

## Office of Fine and Performing Arts

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Dear HBDMB and Finley Students and Parents,

On Tuesday, October 16, 2018, the Huntington Blue Devil Marching Band (HBDMB) will host the Finley Eighth Grade Band Students in an educationally and musically enriching workshop. The day will include learning marching drills, lunch, and watching a performance by the HBDMB on the field.

The HBDMB/Finley event will serve as the first in many recruitment events throughout the school year. This particular event will be an introduction to the HBDMB to make personal and musical connections prior to the annual Open House. The Open House, held each April, is a more formal, informative evening for parents and students.

The schedule for the day is listed below:

10:30-10:45am – Finley students depart Finley Middle School and travel to Huntington High School. Students will arrive at the high school and assemble in the auditorium for a brief overview of the day

10:45-11:30am – Finley students will break out into sections and observe warm-up exercises by the HBDMB followed by a full performance of the competitive marching show on the field

11:30am-12:00pm – Lunch provided to the students, free of charge, by the Band Parents Association of Huntington (Students may bring their own lunch if they choose or if they have specific dietary needs/restrictions)

12:00pm - HBDMB student leaders teach the Finley students marching commands and drill

12:25pm – Finley students participate in a March-Off

1:00pm - Finley students depart Huntington High School and return to Finley Middle School

This is shaping up to be a tremendously exciting, enriching, and memorable day for all involved. Should you have any questions about the upcoming HBDMB/Finley event, please contact your child's music teacher directly or the district music office at (631) 673-2106. I look forward to welcoming the next generation of HBDMB members and hosting the current ones during a wonderful day of music and instruction.

Sincerely,

Eric Reynolds

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