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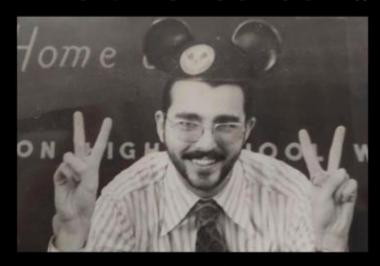
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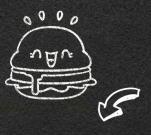
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| Chick-Fil-A Sandwich | |
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| Trenton Burger (Burger, | |
| Pork Roll, Cheese) | |
| Cheeseburger | |

| \$7.00 | Veggie Burger | \$5.00 |
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| | Hot Dog | \$3.00 |
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Pretzels Candy

Hamburger

\$2.00 \$2.00



Drinks

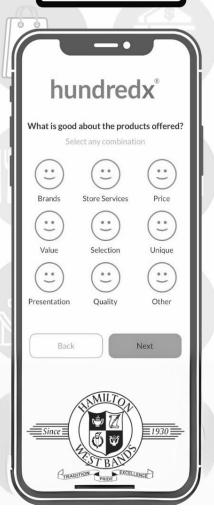


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Welcome to the 50th Annual Hamilton High School West Cavalcade of Bands!

For half a century, this event has celebrated the passion, dedication, and talent of student musicians from across New Jersey. Each performance showcases not only musical excellence but also the spirit, discipline, and energy that marching band instills in young people. Your support today and throughout the marching season helps ensure that this cherished tradition continues to thrive for generations to come.

The Cavalcade of Bands was founded in 1974 by Mr. Karl Recktenwald, who was joined just two years later by his brother, Mr. Thom Recktenwald. Together, they built a program rooted in tradition, pride, and excellence. For the next 25 years, their leadership and vision shaped the band which came to be known as "The Pride of Mercer County". That legacy lives on today, carried forward by our students, staff, and community.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to bring this event to life. In particular, we recognize Mrs. Leann Sikos, Mrs. Wendy Zuccarello, and the dedicated members of our Band Parents Club, whose extraordinary efforts and unwavering support make an incredible impact. We are equally grateful to our students for their commitment and enthusiasm, and to our administrative team and custodial staff for their steadfast support of both the arts and our students. Your contributions truly make all the difference.

Here's to honoring our past, celebrating the present, and inspiring the future through the power of music.

NOW ON WITH THE SHOW!!!!

Mr. Peter Certo & Mr. Davon Wheeler Band Directors Hamilton High School West



Hornet "ButterBeer" Nectar

Hamilton High School West Band Parents



\$6.00



Mayor Martin proudly supports the Hamilton
High School West Band
Parents Club and extends best wishes for a fantastic
50th Anniversary of the Cavalcade of Bands!





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John Costantino

Dear Supporters of the Marching Arts,

Welcome to the 50th Annual Hamilton High School West Cavalcade of Bands! We are proud to host 8 exceptional marching bands this year, featuring over 400 talented student musicians. The dedication of these students, along with the tireless efforts of their band directors and band parent associations, is what makes events like this possible—and so special.

As a proud graduate of Hamilton West, I'm honored to present this milestone celebration to our community. This year's Cavalcade holds particular significance, as we celebrate 50 years of tradition, excellence, and musical achievement.

We are also deeply honored to recognize the legacy of the late Karl Recktenwald, a beloved band director whose passion, leadership, and contributions helped build and shape the strong band community we enjoy today. His impact continues to be felt in every note played and every student inspired.

A heartfelt thank you to our current band directors, Mr. Peter Certo and Mr. Davon Wheeler, for continuing this tradition with unwavering dedication and spirit.

Best of luck to all the bands performing today—and thank you for joining us in celebrating this incredible milestone!

Sincerely,

Brian E. Smith

Principal, Hamilton High School West



50th Annual Cavalcade of Bands

October 11th, 2025





Schedule

| North Arlington High School | I Regional | 12:00 PM | Erica Walsh Gabby Zeiler |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------|----------------------------------|
| Steinert High School | II A Class | 12:15 PM | John Ketterer Caitlyn Ficarra |
| Bordentown High School | II A Class | 12:30 PM | Cheryl Stallworth-Glitz |
| Long Branch High School | II A Class | 12:45 PM | Robert Clark |
| Nottingham High School | II A Class | 1:00 PM | Jennifer Klek Jarret Susswein |
| Wall Township High School | II A Class | 1:15 PM | Michael Montalto |
| INTERMISSION | | 1:30 PM | |
| Robbinsville High School | IV A Class | 2:00 PM | Birch Wilson |
| Hamilton High School West | II A Class | 2:15 PM | Peter Certo Davon Wheeler |
| AWARDS | | 2:45 PM | |

Celebrating 50 Years of Musical Excellence!
Hamilton High West's Cavalcade of the Bands

Thank you, HHW, for hosting the Cavalcade of Bands, and Congratulations to all HTSD musicians performing today.

As we mark half a century of marching, music, and memories, we honor your hard work, dedication, and school spirit. You carry on a tradition that has inspired generations.

Wishing you all the very best—now and always!

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North Arlington Marching Vikings



Highlights from Grease the Musical

Greased Lightnin'-Casey and Jacobs, Arranged by Michael Brown Born to Hand Jive-Casey and Jacobs, Arranged by Michael Brown We Go Together-Casey and Jacobs, Arranged by Michael Brown

Director: Erica Walsh

Assistant Director and Color Guard Advisor: Gabby Zeiler

Drum Major: Mikey Falcone

Assistant Drum Major: Alexa Palacios Assistant Drum Major: Sophie Lasek



The Steinert High School Marching Unit

Proudly Presents:

"Batter Up!"

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Featured Soloists:

Part I

Clarinet Trio: Anthony Bush, Kailyn Le, Micah Reyes Alto Sax: John Loh

Guard: Lucy Kelly, Madison Szczepanski and Sarah Thomas

Part II

Trumpet Quartet- Azubuike Ekemezie, Jordan Lopez, Mack Scherer and Rachel Zoda

Part III

Keyboard: Evelynn Hansen 2025 Student Leaders

Drum Majors Band Captain
Madelina Gatti and Juliana Scartocci Simon Breth

Percussion Captains

Front Ensemble Evelynn Hansen and Luke Smith-Grassia Battery Simon Breth

Color Guard Captains

Lucy Kelly Madison Szczepanski Sarah Thomas

Staff: Assistant Director

Color Guard Director

John KettererCaitlyn FicarraCaitlyn FicarraColor Guard AdvisorPercussion InstructorDrill DesignKayla AlbrethsenBruce SchroederSean Haddad

Pit Instructor

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Superintendent: Dr. Edward J. Forsthoffer III Principal: Mr. Robert Walder Director of Bands: Cheryl Stallworth-Glitz Color Guard Instructors: Rachel Scranton, Marina Hannen & Julie Stillwell Drumline Instructor: Lucas Bergen Music Composers/Arrangers: Fred Emory Smith & John Mapes Drill Design: Cheryl Stallworth-Glitz

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Emmary McLaughlin & Tyler Brown (Drum Majors) Finn Conroy (Flutes & Clarinets) Kashika Manak (Saxophones)

Danger Stevenson & Alex Martucci (Trumpets) Gabie Cuccia (Low Brass & Field Manager) Bhargav Prasanna (Front Ensemble) Austin Gens, Jana Flynn & Aiden Rich (Drumline)

Wren Magby & Rayna Thalhauser (Color Guard)





Long Branch High School Band The Spirit of the Green Wave



Movement 1 — "Dreaming in Waves/The Descent"

• Music: Pi's Lullaby / Enter Sandman

Movement 2 — "The Nightmare Unleashed"

Music: Night on Bald Mountain

Movement 3 — "The Reckoning/Awakening"

Music: House of the Rising Sun / Pi's Lullaby (Reprise)

A journey into darkness-and the struggle for peaceful rest.

It begins at bedtime, with acalm, ethereal atmosphere gently settling in Butas uneasysleep takes hold, the mind begins to race. Our dreamers, watched over by the Guardians of Sleep, find themselves under threat from the sinister Nightmare Weaver.

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Then, an uneasy awakening... and, with hope, a return to peace and comfort

School: Long Branch High School

Superintendent: Francisco Rodriguez
Principal: Asst. Vincent Muscillo

Principal: Twana Richardson

Supervisor: Lonell Klina

Colors: Green, White & Black

Members: 56 (32Winds,8Battery,5Pit,1DM,10 Guard)

Classification: USBands Group 2A
Band Director: Robert M. Clark
Band Staff: Jasmine Gomez

Ruby Whitesell

Gabriella Estrada

Drill Design: George Lavelle
Guard Choreography: Amber Humphrey
Drum Maior: Ayana Gonzalez

Drum Major: Ayana Gonzalez
Guard Captain: Elianna Mendoza
Drum Captain: Ronald Pacheco

Field Commander: Jacob Mendoza

Long Branch High School is proud to present THE SPIRIT OF THE GREEN WAVE. This ensemble is committed to building better students, citizens, and artists by nurturing applied discipline, aesthetic appreciation, time management, abstract thinking, and community mindedness.

We thank you for supporting the marching arts and music education.





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PORT OF THE HAMILTON WEST MARCHING BAND

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Nottingham Marching Unit Presents:



Selections include- A GentleRain, Storm, and Rainbow

Music by John Fannin Drill Design by Amanda Porco Color Guard Choreography by Robin Clifford

DrumMajors Mallhew Crosley, CTManning, and Ashlyn O'Brien Color GuardCaplains Maggie Phillipsand Sam Anne Escano

The Marching Unit isunder the direction of: Jennifer Klek, Jarret Susswein, Robin Clifford and Demi Miller

Wall High School Marching Knights

Wall Township, NJ

Group: 2A

Superintendent: Dr. Tracy Handerhan

Supervisor of Music: Dr. Krystyne Kennedy

Principal: Mr. Kevin Davis

Director of Bands: Mr. Michael Montalto

Assistant Band Director: Mr. Randy Longwill

Color Guard Advisor: Mrs. Tina Marie Hennessy

Drill Design: Mr. Michael Montalto

Drum Majors:

Skyla Bicca

Michael Koplin

Woodwind Section Leaders:

Liv Perry

Avery Rausch

Trumpet Section Leader:

Nate Shuman

Low Brass Section Leader:

Sean Cartinella

Drum Line Section Leader:

Eamon Nelson

Front Ensemble Section Leader:

Karina Cherrington

Color Guard Section Leader:

Nikki Vitello

Clarisa Herrera



2025 Field Show: Pirates!

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Robbinsville High School Raven Regiment

Show title: Mechanize

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Staff:

Design Staff:

Director: Birch Wilson

Composer: Ian Grom

Color Guard Director: Cass Petrich

Percussion Arr. Thomas Case Jr.

Pit Instructor: Thomas Case Jr.

Drill Writer: Matt Leitner

Battery Instructor: Alex Wilfong

Equipment & Choreography: Cass Petrich

Visual Instructor: Matt Leitner

Student Leaders:

Drum Major: Thomas Dinh

Brass Captain: Aidan Burge

Woodwind Captain: Benjamin Ronen

Battery Captain: Armaan Mander

Pit Captain: Blake Adkins

Color Guard Captains: Kaitlyn Larocco & Veronica Peña

Sergeants:

Kundana Karri, Isabel Ni, Aidan Ni, Armando Martel, Sally Jebastine, Lilly Zheng, Sharanya Vemul



| SUPERINTENDENT | DR. SCOTT ROCCO |
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| PRINCIPAL | MR. BRIAN SMITH |
| SUPERVISOR OF PERFORMING ARTS | DR. KERRI SULLIVAN |
| BAND PARENT PRESIDENT | MRS. LEANN SIKOS |
| DIRECTOR | MR. PETER CERTO |
| ASSISTANT DIRECTOR | MR. DAVON WHEELE |
| COLOR GUARD INSTRUCTOR | MRS. GINNY DIAZ |
| PERCUSSION INSTRUCTOR | MS. GEORGIA REED |
| MUSIC ARRANGEMENT | SHANE GWALTNEY CJ BARROW JEREMY THOMPSON |
| DRILL DESIGN | MR. PETER CERTO |
| DRUM MAJORS | ZAKARIA KHAN AVA IORIO |
| SECTION LEADERS | LINDSAY BAKER AJ ZUCCARELLO GAVIN LINKOWSKY |
| | PATTON WHITE BRAYDEN HAWK |
| | MOLLY SCHICK IRE TALABI |

ERIN FURMAN



Mr. Brian Smith, **Principal**Mr. Chuck Zalescik, **Vice Principal**Mrs. Erin Flanagan, **Vice Principal**Mrs. Amanda Wegman, **Vice Principal**Mr. John Costantino, **Athletic Director**

Dr. Kerri Sullivan, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts

Dr. Scott Rocco, Superintendent

Hamilton Township Board of Education

To our Hamilton High School West Band Parents Club, your support of our program is unmatched.

Special thank you to

Mrs. Wendy Zuccarello and the Cavalcade Committee for your tireless work in planning this event.

The Hamilton High School West Custodial Department.

The Hamilton High School West staff.

WE THANK YOU!!!!

Cavalcade 2025 would not have been possible without all of your help and support.





















Fortune Teller

Best of luck on your last Cavalcade of Bands!
We have loved watching you perform and we look forward to all of the great things that are yet to come!





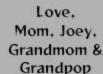


Carnevil

We are so proud of all your hard work and dedication. Have an amazing senior year! We love you! Good luck to the entire HHW Marching Band!



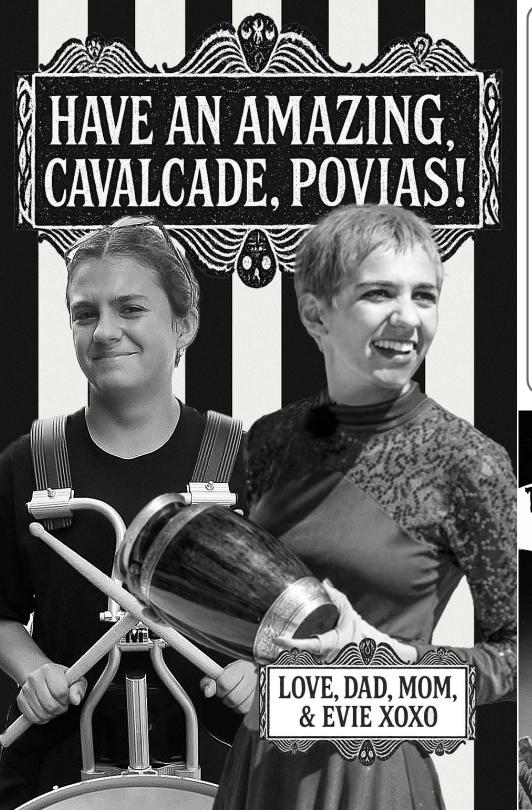








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Empress Winter Guard

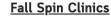


Good luck Hamilton West Hornet Marching Band! Have a fantastic 2025 season!



Interested in Color Guard? Spin with us this fall! All skill levels are welcome, ages 8 to 22!





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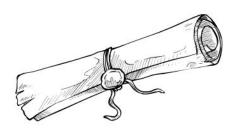
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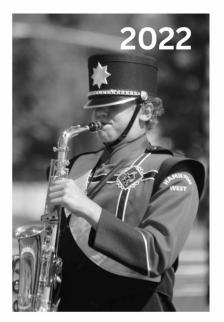
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Boosters

Congrate Chloe Salles-Acevedo
So proud of You Sheyenne! Nonna
Great Job Sheyenne Grammy & Pop Pop
Love you Sheyenne! Alaina & Anthony
Go Sheyenne Snickers, Ozzy & Mabel
Congratulations to The HHW Marching Band







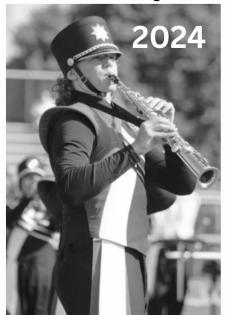
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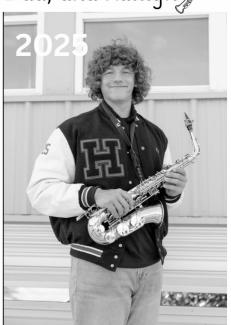
We are so proud of you!

"Where words fail, music speaks."

Go tell your story.

Love always, Mom, Dad, and Kaitlyn





Gavin Linkowsky

★ Alto Saxophone | Class of 2026





You've shown up early, stayed late, worked hard, and played your heart out. You've made memories in the rain, heat, and under the lights.

You've grown—not just as a musician, but as a leader, a teammate, and an incredible young man.

Keep marching to your own beat, we'll always be your biggest fans.

Love, Mom, Dad & Hannah

HHW Field Crew...









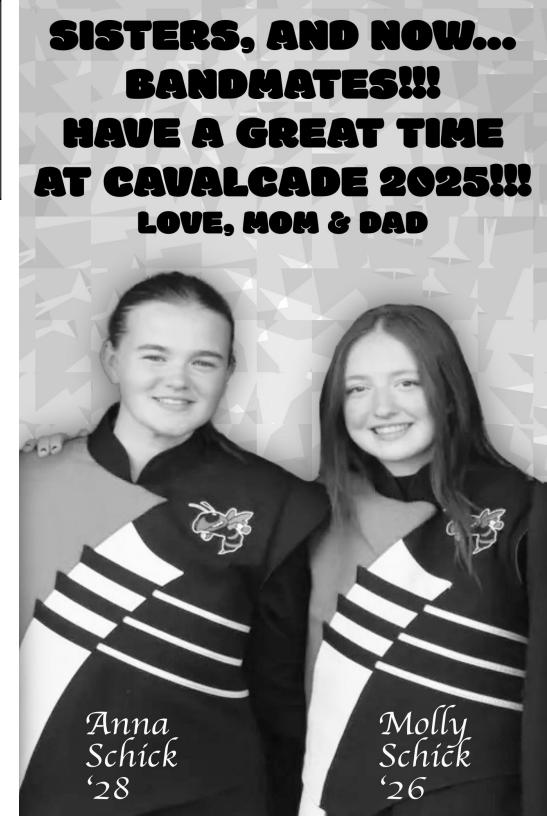


#1 in our book

Erin,
We hope you are enjoying another
fun year in color guard!
Love,
Mom-Mom, Nana, and Pop









To Chloe,

Keep reaching for the stars



We are so proud of you. Have a great senior year.

Love, Mami & Diana



Brayden,
What a joy it has been to
watch you over the past 4
years excel in what you love!
You make us proud every
day. Enjoy your final
Cavalcade! We'll always be
on the sidelines of life
cheering you on!
Love, Mom, Dad and Kenzie



To Jackson and Cooper, We are so proud of you! Love, Grammie and Grampie



To our ghost with the most,



Congratulations Sheyenne Wilson on your
1st Cavalcade of Bands!
We are all so proud of you and love you so
much!
Love,
Dad, Alicia, Lahkota, and Gracelynn

BAILEY ROSE

Happy Calvacade! Keep pudning yourself to new height, you're capable of amazing things. Remember why you started playing trombone in the first place — enjoy the music, kick brast, & have fun! Your passion thines through in every note, keep sharing your gift with the world. Keep thining bright, no matter how dark the sky gets. Your dedication is inspiring, its clear you're passionate about music. Your growth & improvement over the years have been remarkable, you're a true talent. You've represented our school with pride & excellence, congratulations on an amazing high school career. Hope your senior year is outstanding, We're so proud of the musician you've become!

We love you so much.

Mom & Dad











To Chloe, Have an amazing Senior year we are so proud of you!!

To Chloe and our bonus daughter Penelope, Have an amazing band season and we are so proud of how well you are both doing!!

Love, Eema and Vicky

Good luck to the Hamilton West Marching Band! Have a great season! -The Furmans To Jackson, Cooper, Reagan, and Georgia, Kick some BRASS! Love, Grammie and Grampie



Patton, You Kicked Some Brass With All That Class!



Congrats To You, Blue on Your Amazing 2025
Season!!!

Love, Mom & Dad, Lily, Ma & Pa, Aunt Crystal & Kaylee, Mimi & Poppy,

Pop-Pop & Grammy, Aunt Cath, and Gigi

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To Riley & The Hornet Marching Band:

KEEP PLAYING
YOUR HEARTS OUT
BECAUSE YOU
SOUND AMAZING!

Love, Monmon, Poppy, Caranel, Cookie, Taffy, Cirramor, Alex, Arthory, Jay & Mond



Erica



We are so proud of your dedication to music and the Marching Band. Good luck on your Senior Year. Congratulations!

Love Mom, Jeff, Peyton, Parker, Nan and Pop.





Dear Ava,
We love you more than you will ever know! Keep up the good work and shining like the star you are!! We love you so very much and will always be rooting for you! Don't stop, keep reaching for the stars! You are amazing!! Keep perfecting your craft

- Love you From your Aunties, Nan Nan, Mom, Dad, and Pop Pop

and remember that we are here for vou!!

P.S. From Allure (your newborn sister)

I can't wait to see you perform!! That will be the first thing I do when I get home!! You make me smile, and so proud of you!! Best big sister!! I love you so very much!!!!

Ava, watching you grow up has been one of the most beautiful things I've ever witnessed. You've turned into such a strong, kind, and fearless young woman, and I'm so proud to call you my little sister. No matter how old you get, you'll always be my baby. The one I'll protect, cheer for, and love endlessly. Keep chasing your dreams and never forget how amazing you are. I'll always be right here, rooting for you every step of the way.

~ Love Aniyah



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Pretzels Candy \$2.00 \$2.00

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Drinks



| 0 | Butter Beer | \$6.00 |
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| U | Sport Drink | \$3.00 |
| | Soda | \$2.00 |
| | Water | \$1.00 |

Hornet "ButterBeer" Nectar

Hamilton High School West Band Parents

The Official Purveyor of the special blended hornet "Butterbeer" Nectar since February 17th, 2012 circa 5:00PM. Traditionally brewed in the Great Hall of Hamilton High School West and approved by

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