**PENNLIVE PICTURES**

If you are a subscriber to PennLive, you can check out a story of pictures on the CV Marching Band done by photographer Mark Pynes: <https://www.pennlive.com/hslife/2022/09/marching-band-showcase-cumberland-valley.html>

**FEED THE BAND FOR BOA SHOW IN DELAWARE**

Students will be responsible for their own breakfast on the day of our Bands of America show in Delaware on Saturday, 10/8. The band parents Feed the Band committee has put together one of the meals for the students while we’re at the show, which are R&K Subs/Pretzel sandwiches.

***For only $5,*** students receive a sandwich/sub, salad, sides, sweet treats, and beverages. **PLEASE SIGN UP IF YOU HAVEN’T ALREADY.** If you’re not sure whether your student is accounted for, please send me an email ASAP and I will check my list. [Here is the Google Form!](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScCpYyaRHZrEZTX-gGkM-p3p9fzMm5q_ew1JfJa0P9TShC7pg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0)

***ORDERS DUE BY TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, 9/28/22***

**WEDNESDAY 9/28…**

…We’re all in the big stadium (Chapman Stadium) for rehearsal. Please plan transportation accordingly. Thanks!

**REHEARSAL TARDINESS/ABSENCES**

I have been observing a lot of rehearsal tardiness and absences without parent emails lately. I understand our campus is large, and perhaps it’s some growing pains from making the rehearsal venue switch from the parking lot to the big stadium. I also understand folks who might be running late due to traffic, dropping a sibling off at another activity; that’s not what I’m trying to address here.

I’m addressing the 15 or so students who are chronically late to rehearsal. Students need to be ready to START at 6pm; they can’t be dropped off at 5:59pm, then get their instrument, THEN make it to rehearsal at 6:15pm, which is what’s happening more often than I’d prefer.

If your student needs to enter the school to get their instrument, and there isn’t someone there to “buzz” them in, please enter via Eagle Lobby (where you enter for the PAC and Pool). I would recommend that this strategy becomes the norm, as there’s usually at least one door that is unlocked.

Thank you for your help with this effort.

**THURSDAY GAME DAY SCHEDULE**

3:30p     (approx.) Home Concessions open to students for dinner

5:00p     CVMB Students IN UNIFORM (bibbers and other black clothing; *COLOR GUARD will use my classroom, 162, for Thursday’s game*)

5:30p     MS Band students arrive (Brass – Band Room; Woodwinds – Orchestra Room; Percussion – Choir Room)

6:20p     Form up in Loading Dock, March to Stadium

7:00p     Kickoff

8:00p     (approx.) CVMB performs “Adventure is Calling,”; CVSD Bands perform *Crazy in Love* and *Ex’s & Oh’s*

9:15p     (approx.) Game ends, march back to CVHS, change, go home!

**SATURDAY SCHEDULE**

9:00a     Begin Rehearsal

11:30a   Lunch ***(FEED THE BAND; MEATBALL SLIDERS)***

12:15p   Resume Rehearsal

2:15p     End Rehearsal, load, *large snack* ***(THIS ONE IS ON YOUR OWN)***

3:40p     Depart CVHS

4:15p     Arrive Bishop McDevitt, unload, change ***(KEEP PHONES/WALLETS IN UNIFORM BAGS/FLAG BAGS FOR CONCESSIONS AFTER PERFORMANCE)***

5:00p     Begin Warmup

5:50p     Depart Warmup

6:00p     Gate

6:15p     **CVMB Performs**

6:30p     Load instruments/equipment; stay in uniform

7:30p     Host Band Performs

7:45p     Awards/Estimated Judges’ Critique time

8:00p     (approx.) Change out of uniform

8:20p     (approx.) Depart McDevitt

8:35p     (approx.) Arrive CVHS, unload trucks, go home!

**SATURDAY REHEARSALS PREPARATION**

Students are reminded not to wear their black band t-shirt and black socks/Dinkles to Saturday rehearsals. Dinkles are fine shoes for marching, but they’re not meant to be worn for 12 hours at a shot. Artificial turf gets hot, so black isn’t the color to wear for a prolonged period of time.

Students’ rehearsal attire should be not that far off from what they wear for gym class: a lightweight, light color t-shirt; lighter color gym shorts; and comfortable, athletic sneakers with socks. On show days, students will have plenty of time to change during the snack/dinner break.

Additionally, I am very surprised by the number of students (mostly brass and woodwind musicians) who are showing up to ALL rehearsals with very little water (20 oz. or less), not having eaten breakfast, not having had any water at all prior to rehearsal, etc. Marching Band is a physically demanding, athletic activity. ***Students NEED to be hydrated***. For a Saturday morning rehearsal, that means starting to drink lots of water on Friday and continuing throughout rehearsal Saturday.

Thank you for talking with your students about the importance of eating breakfast and hydrating.

**B.I.T.S.**

It’s here; our annual Bands in the Stands event! CVMB will join forces with the 7th & 8th grade band students at Eagle View and Mountain View Middle Schools to perform 2 pop tunes at halftime of next week’s home game vs. Chambersburg. ***THIS PARTICULAR GAME IS BEING HELD ON THURSDAY, 9/29.*** I have included it in my “More Important Dates” for several weeks now, and this date has not changed.

The rehearsal for this event went well, albeit a little wet right around 1:30pm. We are performing *Crazy In Love*, which we performed for India Day at HACC, as well as *Ex’s & Oh’s* by Elle King. ***PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR STUDENTS ARE PRACTICING***.

For those who are curious, the game is being played on a Thursday evening to assist with the ref shortage PIAA is currently experiencing. A Thursday game allows PIAA officials to work both the Thursday game AND a Friday or Saturday game. As I understand it, this is being done throughout the season, throughout the state.

**PLAYOFFS NEAR CERTAINTY…**

The football team is 4-1, and they’re still ranked #1! However, it’s close: CV, Hempfield, Central York, and Wilson all have records of 4-1 this season. Unless something drastic would occur, I think we can absolutely count on performing at 1 playoff game, minimum. That game will probably be hosted by us on Friday, November 4th. If we go to a second playoff game, it’d be either Friday, November 11th, or Saturday, November 12th. If we make it to a THIRD playoff game, which would be the District 3 Championship game, it would be held either Friday, November 18th, or Saturday, November 19th.

**CONCESSIONS AT GAMES**

Lines at football concessions stands can become quite long. They feel even longer when you’re a hungry band kid, you have 3rd quarter off for food, and the game turns to what’s referred to as “The Mercy Rule” (one team is winning by 35 or more points the referees keep the clock running except for scoring plays and injuries). This occurred at our game on Friday evening. And, I should clarify/add, this is absolutely NOT the fault of anyone working at these stands; they’re working  VERY hard, and their efforts are appreciated!

All of this to say…students should understand they should not count on eating dinner during 3rd quarter. This is time enough to grab a snack and/or beverage, not a full meal. Thanks for helping your students to plan ahead with this.

**DISNEY TRIP REHEARSALS…**

We will have rehearsals for the Disney trip sometime in November. Right now, I am looking at conducting them in the 2 weeks following Championships and hosting them after school with the idea that students can take the activity bus home at 4:30pm if they choose/need. Once I have firm dates I will, of course, share them with everyone.

**MORE IMPORTANT DATES**

Please make sure you are visiting [www.cvbb.org/calendar](http://www.cvbb.org/calendar) for the most up to date calendar for the band. It contains all rehearsals, competitions, parades, and football games. *Please remember that most Saturdays will have a rehearsal component to them, whether there is a competition that evening or not.* Here they are in at-a-glance form:

*SEPTEMBER*

26           12p        Reh                       B.I.T.S. Rehearsal with MV/EV Bands (CV9 students will get picked up from and returned to CV9; CTC p.m. students will be unable to participate)

27           12p        Reh                       (B.I.T.S. Rehearsal Rain date)

*28           6p-9p     Reh                       (WEDNESDAY) RESCHEDULED FROM 9/29*

29           7p           FB (H)                   Chambersburg (THURSDAY; Bands in the Stands)

30                                                        NO BAND! FREE FRIDAY NIGHT *(YUP! 2 WEEKS IN A ROW!)*

*OCTOBER*

1             TBD        Reh/Comp          Bishop McDevitt

7             7p           FB (A)                  Central Dauphin

8             all day   Comp                   BOA Mid-Atlantic Regional @ U of Delaware

11           eveTBD Parade                 Mech’burg Halloween Parade

14           1:30p                                  Pep Rally in the Dome (not sure how this looks for CV9 yet; more details later)

14          7p           FB (H)                   Carlisle (HOMECOMING)

15                                                       NO REHEARSAL (ENJOY HOCO DANCE!)

19           7p          Concert               CVHS MUSIC DEPT’S **PRISM** CONCERT (MB doesn’t perform)

21           7p         FB (A)                    State College

22           tbd                                      Rehearsal

28           7p         FB (H)                    Altoona (SENIOR NIGHT!)

29           tbd        Comp                    ECHOES: 50th ANNIVERSARY EDITION!

*NOVEMBER*

4             tbd        FB (?)                     Potential Playoff Game (OR Nov 5)

5             tbd        Comp                    New Oxford

11           tbd        FB (?)                    Potential Playoff Game (OR Nov 12)

12           tbd                                      Rehearsal

13           tbd        Comp                   Cavalcade of Bands Championships (SUNDAY)

15           7pm      Concert                CVHS Fall Band Concert (CVHS PAC) (MB doesn’t perform)

18           tbd        FB (?)                    Potential Playoff Game (OR Nov 19)

**PRACTICING AT HOME**

It is imperative that your student is practicing at home, whether that’s practicing their music, their flag work, marching their sets on the parking lot during non-band times, practicing drill with other band students, etc. We are in a position where we still need to learn 40% of the show’s drill during the school year, so practicing that drill on their own, practicing and memorizing music on their own, working on the material with other students, is all going to help the rehearsal process. Please make sure that your student is doing something for band every non-rehearsal day to help us to help them improve. Thanks!

**PARENT PICKUP PROCEDURE**

When picking your student(s) up from an away football game or competition, please do not park near the loading dock or where the uniform trailer is parked. Our vehicles need to be able to park appropriately when we return.

ALSO, pickup of students may only occur on the west side of the building (where the loading dock is). There have been several students who have been getting picked up on the other side of campus, where our parking lot rehearsal area is located. This is simply too big an area for me to monitor, so we need to stick to the loading dock area for pickup. Thank you for your cooperation.

**ABSENCE NOTES**

If your student has a need to leave early from a performance (game, competition, parade), we need written notice from a parent indicating this much. Please provide your student with the note the day of the event. They will provide it to their bus’s chaperone or directly to me so that I am aware of the early dismissal. Thank you for your assistance!

**REMIND (COMING HOME)**

If you haven’t already, PLEASE join the “CVMB – Parents” text group by sending the text message @cvmbfamily to 81010. The schedules for this weekend appear earlier in this message. Thank you.

**CHECK ON YOUR FELLOW PARENTS**

Please chat with our fellow band parents to make sure they’re receiving all band emails that come from this group. Oftentimes we find that parents/students aren’t informed because the email went to their spam or junk folders, and many unnecessary headaches ensue. If you ask another band parent about receiving emails and they say “what emails,” please have them send their email address to Steve Filippelli (drumzx@verizon.net) and he will be sure to add the address.

**CHECK SKYWARD**

IGNORE IF YOUR STUDENT IS IN GRADES 7-8…

If your student is enrolled in grades 9-12, please make sure that Marching Band is on their schedule in Skyward. I’m pretty sure we’re all caught up but I need to be sure so that everyone who should receive academic credit receives it. If you notice Marching Band is missing from their Skyward schedule, please send me a note so I can take care of it.

I believe that’s it for now. Have a great week!

~Mr. P.~