

Memo—Dep Band Games

Dates: Sept. 16, Sept. 23, Oct. 14, Oct. 28

Time: All percussion, electrics and the “helping” section, report to the band room by 6:15 SHARP to move equip. up to the field

All others report to the band room by 6:30 SHARP to tune to your section leader then up to the field. In the stadium seats by 6:45 SHARP (bring cases, music...).

Dress: waist up-school colors ONLY, waist down-whatever you want-black pants, jeans, khakis

What you'll need: your instrument, lyre, folio, rubber band to hold music down, some money for a snack if you want (optional), if a night is cold, hand warmers are really good ideas! as are gloves and hats.

What do I do when I get up to the field? Your cases go right under the stand, then just get into your spots (see white board) and we'll be ready for kick-off! You will get the 3rd quarter off, at which time you can get a snack, hang out with friends, etc. During this time, make sure your instruments are put away in their cases and that you get back to your seat when there are 2 min. left on the clock (3rd quarter) so we can play for the 4th quarter. **Section leaders** are in charge of “rounding up” any stragglers in their sections and at 3 min. left on the clock, reminding folks to start heading back up to the bleachers.

Set up Crew-what to do!

- We will be loading a truck by the back band room door. Help put in: 1 amp, keyboard, k/b stand and all cords, 3 music stands (for k/b, bass, drum major), drum set, all marching snares, basses and accessories the percussion section leader deems are needed for playing at the game.
- Then, we unload up at the field, set up the set, amp, k/b, run the huge extension cord from the WAVM booth to the amp, sound check, make sure all is ready to go.
- After the game, the set crew puts everything back in the truck (don't forget the extension cord!) and unloads it down at the band room. No one leaves til it's all done so it's fair to everyone :)

A few important reminders about playing outside without a roof!

- Sound will go up, you will not hear the way you do in the band room and there may be a significant delay in sound depending on where you sit, so make sure you watch the drum major for tempo, not necessarily what you're hearing a few rows down or up.
- You **MUST** sit with kids in your section so that we sound good at all times!
- Drum major is in charge! Please be respectful, when they call a piece-get it out asap so the band's ready to perform within a 30 sec. or less.
- We are not allowed to play on offense, so if there are breaks-that's why. We play as much as we can otherwise.
- On night's when it's cold, make sure to keep blowing air (without sound) through your instruments (not you percussionists! ☺) to keep them from freezing up and getting too out of tune. Brass players should keep their mouthpieces in their pockets on cold nights.
- You are representing your school, your families and your town when you are playing. No yelling at the refs, no poor behavior of any sort. Play your best and be proud of what you do and how you act at all times. Thanks.

Thanks!! The team and school really appreciates your support and the parents and townspeople love to hear you play!! ☺