of Into the Woods is doing a phenomenal job preparing for the fall musical thus far. They are in the process of learning the music and we have even blocked several scenes and songs. Following the July read-through, we had a parent volunteer meeting. We would love any additional volunteers to help with set design, props, costumes, publicity, and selling tickets. If you would like to be added to one of the committees, please email [holly.mercer@hasdtigers.com](mailto:holly.mercer@hasdtigers.com). We are looking forward to a wonderful and memorable production! Thanks so much, as always, for all of your support!

Junior Theatre: Junior Theatre's musical will be Peter Pan Jr. this year. We will be looking at having auditions in October most likely. Performances are January 30-February 1. We are looking forward to another great year in Junior Theatre! Thanks, as always, for all of your support!

-Holly Mercer

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SH Dance Drill is off to a great start!!

Next week is combined show week. Both teams will practice on 9/17, and the game is on 9/19.

JH Dance Drill will be doing Bandarama with the SH. Practice is 10/8, and the performance is 10/9.

Looking ahead, the Halloween Parade is 10/25  
Winterfest is 11/23

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# Hollidaysburg Area Music Department

Updated  
8/25/25

## Concert & Events Schedule 2025-2026

Event	Date	Time	Location
<b>Bandarama Concert</b>	<b>Oct. 9</b>	<b>7:00P M</b>	<b>Senior High Auditorium</b>
District Chorus Pre-auditions	Oct. 19	All Day	Northern Bedford HS
Halloween Parade	Oct. 25	6:00PM	Hollidaysburg
District Orchestra Selections Meeting	Oct. 26	1:00PM	Virtual
<b>Senior High Spooktacular Concert</b>	<b>Oct. 28</b>	<b>7:00p m</b>	<b>Senior High Auditorium</b>
District Band Auditions	Nov. 16	1:00PM	Conemaugh Township HS
<b>HARP Fall Show – Into the Woods</b>	<b>Nov. 20,21,22</b>	<b>7:00P M</b>	<b>SH Auditorium</b>
Winterfest Parade	Nov. 23	1:00PM	Hollidaysburg
SH County Chorus	Nov. 24 & 25	All Day	Tyrone HS
<b>Junior High Choirs Winter Concert</b>	<b>Dec. 4</b>	<b>7:00P M</b>	<b>JH Auditorium</b>
Wind Ensemble & Chamber Strings Holiday Tour	Dec. 5		Elem. Schools & Mall
<b>Frankstown Elem Choir, Band, &amp; Orchestra Winter Concert</b>	<b>Dec. 8</b>	<b>7:00P M</b>	<b>SH Auditorium</b>
<b>Senior High Orchestra &amp; Concert Band Winter Concert</b>	<b>Dec. 9</b>	<b>7:00P M</b>	<b>SH Auditorium</b>
<b>C.W. Longer Choir, Band, &amp; Orchestra Winter Concert</b>	<b>Dec. 10</b>	<b>7:00P M</b>	<b>SH Auditorium</b>
<b>JH Bands &amp; Orchestras Winter Concert</b>	<b>Dec. 11</b>	<b>6:00p m</b>	<b>JH Auditorium</b>
<b>SH Concert Choir &amp; Symphonic Wind Ensemble Concert</b>	<b>Dec. 15</b>	<b>7:00P M</b>	<b>SH Auditorium</b>
Fantazia Holiday Tour	Dec. 17		Community
<b>Foot of Ten Elem Choir, Band, &amp; Orchestra Winter Concert</b>	<b>Dec. 17</b>	<b>7:00P M</b>	<b>SH Auditorium</b>
PMEA District 6 Chorus Festival	Jan. 7 - 9	All Day	Richland HS
<b>Winter Jazz Concert</b>	<b>January 13</b>	<b>7:00P M</b>	<b>SH Auditorium</b>
PMEA District 6 Jazz Festival	Jan. 15 & 16	All Day	Greater Johnstown HS
Keystone String Fest	Jan. 15	All Day	Richland High School
PMEA District 6 Orchestra Festival	Jan.22 - 24	All Day	Bellefonte High School
JH/SH Blair County Band Festival	Jan. 28 & 29	All Day	Tyrone HS
<b>Jr. Theatre Production – TBD</b>	<b>Jan. 30 &amp; 31 &amp; Feb. 1</b>	<b>7:00P M 2:00P M</b>	<b>SH Auditorium</b>
PMEA District 6 Band Festival	Feb. 4 - 6	All Day	Cambria Heights HS
Junior High Blair County Chorus Festival	Feb. 9 & 10	All Day	Altoona Area JHS
PMEA Region III Chorus Festival	Feb. 18 - 20	All Day	Forest Hills HS
U.S. Navy Concert Band and Singing Sergeants	Feb. 19	7:00pm	SH Auditorium
<b>H-ACT Elementary Production – Madagascar</b>	<b>Feb. 27 &amp; 28 March 1</b>	<b>7:00P M 2:00P M</b>	<b>SH Auditorium</b>
<b>Junior High Jazz Concert</b>	<b>March 3</b>	7:00pm	JH Auditorium
PMEA Western Region Orchestra Festival	March 5 – 7	All Day	TBD – District 1
PMEA Region III Band Festival	March 19 - 21	All Day	TBD – District 4
SH Band West Chester East-Meets-West Concert	March 22	All Day	West Chester Univ.
<b>HARP Spring Show – TBD</b>	<b>March 26 – 28</b>	<b>7:00P M 2:00P M</b>	<b>SH Auditorium</b>
Senior High Spring Trip	April 1	All Day	TBD
<b>Elementary Band Spring Concert</b>	<b>April 1</b>	<b>7:00P M</b>	<b>JH Auditorium</b>
<b>SH Fantazia, Concert Choir, &amp; SWE Spring Concert</b>	<b>April 9</b>	<b>7:00P M</b>	<b>SH Auditorium</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Bandfest	April 10	All Day	TBD



<b>Elementary Chorus Spring Concert</b>	<b>April 13</b>	<b>7:00P M</b>	<b>SH Auditorium</b>
<b>Elementary Orchestra Spring Concert</b>	<b>April 16</b>	<b>7:00P M</b>	<b>JH Auditorium</b>
<b>SH Orchestra &amp; Concert Band Spring Concert</b>	<b>April 20</b>	<b>7:00p m</b>	<b>SH Auditorium</b>
PMEA All-State Festival & Conference	April 22 - 25	All Day	Poconos, PA
Jazz Bands Hershey Adjudication Trip	May 2	All Day	Hershey, PA
<b>JH Bands &amp; Orchestras Concert</b>	<b>May 7</b>	<b>6:00P M</b>	<b>JH Auditorium</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Songfest	May 8	All Day	Spring Cove Central HS
<b>Spring Jazz Concert</b>	<b>May 12</b>	<b>6:00P M</b>	<b>The Casino</b>
<b>JH Chorus Concert</b>	<b>May 14</b>	<b>7:00P M</b>	<b>JH Auditorium</b>
JH Kennywood Trip	May 15	All Day	Pittsburgh, PA
Fine Arts Banquet	May 20	6:00PM	Senior High
<b>Elementary Small Ensemble Concert</b>	<b>May 21</b>	<b>7:00P M</b>	<b>C.W. Longer Elementary</b>
Memorial Day Parades	May 25		Hollidaysburg & Duncansville
Graduation	May 29	6:00PM	Tiger Stadium