**SPRING-FORD GAME ONLINE TICKETS ONLY**

Spring-Ford is using ONLY online ticketing for its athletic contests this year, including our football game with them this Friday, 9/9. NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE GATE. Tickets are only $5, but they’re ONLINE ONLY. If you wish to purchase a ticket as a spectator (chaperones/pit crew are fine), you will need to visit this link: <https://events.ticketspicket.com/agency/a1830886-dbb4-42f9-b830-07efe68bddeb/events/fc873918-ede0-4ba0-822c-187cb50cc67e>.

**FRIDAY SPRING-FORD SCHEDULE**

There’s a long story about what’s happened re: transportation for this game in the last 21 hours. The short version is that there are absolutely no charter buses available anywhere, we must take school buses (though I’m trying to get the white/red ones Rohrer uses at Hersheypark; they’re slightly more comfortable), and we won’t be able to leave CVHS until 4:45pm at the earliest. I’m in contact with S-F’s Band Director; he’s aware we’ll miss their pre-game performance. I’ve also been in contact with Admin and Coach Oswalt so they are aware of the situation. So, everyone should do everything they do for good luck that we WON’T hit lots of traffic, and we’ll get to see most of the game, and give a GREAT halftime performance!

There IS A POSSIBILITY that we would need to perform our field show post-game. This would, of course, impact our return trip. I will communicate via Remind throughout the evening what to expect.

***\*WEAR BLACK BAND T-SHIRT, MESH/GYM SHORTS, LONG BLACK SOCKS, AND DINKLES ON THE BUS\****

4:30p     Report CVHS

4:45p     Depart CVHS

6:45p     Arrive Spring-Ford Stadium \***cross fingers for no traffic**\*

7:00p     Kickoff

8:00p     (approx.) CVMB Performs Halftime

9:15p     (approx.) Game Ends

9:45p     (approx.) Depart Spring-Ford Stadium

11:45p   (approx.) Arrive CVHS

**THURSDAY 9/8…**

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

**SATURDAY SCHEDULE**

10:00a   Begin rehearsal *(at least the musicians will start in the big stadium; guard MAY start on parking lot)*

12:30p   Lunch (***Feed the Band: Baked Ziti!***)

1:30p     Resume rehearsal (breaks given throughout, of course; students may want to bring a snack or two)

6:00p     Rehearsal ends

**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. We will be going to our first away football game this Friday, and I’d prefer not to be waiting an hour after we get home for a handful of students to be picked up. The schedule for Friday appears higher up 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 need to learn 60% 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 most days 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*

9             7p           FB (A)    Spring-Ford

***10           10a-6p                 Rehearsal***

16           7p           FB (H)    CD East

17           TBD        Comp    Conestoga Valley

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

24           1p           FB (A)    Harrisburg (SATURDAY)

*28           6p-9p       Reh        RESCHEDULED FROM 9/29*

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

*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           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.~

Dave Porter (he/him/his)

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