Good morning everyone,

While I’m acting as loading dock gatekeeper for pictures this morning I thought I’d take a moment to send out an update.

**MED FORMS/MEDICATION**

Please [visit this link](https://forms.gle/Miikfq6C3L3P6L9Y8) to complete the annual CVMB Medical Form. Every student needs to have a parent/guardian fill this out every year. Once the season ends, all entries will be deleted.

***In a change to protocol this year***, students will no longer be able to receive over-the-counter medications from staff/chaperones. In working with CVHS nurses and administration, I found out that the only school personnel who are permitted to dispense OTC medications are the nurses and athletic trainers. CVMB Staff/Chaperones will still be able to provide students with bandages, cold compresses, toiletries, etc. If your student has the need to take a medication during the course of a band event, either prescription or OTC, they will need to administer it themselves. If this presents a challenge please email me and we can work together to find a solution.

**PARENT PREVIEW**

This year’s Parent Preview/Friends & Family Show is scheduled for Thursday, August 5. The start time will be 7:15-ish at Chapman Stadium. The “-ish” is because the football team is practicing until 7pm. This year’s preview will feature a “live look-in” on the warm-up process of each section of the band followed by Mvt. 1 of this year’s show, “From the Ashes…”

**MB ON STUDENT SCHEDULE**

When you receive your student schedules, please make sure your students in grades 9-12 are registered for the Marching Band course. This will ensure students receive academic credit. Students in grades 7-8 are ineligible to receive credit for Marching Band.

**CLEANING UP**

This year’s crew is doing a decent job thus far, but we’ve had a few members who’ve needed reminders. ***Please make sure your student understands the importance of cleaning up after themselves***, particularly post-meals. Yes, the building has custodians, but it isn’t their job to clean up spills or food on the floors/chairs. Thanks for your help in addressing this need.

**PROPPING DOORS**

***Please make sure we are not propping doors open.*** Administration is working to provide me with 3 non-ID-bearing badges for students to enter the building to use the restrooms when we’re rehearsing outside (1 for winds, 1 for percussion, and 1 for color guard). In the meantime, staff will continue to allow individuals into the building with our ID badges. Thank you for your cooperation.

**CVMB CALENDAR**

The calendar that can be found at [www.cvbb.org/calendar](http://www.cvbb.org/calendar) is up to date, including Saturdays. Things to note:

* FULL BAND SATURDAYS begin on September 11 and run through November 13
* NO BAND on Saturday, October 9 (Homecoming)
* Saturday, October 16, rehearsal will run from 12p-4p due to PSATs.

PLEASE BLOCK OFF BOTH NOVEMBER 13 & 14, as we do not yet know which date we will be performing at championships. As soon as I know, I will share the info with the group.

**FOOTBALL GAME DAYS: An Introduction**

Because we have so many new parents, I’d like to take a few lines of this week’s email to cover how a typical football game day will work. If you’re a returning parent/member, you don’t necessarily need to read this part.

Game days are lots of fun. How we operate depends slightly on whether a game is home or away.

***HOME GAMES*** – Students are permitted to stay after school if needed, but they do not need to report until roughly 5pm. Historically the concessions stand has been open for students to purchase dinner. Students change into uniform and we warm-up/rehearse until it’s time to mosey over to the stadium, which is typically around 6:15/6:20.

Games begin at 7pm. The band performs at the beginning of the pre-game time slot, which typically starts around 6:30pm. Following the band’s performance, the color guard and front ensemble sections return to the HS to take care of equipment and return to the game as soon as they’re able. The woodwinds, brass, and drum line make their way up to our seats to prepare for the Fight Song and the National Anthem. The band performs what we call “stand tunes” during the 1st, 2nd, and 4th quarters of the game. 3rd quarter is the band’s break from the action, and the chance they have to visit our concession stands and/or the fry wagon.

Following the game, we march back to the HS, review the next day’s schedule, and dismiss/change out of uniform. We’re usually back to the HS around 9:15pm.

***AWAY GAMES*** – Students will need to stick around after school, as we will be departing soon after the end of the school day (typically around 5pm, depending on the venue). Students will need to arrange dinner on their own Please do not rely on the away team’s concessions stand for nourishment.

Games begin at 7pm. Typically, we will change into uniform before we leave. Once we arrive, we unload the truck(s), block up, and move into the stadium. We will typically perform at half-time, which is roughly 8pm. The band performs “stand tunes” during the 1st, 2nd, and 4th quarters of the game. 3rd quarter is the band’s break from the action and a chance to visit the home team’s concession stands.

Following the game, we march back to our buses, review the next day’s schedule, load trucks & buses, and head back to the HS.

When we leave, I send a text via the REMIND app in the hopes that 30+ minutes’ notice is enough time to make sure you’re meeting us at the school at the end of a long day. ***If you’re not yet subscribed to Remind, please send the message @cvmbfamily to 81010.*** Thanks!

**COMPETITION** **DAYS: An Introduction**

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Each competition day’s schedule is dependent upon our performance time that day. Performances are typically held in the evening. Once I receive our performance time, I work out a schedule. Once the schedule is determined I will share via email as well as within the CVMB Calendar. Typically, rehearsal will start sometime in the later morning.

After we rehearse, we take a break to load up the trucks & trailers, eat dinner, and change. CVBB typically provides a dinner option, which is called “Feed the Band.” There’s a different meal option each week, ranging from pizza and salad to subs to pot luck and many others. There is a charge per student (typically around $5 each time), but the students get a LOT of food for a little money.

Following dinner, we load the buses to go to the show. After we unload and warm-up, we perform THIS is what you don’t want to miss: Bands performing for Band Fans. It’s truly awesome to see each band perform without the pomp and fanfare of a football game; the only attention in the stadium is being paid to the band on the field. After the performance, there is an awards ceremony, we change out of uniform, load the trucks, then head back to CVHS.

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As always, if you have any questions, please send them my way. I’m happy to answer whatever questions you may have.

Thanks!

~Mr. P.~