**THANK YOU**

THANK YOU, To everyone who made our big, involved weekend a success! From getting the kids in uniform on Friday for PennLive pictures (story coming shortly, I’m told), to those who staffed the concessions stands and fry wagon (holy crowded stadium, Batman!), to those who got our kids ready for Saturday’s first band show of the season, and everything in between, THANK YOU!

This weekend is MUCH less involved, as there is just an away football game on Saturday. As a result, Friday is band-free.

**THURSDAY 9/22, WEATHER PERMITTING…**

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

**SATURDAY SCHEDULE**

*\*If you need your instrument during the school day on Friday, 9/23, you’ll have a chance to load it onto the truck Saturday morning BEFORE YOU CHANGE.*

*The truck likes to leave earlier than the buses in order to park and unload prior to our arrival.\**

11:00a   Arrive CVHS, start to change into uniform

11:40a   Depart CVHS IN UNIFORM (uniform trailer will NOT travel with us)

12:10p   Arrive Harrisburg HS, unload truck

12:30p   Pregame (Harrisburg MB performs)

1:00p     Kickoff

2:00p     (approx.) CVMB performs halftime

3:15p     (approx.) Game ends, load buses/trucks

3:45p     (approx.) Depart Harrisburg HS

4:15p     (approx.) Arrive CVHS, change out of uniform, unload truck

**SATURDAY REHEARSALS PREPARATION**

I spoke with the musicians about this last night. I understand it can be viewed as practical for students to wear their black band t-shirt, black shorts, and black socks/Dinkles to Saturday rehearsals, but it really could not be less practical. Dinkles are fine shoes for marching, but they’re not meant to be worn for 12 hours at a shot. Also, 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 into their "blacks” during the 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!

**ON THE HORIZON…**

Next week is 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 is scheduled for musicians on Monday, 9/26, from 12p-2p, with a rain date of Tuesday, 9/27. Color Guard students in the 10-12 building are invited to attend but it is not mandatory. CV9/MS Color Guard students will not attend.

A bus will bring CV9 musicians to Chapman Stadium departing around 11:40am. We will start with all the students eating lunch together in the stadium followed by rehearsal. The entire rehearsal will last from 12p-2p. **This probably means your student(s) needs to pack a lunch!** 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 musicians are practicing their music ahead of Monday’s rehearsal!*

This also means that **next week’s evening rehearsals** will be **Musicians on Monday, 9/26, Color Guard on Tuesday, 9/27, and Everyone on Wednesday, 9/28.**

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 undefeated! In fact, they’re the only undefeated 6A team left in District 3! They’re also ranked #1, so 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.

**CONSTRUCTORS, ASSEMBLE!...**

We are the lucky recipients of a brand new drum major podium! The problem is that this behemoth needs to be assembled, and I don’t have the time to do it myself. 😊 If there are any adult volunteers who would be willing to put it together, I’d really appreciate it! Please send me an individual reply and we can coordinate a time. Thank you!

**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 MEETING**

For all those attending the Disney trip with the HS Music Dept., there is a mandatory meeting at 6:30pm in the CVHS PAC (auditorium) on Wednesday, 9/21 (tomorrow).

**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*

*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                       (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 (*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!

**PARENT PICKUP PROCEDURE *(REMINDER)***

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.

**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.

**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.~