



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

Greeting Band Parents from the **Seaforth Band Association** (SBA),

We welcome you and your Marching Hawks to the Seaforth High School Band. What a distinct honor our students have as 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.

Mr. Gilbert has taught guitar, music theory, AP music theory, music technology, conducting the wind symphony, symphonic band, concert band, jazz band, pep band and directing the marching band 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. 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.

Mr. Gilbert is a clinician, music arranger, and drill designer. He has worked with and writes music and/or drill for schools in South and North Carolina, Ohio, and Texas.

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?

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 stay always stay connected (no pause between one note and the next). We want to connect with our students, fellow parents, the band and forever be the 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 Dates* 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 attached fliers)

Carolina Brewery July 26th 2021:

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

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. Number one is the Seaforth HS main website. Under the tab ACADEMICS, you will find SFHS Marching Band access. We also have our own band website, Twitter, Instagram and Facebook accounts. (see the box below for addresses) Our additional personal email addresses.



Band Camp

It is mandatory for all Marching Band Members. There is an economic responsibility for running a successful band. There is a one time fee which we will elaborate on within the band website.

- **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)

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 in addition to the gallon water jug 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

Twitter: @seaforthband

Facebook Group and Page: Seaforth Band Association

Instagram @Seaforth Band Association

We welcome all of you to join us in making our band student's experience an exciting and fulfilling year. We look forward to meeting all of you. Go Hawks,

Sempre Legato,

The Seaforth Band Association Board Members

Band Director: Keith Gilbert kgilbert@chatham.k12.nc.us Board Members: President: Mathew Wilson, m65wilson@gmail.com Vice President1: Brad Flowers flowersmb@gmail.com Vice President 2: Amy Leigh Paul amyleighpaul@gmail.com Treasurer: Kate Bice thebices@gmail.com Secretary: Beth Spade Vaughn erspade77@yahoo.com