Good morning everyone,

I have a LOT of stuff to go over this week, so grab a beverage and enjoy…

**SPRING-FORD BUS 1**

I usually like to start these notes with the weekend’s schedules, or a positive note to share, but I need to address an issue that was brought up. Yesterday morning, the driver for Bus 1 delivered several personal items to the HS Main Office which were left behind on the bus. She added that she spent 2 hours cleaning the bus because food was mashed into the seats, liquids spilled, etc.

This is absolutely NOT how we represent CVHS or CV Bands. These bus drivers choose our trips on their own. I doubt we will see her again because of this unfortunate experience. I am coordinating with Rohrer (the bus company) on a consequence for students who rode Bus 1 on Friday, which will involve the thorough cleaning of this driver’s bus. Further details will be made available when I have them.

Please discuss with your student(s) the importance of cleaning up after themselves; I shouldn’t have to address this again.

**SUDDENLY LEAVING…**

We’ve had a few instances in the last 2 weeks of students deciding - on their own - to walk away from a rehearsal or a football game and not tell a band staff member that they’re doing so. VERY FORTUNATELY, in each of these cases we’ve been able to locate the student and have a discussion with them about personal responsibility and safety.

PLEASE have the conversation with your kid(s) that they ABSOLUTELY MAY NOT leave a rehearsal, game, or competition UNLESS IT HAS BEEN COMMUNICATED TO ME BY A PARENT FIRST. While your student is with us, they are my responsibility, and I take that very seriously. If they need a minute (or 10) to chill out, that’s fine, but they MUST communicate that to an adult with the band.

Thank you for your help in addressing this matter.

**FRIDAY’S ACTIVITIES**

There is a LOT going on in connection with Friday’s game.

First, it is a Gold-Out for 4 Diamonds. T-shirts are being sold all this week (I believe during lunch periods) to students who want them. I am good with our CVMB students wearing either their black band t-shirts OR these Gold-Out t-shirts under their uniforms this week.

Next, PennLive will be sending a photographer to do a piece on us this Friday! They were at Parent Preview and will finish up their feature with a visit this Friday. Students will need to report in full uniform a little earlier than usual for a home game to accommodate the photo shoot. Students/sections should be prepared to come up with some fun poses to be featured in PennLive's running feature on area Marching Bands!

Finally, connected to the Gold-Out, there are tailgate activities available for students to participate in, including a Paint War. **If a CVMB student wants to participate in the Paint War, they MUST be totally cleaned up in time for PennLive pictures at 5:30p when we’re in uniform**. ***We absolutely cannot get paint on the uniforms, both musicians and color guard.*** *If these criteria cannot be met, then the student cannot participate in the Paint War.* Thank you in advance with your help in making sure the students follow this rule.

**SATURDAY INFO**

It’s our first competition of the year! For some of you, this is your first band competition EVER! How exciting! 😊

If you haven’t attended a MB show before, typically the entry fee is somewhere around $10-$12/person, usually with a discount for children and senior citizens. This week’s host has not sent any specifics; if they do, I will share with the group. There are typical concession stand items to purchase if you get hungry or thirsty. Additionally, each show host may have something else unique in the way of things they’re selling (apparel, jewelry, buttons, etc). I can tell you that anything you buy at any band show benefits that host band in some way, so feel free to support local bands! 😊

For this week’s show, students will REMAIN IN UNIFORM after we perform our show. This is not always the case. I base this decision on the amount of time between the end of our performance and the beginning of the host band’s performance. We always watch the host band together from the stands, and if we were to add changing out of uniform to the mix, I doubt we’d be back in time. Following our performance, we’ll load the trucks and change after awards. Students with shakos (hats) will carry their hats with them back into the stadium for awards.

**PARENT PICKUP PROCEDURE**

When picking your student(s) up from an away football game or competition, please do not park anywhere in the vicinity of 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.

**THURSDAY 9/15…**

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

**FRIDAY’S SCHEDULE**

***\*FULL UNIFORMS (GUARD AND MUSICIANS); WEAR EITHER BLACK BAND T-SHIRT OR GOLD-OUT T-SHIRT, MESH/GYM SHORTS, LONG BLACK SOCKS, AND DINKLES UNDER THE UNIFORM\****

3:30p Home Concessions Open for Students

5:30p In Uniform, ready to smile and say \***cheese!**\* for PennLive

6:00p Warm-Ups

6:20p Depart Loading Dock

6:30p CVMB Performs pre-game

7:00p     Kickoff

8:00p     (approx.) CD East MB Performs Half-time

9:15p     (approx.) Game Ends, March to CVHS, change, go home!

**SATURDAY SCHEDULE**

10:00a   Start rehearsal IN CHAPMAN STADIUM

12:30p   Lunch

1:15p     Resume rehearsal

3:00p     End rehearsal, load truck, eat, change

4:30p     Depart CVHS

5:40p     Arrive Conestoga Valley

5:45p Show Begins

6:15p     Begin Warm-Up

7:25p     Depart Warm-Up

7:35p     Gate

**7:45p     CVMB Performs**

8:00p     Load trucks; **REMAIN IN UNIFORM until after awards**

8:50p     Hosts Perform (all CVMB students are in the stands)

9:05       Lebanon Valley College MB Performs

9:20       Awards

9:40 (approx.) Change out of uniform, board buses

10:00     (approx.) Depart Conestoga Valley

11:00     (approx.) Arrive CVHS

**ABSENCE NOTES (*REMINDER*)**

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) (*REMINDER*)**

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.

**PRACTICING AT HOME (*REMINDER*)**

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!

**MORE IMPORTANT DATES (*REMINDER*)**

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*

16           7p           FB (H)    CD East

17           TBD        Comp    Conestoga Valley (Show starts 5:45p; CVMB PERFORMS 7:45P)

*21           6:30p     Meeting in PAC for all Disney Trip Attendees*

23 NO BAND! FREE FRIDAY NIGHT

24           1p           FB (A)    Harrisburg (SATURDAY)

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(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

*OCTOBER*

1             TBD        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!)

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

5             tbd         Comp    New Oxford

11           tbd         FB (?)     Potential Playoff Game

12           tbd                        Rehearsal

13           tbd         Comp    Cavalcade of Bands Championships (SUNDAY)

18           tbd         FB (?)     Potential Playoff Game

**CHECK ON YOUR FELLOW PARENTS (*REMINDER*)**

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 (*REMINDER*)**

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.~