

## Directors

### Mr. Jim Jones

Jim Jones is the Director of Bands at Heritage Hills. He joined the staff at Heritage Hills in 1998. He holds a Bachelors Degree from Ball State University. Mr. Jones serves as an adjudicator, clinician, percussion arranger, and drill writer for several bands in Indiana. He is a pianist for the Church of the Nazarene in Huntingburg, Indiana. He is a member of Indiana Music Educators Conference, Music Educators National Conference, Indiana Bandmasters, and Indiana Percussion Association.

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### Mr. Ryan Akers

Ryan Akers serves as the Associate Director of Bands, teaching instrumental music in grades 6-12, and middle school general music at Heritage Hills since 2002. Mr. Akers graduated from the University of Kentucky, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree. He is a member of the Indiana Bandmasters Association, Indiana Music Educators Conference, Music Educators National Conference, and Kappa Kappa Psi National Band Service Fraternity.

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## Heritage Hills Bands

*Helping  
Students  
Achieve  
Excellence  
Through  
Music*

Concert Bands  
Marching Band  
Pep Band  
Jazz Band  
Winter Percussion  
Winter Guard

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## A Brief History of the Heritage Hills Bands

Heritage Hills High School opened in 1973. Since then, the band program has received many awards and honors. The marching band has received a gold rating at the District level and advanced to the Regional level each year since 1983. The Marching Patriots have been a 7 time ISSMA state finalist and an Indiana State Fair Band Day Finalist.

The Jr. High Bands, High School Concert Band, and Jazz Band have consistently received Gold ratings at ISSMA festivals and high marks at IMEA band festivals. Many high school students participate in solo and ensemble contest each year with a good number of them advancing to the Solo and Ensemble State Finals.

The band program has participated in music events through out the country. Festivals they have attended are the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington D.C., the World's Fair in Knoxville, TN, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York, Six Flags Band Festival in Louisville, KY, and the Walt Disney World Parade in Orlando.

The band program is honored to have received the ALL-MUSIC AWARD from the Indiana State School Music Association five of the last six years.

## Elementary and Middle School Bands

### Beginning Band

In the fall of their sixth grade year, the students have the opportunity to begin band class. All of our beginning bands meet two to three days each week at the each of the North Spencer Elementary Schools. The beginning bands perform at the spring fine arts programs at their respective schools. In May, all four beginning bands join together for a performance at the High School's Spring Concert.

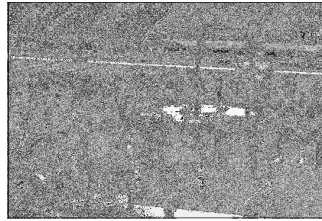
### Middle School Bands

Middle School Band meets for 30 minutes a day during House. The emphasis at this level is on sound, technique, and rhythm. Performances outside of the school day include the winter concert, pre-contest concert, solo and ensemble, and spring concert. The uniform for the middle school bands is black pants and maroon polo shirt. Students will have the opportunity to order their shirt at the beginning of the seventh grade band year.

## High School Ensembles

### The Marching Patriots

The Marching Band meets during the first grading period of the school year, during the school day. There is mandatory practice twice a week outside of the school day.

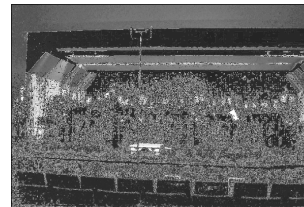


Students can still participate in sports programs, they just need to communicate with the director on any conflicts. The Marching band performs at half time during all varsity home games, competes at several local and ISSMA sanctioned contests, and local parades.

The marching season begins with camps in mid-July. Competition season runs from the week after Labor Day until the end of October. There is a \$150.00 band fee to help cover costs the school corporation does not cover.

### High School Concert Band

The high school concert band expands on the fundamental of the Jr. High Band. The band meets during the school day with an occasional outside practice. The band performs at the Veterans Day program during the school day, Winter Concert in December, Concerto Night in January, ISSMA contest in April, Spring Concert in May, and Graduation. Students will need to purchase a tuxedo shirt as a uniform for concert band concerts (black tux shirt, black pants, black shoes and socks).



### Patriot Jazz

The Jazz Band meets during the school day providing there are enough students signed up for it to operate as a class. If not, it meets outside school a couple days a week. The band performs at all concerts with the concert band and at the ISSMA Jazz festival in early March. There is an additional cost of \$30.00 for a jazz technique book.

## Winter Percussion

The winter percussion is an extra-curricular ensemble that meets outside of the school day.

This ensemble is to help percussion students to



keep up their playing skills and allow non- percussion students an opportunity to explore and learn how to play percussion instruments.

This ensemble starts rehearsing two times a week in November and competes

in the Indiana Percussion Association From early February through late March. There is a \$100.00 fee to participate in this ensemble.

### Pep Band

The concert band serves as the pep band during the basketball season. The pep band practices during the school day and comes in early before each game. This band is mandatory for all students involved in band. There are approximately 8 to 10 games each season and students are allowed to miss two games with no penalty if cleared with the director at least one week before. There are no additional costs for this ensemble.

### Color Guard

Color guard provides an opportunity for high school students to develop self-expression and creativity through musical interpretation incorporating body, flag, and weapon technique. The color guard performs with the marching band at athletic events, parades, and contest. Students audition in April for the season which follows in the fall, and students receive credit for band participation. Color guard meets during the school day with the marching band and at all outside rehearsals with the marching band. There is a band fee of \$150.00 to cover cost that the school corporation does not cover. Auditions are held in November for our competitive winter guard. The winter guard competes in the Indiana High School Color Guard Association. This ensemble is extra-curricular and no class credit is given. All rehearsals are outside of the school day two or three times a week. Competitions are on Saturday. The season runs from January to late March. The fee for the winter guard is \$100.00.

