

Hollidaysburg Arts and Music Parents Association (HAMPa)

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 14, 2026

Time: 7:00pm

Call Meeting to Order:

- 7:04 by Kelly Hartman
- Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

Officer Reports:

President- Kelly Hartman (president@hampamusic.com)

- Finally have PA Tax Exempt status!
 - Good until 2031
 - HAMPa Exec Board members, if need a copy for purchases, please reach out to Kelly
- Rosters have been updated on CutTime
 - 565 members on CutTime
 - There are a few members without guardian information, working on updates
 - Fair Share has been added to accounts
 - split into 6 payments throughout the year
 - Can choose to pay in installments or wait until when Fair Share is due in February to include fundraising money
 - There are no late fees
 - As fundraiser funds are added, CutTime accounts will be updated.
 - In process of updating sibling discounts
- Yes- there is a lot of communication from HAMPa via CutTime
 - Discussed ideas to streamline communication
 - Majority of communication is in regards to Concession Stand
 - Nov 3rd is the last concession stand event (unless there are playoff games) Make sure you sign up for at least one concession stand event to fulfill your Fair Share requirement
 - If your concession stand requirement is not met, your child cannot go on the spring trip
 - If you do not work your concession stand requirement this year- your child will not be able to attend Disney next year because you have not met your fair share requirement for this year and next year.
 - You MUST meet your Fair Share Requirement (including working one concession stand shift each year) in order to attend the Disney trip.
 - Concession stand sales are almost 50% revenue of our budget! This is why we stress the importance and need for concession stand help.
 - Remember: HAMPa is a Co-curricular booster organization. We provide support for curriculum activities that take place during the school day.
 - We are not an extra curricular booster organization

Senior High Vice Presidents- Jill Blescia and Brigitte Donlan(SHVP@hampamusic.com)

- See Report

Junior High Vice President- Melissa Krott and Rachel Wagner (JHVP@hampamusic.com)

- Great start to the year!
- Will add events to CutTime as they come up

Drama Vice President- Tami Hinish and Lori Loucks(dramaVP@hampamusic.com)

- Frozen in November
 - Will be posting for concession volunteers
 - Also- possible help to decorate the lobby area

Secretary- Nikole Eardley (secretary@hampamusic.com)

- Thank you notes for corporate sponsors are ready to be sent out
- Kelly to update posters at the concession stands
- Kelly to talk to CPA for letter for businesses that give in-kind donation

Treasurer- Beth Corey/Alexis Caldwell (treasurer@hampamusic.com)

Assistant Treasurer- Joni Raley

- Alexis is in charge of concessions treasurer for the fall
 - She is in training this year, Beth will be stepping down at the end of the school year.
- Working on updating payments on CutTimeBudget

Fundraising: Nicki Keagy- Fundraising Chairperson (fundraising@hampamusic.com)

- Claysburg Pizza- just finished
- Marianna's Hoagies/Pizza- Happening right now
 - Orders due September 25th
- Gift card fundraiser- happening now
 - Orders due November 13th
 - Distribution December 5th
 - Little Tokyo and Front Street subs added
- Gardner's Candy fundraiser
 - Forms will be distributed after Marianna's delivery
 - Orders due Nov 13th
 - Distribution December 5th
- All fundraising info can be found on the HAMPA website and order forms can be found in music rooms
- Mattress fundraiser
 - Very successful!
 - Looking into hosting again next year- in the fall

Concession Stand Updates: Bernie Pavlock/DeAnna Hunter Concession Stand Manager (concessions@hampamusic.com)

- In need of another manager- reach out to Kelly if you're interested
 - We will train you!
 - Have 7 events that don't have a manager as of now
- 8 of 38 concession stand events completed
- HAMPAs Executive board decided to create vouchers for complimentary meals for press box workers and other personnel. A list will be created if who all is eligible for complimentary meals.
 - Kelly to talk to Homer about what is needed for athletic personnel
 - Will create signage for concession stands
- Biddles Brewing
 - Looking into fundraising opportunities
- New battery was needed for the golf cart \$900
- Sheetz Souvenir mugs
 - Sheetz donates every year
 - Currently selling for \$2 a piece
 - Slushies and hot drinks from concession stands refills
- General Concession notes
 - Soft drinks prices were raised to \$3
 - As of now chip sales are slow
 - Rachel Bites available again this season

Directors Reports or Comments:

Senior High Bands- Scott Sheehan

- **See Report**
- Will need some help for Alumni Band night October 2nd
- Marching Band will participate in the Buffalo Wild Wings Grand Opening (date TBA-mid October?)
 - Donation to the music department
 - Marching band students will receive a coupon
- Holiday concert
 - Alumni welcome to come back to play Sleigh Ride
- Date change for Fine Arts banquet
 - Thursday May 27th

Senior High and Junior High Orchestra- Jennifer Pappal

- **See Report**

Junior and Senior High Choruses- Jacob Mandell (absent)

- No report
- HAMPAs Exec. members stated
 - Great start to the school year!
 - Students really enjoy working with Mr. Mandell
 - Mr. Mandell is working with Frozen as the Musical Director

- Will hold Pre-preauditions for District Chorus

Junior High Bands- Deenna Herb (absent)

- See Report

SH Silks- Lindsay DeAntonio (absent)

- No report

Senior High Majorettes- Julie Storm

- See Report

Junior High Majorettes- Courtney Hornung

- Great start to the year
- Grateful that the JH majorettes will be joining the parades marching behind the SH band.
 - This will be great practice for the JH Majorettes

HARP and Junior High Drama- Holly Mercer (absent)

- See Report

HACT: Kelly Hartman

- How to Train Your Dragon Jr.
 - February
- Need a new props director
- Auditions end of october

Elementary Faculty in Attendance: N/A

Old Business for Discussion:

- N/A

New Business for Discussion:

- Request from Deb Faith for Tigers against Bullying (TAB)
 - At one of the October home football games
 - If a student makes a sock donation will get a voucher for concession stand (TAB will then pay)
 - Will touch base with Bernie to ensure we have enough drinks ordered
 - Waiting to get more information
 - Motion to approve Tammy
 - Seconded by Rachel
- Deanna Herb
 - I would like to request that we use HAMPAs funds to purchase stands for our Junior High marching percussion. These will help the younger students a ton in holding up their instruments and playing successfully.
 - I would like to purchase 2 Tenor Stands and 5 Snare Stands, which would total
 - \$1,850.34 with shipping and taxes. I'd also like to get them sooner than later, since the kind that we would need is discontinued and they'll be tough to get.
 - Motion to approve Rachel

- Teri seconded the motion
- Mr. Sheehan mentioned that parents are encouraged to reach out to school district administration and school board members to share the positive experiences and opportunities our students have in the music and drama programs.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Nicky
Jodi seconded the motion

Next Meeting: October 5, 2026 7pm

"Because I knew you, I have been changed for good."- Wicked
Nikole Eardley, Secretary

Reports:

Senior High Vice President Report

The summer season went very well! All uniforms were fitted, and the remaining uniforms were sorted, organized, and put away. We made every effort to use the newer uniforms first before pulling from the older inventory.

The football season is off to a great start. We have had many helping hands, and we truly appreciate all of the support from our parents and guardians. At this time, we are in a good place with volunteers for the September and October games.

Two upcoming concerts, Bandarama and Spootacular will be placed in Cuttime soon. Please be on the lookout for these opportunities to sign up for to help. Remember you must be board approved if working in direct contact with the students.

Please continue to watch CutTime for any additional requests for help.

Senior High Bands

Scott Sheehan, Senior High Band Director

HAMPA Report – September 14, 2026

- HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Ms. Herb!
- 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 tons of compliments about the Broadway show!
 - o Many thanks to Jill Blescia and Brigitte Donlan and all the parent volunteers for all of their help during camp and during our performances so far!!
 - o I will send weekly email updates via Parent Square with the schedule for each week.
 - o The Drumline will perform at the Homecoming Skits on Sept. 30 and at Pumpkinfest in Hollidaysburg on Saturday, Oct. 10. More info will be coming for that.
 - o Homecoming is Oct. 2 and we are anticipating nearly 150 Alumni as part of the 100th Anniversary celebration!
 - o Bandarama Concert is Oct. 8.
- 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 Penn Cambria HS on Nov. 15. The festival is at Richland High School on January 13 -15, 2027.

- Date Changes – The Fine Arts Banquet is on Thursday, May 27! Also, the SH Jazz Band Trip to Hershey is on Saturday, May 8.
 - 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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Senior High and Junior High Orchestra

Director's Report – Jennifer Pappal – SH Orchestra September 14, 2026 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. Any student who is interested in attending District Orchestra should make sure to fill out the form on Google Classroom.

Director's Report – Jennifer Pappal – JH Orchestra September 14, 2026 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 8th and 9th grade students and I am really excited to have a huge 7th grade orchestra this year. Information for the optional Keystone String Fest will be coming out in the next few weeks.

Junior High Bands: Deanna Herb September

- We're excited to welcome pre-service music educators from Penn State School of Music this month to help us in 8th grade band. On October 5, we will travel up to Penn State to work with them again and perform a concert with students from Bellwood-Antis Middle School for Penn State's Middle School Band Day
- Drumline for 7th/8th Grade started last week and will continue on Tuesdays from 3-4 PM until November. We're grateful to have Logan Pope as our Drumline Instructor again this year!
 - Drumline will perform at Bandarama on 10/8 and at Pumpkinfest on 10/10
- Jazz Too will begin in October. It will be on Thursdays this year from 3:15 - 4:15 at the Junior High and will continue throughout the year. This is for students in Grades 9-12.
- Only the 8th grade will perform at the Football Game with the Senior High this year; this will be on Friday, October 16th. We will have a rehearsal with the Senior High on October 14 from 3-4:30 PM.
- 9th Grade will once again perform at the Spooktacular concert on October 27 at 7PM. Thank you to the Senior High ensembles for sharing with us!
- As always, we are accepting donations of new and gently used black and white dress clothes for our Junior High concert closet. Please drop them off in the Junior High main office labeled "Concert Closet"

Senior High Majorettes

The Senior High Majorettes are officially off and running! We wrapped up one of our best summer camps yet, and our new show is fully put together and looking sharp. We are getting such a great crowd reaction. We can't wait to hit the field and the streets for our upcoming halftime performances and parades.

HARP and Junior High Drama: Holly Mercer

- HARP: The cast of Frozen is doing a great job at rehearsal thus far. We are so excited to bring this show to the HARP stage. We are also excited to announce that we have a few new members of our Production Team. Jacob Mandell is the new Music Director. Diana McGough is the new Choreographer. Steve Smith will be helping us out with Set Design. After this week, we will be moving on from music rehearsals to blocking and choreography rehearsals. We will be running the show by the end of October. Thanks, as always, for all you do and for all of your support!
- Junior Theatre: There should be an announcement regarding the production pretty soon--stay tuned! Thanks, as always, for all you do and for all of your support!

Hollidaysburg Area Music Department

Updated
9/10/26

Concert & Events Schedule 2026-2027

Event	Date	Time	Location
Bandarama Concert	Oct. 8	7:00PM	Senior High Auditorium
Senior High Blair County Band Festival	Oct. 12 & 13	All Day	Bishop Guilfoyle HS
District Chorus Pre-auditions	Oct. 18	All Day	Rockwood HS
District Orchestra Selections Meeting	Oct. 25	1:00PM	Virtual
Senior High Spooktacular Concert	Oct. 27	7:00pm	Senior High Auditorium
Halloween Parade	Oct. 31	6:00PM	Hollidaysburg
District Band Auditions	Nov. 15	1:00PM	Penn Cambria HS
HARP Fall Show – Disney’s Frozen	Nov. 19, 20, 21	7:00PM	SH Auditorium
Winterfest Parade	Nov. 22	1:00PM	Hollidaysburg
SH County Chorus	Nov. 23 & 24	All Day	TBD
Junior High Choirs Winter Concert	Dec. 3	7:00PM	JH Auditorium
Foot of Ten Elem Choir, Band, & Orchestra Winter Concert	Dec. 7	7:00PM	SH Auditorium
Senior High Orchestra & Concert Band Winter Concert	Dec. 8	7:00PM	SH Auditorium
JH Bands & Orchestras Winter Concert	Dec. 10	6:00pm	JH Auditorium
Wind Ensemble & Chamber Strings Holiday Tour	Dec. 11		Elem. Schools & Mall
Fantazia with Altoona Symphony Orchestra	Dec. 12.	TBD	Altoona High School
C.W. Longer Choir, Band, & Orchestra Winter Concert	Dec. 15	7:00PM	SH Auditorium
SH Concert Choir & Symphonic Wind Ensemble Concert	Dec. 14	7:00PM	SH Auditorium
Fantazia Holiday Tour	Dec. 16		Community
Frankstown Elem Choir, Band, & Orchestra Winter Concert	Dec. 17	7:00PM	SH Auditorium
Winter Jazz Concert	January 7	7:00PM	SH Auditorium
PMEA District 6 Band Festival	Jan. 14 -16	All Day	Richland HS
Keystone String Fest	Jan. 21	All Day	Richland High School
PMEA District 6 Jazz Festival	Jan. 21 & 22	All Day	Westmont Hilltop HS
PMEA District 6 Chorus Festival	Jan. 27, 28, 29	All Day	Central Cambria HS
Junior High Blair County Chorus Festival	Feb. 2 & 3	All Day	Bishop Guilfoyle HS
PMEA District 6 Orchestra Festival	Feb. 4, 5, & 6	All Day	Johnstown High School
Jr. Theatre Production – TBD	Feb. 12 & 13 Feb. 14	7:00PM 2:00PM	SH Auditorium
PMEA Region III Band Festival	Feb. 17, 18, & 19	All Day	Hollidaysburg SHS
Fantazia with Orpheus Singers	Feb. 27	TBD	TBD
H-ACT Elementary Production – TBD	Feb. 26 & 27 Feb. 28	7:00PM 2:00PM	SH Auditorium
Junior High Jazz Concert	March 2	7:00pm	JH Auditorium
PMEA Region III Chorus Festival	March 4, 5, & 6	All Day	Glendale HS
PMEA Western Region Orchestra Festival	March 11, 12, & 13	All Day	TBD – District 2
Junior Blair County Band Festival	March 15 & 16	All Day	Hollidaysburg JHS
100th Anniversary Concert	March 21	2:00PM	SH Auditorium
Senior High Spring Trip	March 24	All Day	TBD
6 th Grade Bandfest	April 2	All Day	Northern Cambria HS
Elementary Band Spring Concert	April 8	7:00PM	JH Auditorium
Elementary Chorus Spring Concert	April 12	7:00PM	SH Auditorium
PMEA All-State Festival & Conference	April 14 - 17	All Day	Erie, PA
JH Chorus Concert	April 20	7:00PM	JH Auditorium
SH Orchestra & Concert Band Spring Concert	April 21	7:00pm	SH Auditorium
Elementary Orchestra Spring Concert	April 22	7:00PM	JH Auditorium
SH Fantazia, Concert Choir, & SWE Spring Concert	April 27	7:00PM	SH Auditorium
HARP Night on Broadway	April 30		SH Auditorium
Spring Jazz Concert	May 6	6:00PM	The Casino
Jazz Bands Hershey Adjudication Trip	May 8	All Day	Hershey, PA
JH Bands & Orchestras Concert	May 12	6:00PM	JH Auditorium
5 th Grade Songfest	May 14	All Day	Central Cambria HS
Elementary Small Ensemble Concert	May 20	7:00PM	C.W. Longer Elementary
JH Kennywood Trip	May 21	All Day	Pittsburgh, PA
Fine Arts Banquet	May 27	6:00PM	Senior High
Memorial Day Parades	May 31		Hollidaysburg & Duncansville
Graduation	June 2	6:00PM	Tiger Stadium