



Welcome Band Families to the 2021-22 Inaugural Year of the Seaforth High School Marching Band!

Greetings from your **Seaforth Band Association** (SBA),

We welcome you and your Marching Hawks to the Seaforth High School Band. What a distinct honor our students have. They are an integral part of the first band that will literally march onto our high school fields to showcase their Hawks school spirit through music!

Our Director of Bands

Please welcome Mr. Keith A. Gilbert who will be directing our students through the rigors of Marching Band Camp and the academic year. He is a well-established and talented music director who comes to us with a plethora of experience from composing music to directing students to reach their full musical and leadership capabilities. Speak with him once and I believe you will immediately hear his passion for the Marching Band!

More on Keith Gilbert

Mr. Gilbert is a native of Cuthbert, Georgia and he is completing his 22nd year of teaching. Keith received his bachelor's degree from Valdosta State University, his master's degree from Central Michigan University, and completed course work toward his Ed.D. from Walden University. He is a talented clinician, music arranger, and drill designer.

Mr. Gilbert has taught guitar, music theory, AP music theory and music technology. He has experience in conducting a wind symphony, symphonic band, concert band, jazz band, pep band and directing the marching bands in New Mexico and Georgia.

Bands under his direction have consistently earned Superior Ratings for not only Marching Band, but also for Concert Band. His marching bands are often known for performing innovative shows and playing original music written by band director Gilbert.

He has been included in *Who's Who Among American Teachers* 10 times and chosen over a dozen times as Teacher of the Month. He has served as an organizer for state concert competitions in New Mexico, chairperson for district honor band, and as the high school clinician for Chatham County All-County band.

As a performer, he plays the tuba and has performed with the Peachtree Symphonic Winds (Atlanta, GA.), and the Gwinnett County Concert Band (Norcross, GA.) and the Music Educator's National Conference. On a more personal note, Mr. Gilbert resides in Moore County with his wife Dawn. They have 4 adult children (Amber, John, Matt, and Logan) and 3 grandchildren.

Who are we and what is our mission?



Seaforth Marching Band

The SBA is a nonprofit group comprised of parents and staff who enthusiastically support the Seaforth Marching Band. We have been working hard this summer to establish the first Band Booster Group. Our mission is to enhance and advocate, both financially and through volunteerism, our marching band. Our tag line is *Sempre Legato*...a musical term that means to *always stay connected* (no pause between one note and the next). We want to connect with our students, fellow parents and be proud of our Marching Hawks.

Fundraising Efforts

By history, marching bands heavily rely on a booster group such as ours to help finance some of the band's needs. Band camp can be expensive to cover staff, marching drills and instruments. Our need is 5K for band camp by August. To date we have raised over 2K, and fundraising efforts will continue throughout the season. Our first fundraising opportunities are *Dining For Dollars*, where a portion of the restaurant proceeds from a specific date, will be donated to the Seaforth Marching Band when the designated flier is presented. (See fliers) There may even be a Band Director cameo at Carolina Brewery!

Carolina Brewery July 26th 2021: 11am-9pm 120 Lowes Drive Unit 100 Pittsboro

Jersey Mikes August 11th 2021: 10am- 9pm 11312 HWY 15 N Chapel Hill

We need YOU

The SBA has minimal members at the moment, and we need all of you to make our kids' band experience the best it can be. Let's help our students create some great music and some great memories. If you want to volunteer at any time, have a fundraising idea or want to attend a Band Booster Meeting, please let us know.

Communication is Key

In this time of social media, we have set up several ways to stay informed. Check the Seaforth HS main website and find us under the ACADEMICS tab. We also have our own band website, Twitter, Instagram and Facebook accounts. (see the box below for addresses) You are also welcome to email the SBA BOARD MEMBERS.

Band Camp and Fair Share

Summer Band Camp is mandatory for all Marching Band Members.

August 2-6 Full Band Camp 8:00 am – 5:00 pm (Seaforth High School)

August 9-13 Full Band Camp 8:00 am – 5:00 pm (Seaforth High School)

There is an economic responsibility for running a successful band. Each student will be expected to pay their *Fair Share* to help defray the expenses of participating in band camp and competitions. Fair share is \$500 this year for each child. Further questions about the use of funds can be directed towards our treasurer.

Ways to pay your Fair Share:

444 Seaforth Rd, Pittsboro, NC 27312



Practice to Prepare, Prepare to Perform

Seaforth Marching Band

Check: Seaforth Band Association: mail to P.O. Box 1622 Pittsboro, NC 27312

Venmo: @seaforthband

Seaforth Band Association.org (Click on DONATE. Note: PLEASE indicate that the money is for Fair Share and include your child's name)

Our ASK

Please view the Band Website to find the details of the Marching Band and become familiar with the following:

- Parent Handbook: *Seaforth High School 2021 New Parent to Marching Band Guide*
- Student Handbook (make sure your student reads the Student Handbook),
- Band Camp Survival Guide
- Please fill out the *Seaforth Band Association Information Form*
- Please bring one case of water to band camp practice for the band members to use throughout the season.
- Spread the word for fellow students to JOIN THE MARCHING BAND

Stay Informed

Seaforth High School Website: chatham.k12.nc.us/seaforth

Seaforth Band Website: seaforthhawksband.com

Seaforth Band Donation Site: Seaforth Band Association.org

Twitter: @seaforthband

Facebook Group and Page: Seaforth Band Association

Instagram @Seaforth Band Association #WeAreSeaforth

Thank you in advance for helping make our student's band experience exceptional!

Sempre Legato,

Your Seaforth Band Association Board Members

Keith Gilbert, Mathew Wilson, Brad Flowers, Amy Leigh Paul, Kate Bice, Beth Spade Vaughn

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