



HICKORY RIDGE BANDS

proudly present

10th Annual Winter Concert

Monday, December 8, 2025

Concert Band

Symphonic Band

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

HiRMS 8th Grade Band

Wind Symphony

Hickory Ridge
High School Auditorium
6:30pm

HICKORY RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL BAND



Hickory Ridge High School opened in the fall of 2007 and currently has approximately 150 students enrolled in band.

The instrumental music program consists of Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Jazz Ensembles, Marching Band, Musical Pit Orchestra, and Winterguard.

Concert ensembles have consistently earned superior ratings at North Carolina Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Solo and Ensemble Music Performance Assessment (MPA) events. In 2018 the Wind Symphony participated in a 10-day performance tour of China, giving performances in Shaoxin, Jiaxin, Shanghai, and Beijing at the invitation of the US-China Cultural and Educational Foundation. The Wind Symphony performed at the North Carolina Music Educators Association Professional Development Conference in the fall of 2022, and gave performances in Vienna, Prague, and Salzburg in the spring of 2023. The Wind Symphony was an invited participant in the 2024 Music for All Southeast Regional Concert Band Festival at Georgia State University in Atlanta, GA, and in 2026 will participate in the Music for All National Concert Band Festival in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Jazz Band participated in the North Carolina Music Educators Association Professional Development Conference in 2023. Additional concert performances include festivals and concerts in New Orleans, New York City, Washington, D.C., and Orlando.

The Blue Regiment marching band has won numerous first place awards and grand championships at local and regional events. In addition, they have been frequent finalists at large regional marching events, including the Western Carolina University Tournament of Champions. The ensemble will represent our school, community, and state in the 2026 London New Year's Day Parade, having previously participated in the 2009 and 2016 London Parades. In addition, they were invited participants in the 2020 Rome New Year's Day Parade and Frascati (Italy) Street Festival.

The Hickory Ridge Winter Guard competes in the Carolina Winter Ensembles Association (CWEA) circuit, winning the Regional A circuit championships in 2022, and medaling in Class AA and A in 2024 and 2025. They have been finalists at WGI regional events and were semi-finalists at the 2013 WGI World Championships in Dayton, Ohio.

Hickory Ridge band students consistently place into the All-County, All-District, All-State, and All-National Honor Bands. They have participated in the Bands of America Marching Honor Band in the Rose Parade, the Music for All Honor Band of America, the NAfME All-National Symphony Orchestra, the NAfME All-National Concert Band, the US Army All-American Marching Band, the "President's Own" Marine Band Concerto Competition, and many other regional and national events. The HRHS Trombone ensemble was named a national semi-finalist for the American Prize for Chamber Music, and was a 3rd place winner in the high school division in 2023.

Hickory Ridge received the NAMM Merit Award in 2020 - 2024, recognizing excellence in music education, and received the National Band Association Citation of Excellence in 2024 and 2025.





Concert Band

Chris White and David Rivero, directors

A Joyous Christmas.....Randall Standridge

David Rivero, conductor

The Holly and The Ivy.....Chip Davis arr. Robert Longfield

We Wish You a Klezmer Christmas.....Lauren Bernofsky

Chris White, conductor

<p><u>Flute:</u> Lauren Avant Bailey Johnson Katelyn Teeter * Benjamin Tran</p> <p><u>Bassoon:</u> Rachel Carter Abhi Lakkireddy</p> <p><u>Clarinet:</u> Kaiah Cadet Ava Hicks Ryan Kalathoor Philip McKenzie Hannah Petersen Benjiman Ricker Keagan Ringgenberg * Leila Turner Sadie Whitt</p> <p><u>Bass Clarinet:</u> Madeleine Leonard * Keegan Sell</p>	<p><u>Alto Saxophone:</u> Karter Beasley Joshua Holdbrook Kosuke Hubert Samuel Luza * Eliza Stiene</p> <p><u>Tenor Saxophone:</u> Samuel Griffin</p> <p><u>Trumpet:</u> Emmett Baker Rosie Kollath * Austin Olson Lauren Utecht</p> <p><u>French Horn:</u> Adrian Jackson Jackson Lee * Naomi Weber</p>	<p><u>Trombone:</u> Aria LeGrand * Hayden Nelms Samuel Roberts Alexander Steadham</p> <p><u>Euphonium:</u> Darrell Hames</p> <p><u>Tuba:</u> Gavin Agnew * Katelyn Cagle Julian Floyd</p> <p><u>Percussion:</u> Holden Keegan Maximus Lampion Rachel Mathew Caleb Ruiz Corinna Stoffler # Om Velamala Chase Willis Elaina Wilson</p>
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* = principal player

= senior

Symphonic Band

David Rivero, director

Christmas Lights.....Chris Sharp

Appalachian Carol.....Jerry Brubaker

The Christmas Song.....Mel Torme arr. Frank Cofield

The Most Wonderful Time of the Year.....arr. John Moss

<p><u>Flute:</u> Maya Edwards Lindsey Haston *, # Emily Taylor</p> <p><u>Oboe:</u> Kennedy Geddings Harika Gutta *</p> <p><u>Bassoon:</u> Gabriella Smith #</p> <p><u>Clarinet:</u> Emory Abee # David Bolick # Dylan Britt *, # Corye Clarke # Luke Kivett # Ethan Zheng</p> <p><u>Bass Clarinet:</u> Madalyn Abee</p> <p><u>Contrabass Clarinet:</u> Corrina Allen #</p>	<p><u>Alto Saxophone:</u> Sara Shuford # Gabriel English*, # Varesh Rajan</p> <p><u>Tenor Saxophone:</u> Alyssa Rivero * Joshua Thatcher</p> <p><u>Baritone Saxophone:</u> Andy Hull #</p> <p><u>Trumpet:</u> Levi Anderson William Bremer Camden Foster *, # Jaedyn Horne Graham Muller Surya Munjuluri Srinika Pola Dylan Redding</p> <p><u>French Horn:</u> Aiden Clapper *, # Lillian Muller Dawson Smith Peyton Ward</p>	<p><u>Trombone:</u> Jeremiah Holdbrook* William Karriker Malina Sekulich</p> <p><u>Euphonium:</u> Owen Jubb * Kayla Powell</p> <p><u>Tuba:</u> Macy Eggers * Landon Sellers Zedek Yang</p> <p><u>String Bass:</u> Charlotte Allen</p> <p><u>Percussion:</u> Massimo Buontempo # Jakob Hudson Madison Lieu # Genevieve Mackin Emma Maloy Clara Messina Ava McBride Andy Zhang</p>
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Hickory Ridge Middle School 8th Grade Band

Jimie Maley, director

Mysterious Chase.....	Chris Ferguson
Joyful and Triumphant.....	Ed Huckabee
Christmas Festival Overture.....	Richard Saucedo
Danse Carnivale.....	Randall D. Standridge

Flute: Shahd Abbas Shivani Anandkumar Kensington Beachum Mattison Cotton Loretta Cameron Keira Daniel Livia Dasilva Kori Johnson Vibha Palla Dharshini Selvakumar Morgan Urban Shuting Zheng	Bass Clarinet: Emily Kicklighter Hanish Telu	French Horn: Abel Brahmakulath Marton Palmer
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	Tenor Saxophone: Jacob Al Soudi	Tuba: Ryland Abee Varesh Nuthi
	Trumpet: Jake Brown Vashista Bandari Nasir Graves Aashrith Katreddi Carter Larson Evan Laughlin Grayson Medure Kelly Pratt Logan Russom Vihaan Ryagalla Logan Sellers Inir Sinclair	Percussion: Anderson Lieu Marcus Sanchez Anish Suresh Skyler Sweat Atharva Vashishtha Lydia Weber Carlee Zywien

Wind Symphony

Chris White, director

Sparkling Lights.....Matt Conway

Passacaglia on an Olde English Carol.....Robert Longfield

A Horse Drawn Buggy Ride.....Ron Dekker
David Rivero, conductor

The Little Drummer Boy's Bolero.....arr. Julie Giroux

A Christmas Festival.....Leroy Anderson

<p><u>Flute:</u> Cora Baker * Koryn Beasley Jada Gould Lindsey Haston # Nithya Sabarinathan</p> <p><u>Oboe:</u> Preston Glanton *, # Laila Parker #</p> <p><u>Bassoon:</u> Gabriella Smith *, # Emmalyn Cochran</p> <p><u>Clarinet:</u> Carlie Caputo Caleb Nilson Shaniya Poudel # Morgan Powell # Keagan Ringgenberg * Owen Stafford Natalie Taylor Aish Vashishtha *, #</p> <p><u>Bass Clarinet:</u> Mya Souffrant #</p> <p><u>Contra Clarinet:</u> Andy Hull #</p>	<p><u>Alto Saxophone:</u> Emma Byrd Ihana Harrell * Sara Shuford # McKale Williams</p> <p><u>Tenor Saxophone:</u> Shannan Costanza *, # Gabrielle Johnson</p> <p><u>Baritone Saxophone:</u> Mia Nolff #</p> <p><u>Trumpet:</u> Zoey Demkowski # Leah Edwards # Jacob Fredenberg # Taylor Hill # Sarah Kirchner # Gabriel Luza Kaitlyn Skipper # Jameson Young *</p> <p><u>French Horn:</u> Garrett Baker Noah Brumbaugh # Jackson Lee William Zuo *</p> <p>Euphonium: Katelyne Lewis * Ryen Morrison</p>	<p><u>Trombone:</u> Owen Jubb Kate Marshall Will Taber # Archer Turturro # Neela Venigalla *</p> <p><u>Tuba:</u> Landon Brawley # Braylon Gore * Teagen Rivas # Kaleb Zambrano</p> <p><u>String Bass:</u> Boston Zywien</p> <p><u>Percussion:</u> Massimo Buontempo # Alejandro Gomez Jara Padma Gunda # Madison Lieu # Rachel Mathew Jesse-Aaliyah Ricks # Corinna Stoffler # Andy Zhang</p>
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Chris White

Director of Bands, Hickory Ridge High School

Chris White is a native of Bristol, Tennessee. He attended Bridgewater College in Bridgewater, VA, where he received the Bachelor of Arts in Music degree, with honors, in 1997. He began his graduate studies as a Graduate Teaching Assistant to University Bands at Radford University, where he studied trumpet and conducting with Mark Camphouse. After moving to Charlotte, NC to begin his teaching career, he completed his graduate studies at Winthrop University as a student of Dr. Bill Malambri, where he earned the Master of Music in Instrumental Conducting degree.

He has held National Board certification since 2006.

Mr. White has been the Director of Bands at Hickory Ridge High School in Harrisburg, NC since the school opened in the fall of 2007. Mr. White's duties at Hickory Ridge include overseeing a comprehensive band program which consists of over 150 students who participate in Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony, Jazz Ensemble, Marching Band, Musical Pit Orchestra, Winterguard, Winter Percussion, and several small ensembles.

Mr. White was selected as Hickory Ridge High School Teacher of the Year in 2015 and was a top five finalist for Cabarrus County Schools Teacher of the Year. He has previously received recognition as Charlotte-Mecklenburg New Band Director of the Year in 1999, the 2001 E.E. Waddell High School Teacher of the Year, and received the Horace Mann Crystal Apple Award for outstanding teaching. He received the South Central District Bandmasters Association Award of Excellence in 2021. He has served as clinician, adjudicator, and guest conductor for many marching band and concert events.

He served on the Executive Board of the South Central District Bandmasters Association (SCDBA) as High School Representative (2012-2016) and District Chair (2018-2020). He has been a member of the Executive Board for the North Carolina Bandmasters Association (NCBA) since 2022, and currently serves as NCBA President and NCMEA Band Section Chair. He previously served as a member of the NCBA Concert Band Music Performance Adjudication (MPA) committee.

His professional memberships include the American School Band Directors Association (ASBDA), North Carolina Music Educators Association (NCMEA), National Association for Music Education (NAfME), and the National Band Association (NBA). He is a member of Phi Mu Alpha (Xi Theta), Pi Kappa Lambda, and Omicron Delta Kappa fraternities.



David Rivero

Director of Bands, Hickory Ridge High School

David Rivero was born in Hackensack, NJ before moving to Harrisburg, NC where he attended and graduated from Hickory Ridge High School. He attended the University of North Carolina, and studied under Evan Feldman for conducting and Matthew McClure for saxophone. He received his Bachelor of Music degree with Distinction in 2018.

After graduating, David moved back to Harrisburg, NC where he served as one of the band directors at Hickory Ridge Middle School for 4 years. He taught 6th-8th grade band and 7th-8th grade chorus, as well as the “Sound of the Ridge” pep band and the “Blue Notes” jazz band. David is currently the Director of Bands at Hickory Ridge High School.

Under his direction, the Hickory Ridge Middle School Bands consistently received superior ratings in grades 2, 3, and 4 music at MPA, performed at Solo and Ensemble MPA, and have been represented at the All-County, All-District, and All-State levels. The band was also invited to perform at the 2020 Rome New Year's Day Parade and Frascati, Italy Street Festival along with the Hickory Ridge High School Band.

In 2022, David received the South Central District Young Director Award of Excellence, as well as the ASBDA Encore Award. He is also a proud member of Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity. He currently serves on the South Central District Bandmasters Association (SCDBA) Board.



Jimie Maley

Director of Bands, Hickory Ridge Middle School

Jimie Maley grew up and found his passion for music just down the road in Concord, NC. After graduating from Jay M. Robinson High School, Mr. Maley attended the University of North Carolina at Charlotte to pursue a degree in music education. While attending Charlotte, he studied saxophone under Dr. Will Campbell and Dr. Ben Still, and conducting under Dr. Hunter Kopczynski. During his time there, he grew a love for education and earned a Bachelor in Music with a concentration in instrumental music education.

He also earned an undergraduate certificate in Jazz Studies to accompany his Bachelor in Music. During his time in college, Mr. Maley has spent his time working at Appalachian State University's summer music camp, Cannon Music Camp. He also spent two years as the Ensemble Manager for the Youth Orchestras of Charlotte where he also served as Interim Executive Director for a short time.

Mr. Maley completed his student teaching with Chris White and David Rivero at Hickory Ridge High School in the fall of 2024. After graduation, Mr. Maley spent the Spring 2025 semester as a part-time assistant director for the Hickory Ridge Middle School Band as well as the Weddington Middle School Band. During this time, he directed the Hickory Ridge “Blue Note” Jazz band, helped to bring a total of four ensembles to MPA, Carowinds, and the Charleston (SC) Music Festival.

Currently, Mr. Maley is the Director of Bands at Hickory Ridge Middle School. Being his first year as the director, he is elated to work with the students of Hickory Ridge Middle school and guide them to success and to find their love for music.

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Important Upcoming Dates:

December / January

- 12/27-1/3 - London Parade Trip
- 1/17 - All-District Auditions (Porter Ridge HS)
- 1/23-1/24 - HS All-County Band (West Cabarrus HS)
- 1/30-1/31 - All-District Band (Stuart Cramer HS)

February

- 2/13-2/14 - Western Region Jazz Clinic (Asheville HS)
- 2/24 and 2/26 - HS Pre-MPA Concerts (Hickory Ridge HS)
- 2/25 - Wind Symphony at UNC Charlotte Invitational Concert Festival

March

- 3/7 - All-State Band Auditions (Winston-Salem)
- 3/23-3/24 - HS MPA (Mooresville HS)
- 3/25-3/29 - Wind Symphony at National Concert Festival (Indianapolis)

April

- 4/27 - Concert Band and Symphonic Band Spring Concert
- 4/28 - HiRMS 8th Grade and Wind Symphony Spring Concert
- 4/29 - Jazz Band Spring Concert
- 4/30 - HiRMS 6th and 7th Grade Spring Concert

May

- 5/9 - Jazz Band MPA (Lenoir)
- 5/21 - HRHS Graduation (Cabarrus Arena)

June/July

- 6/30-7/3 - Marching Band Mini-Camp
- 7/4 - Harrisburg 4th of July Parade
- 7/13-7/17 - Marching Band Camp Week 1 (all members)
- 7/20-7/24 - Marching Band Camp Week 2 (all members)