Good morning everyone,

**VOLUNTEERING**

Here’s the link to [our Volunteer page](https://www.cvbb.org/volunteer). It has all the info needed to volunteer to help with the CV Marching Band! **Immediate needs include WEDNESDAY’S 9TH GRADE GAME, HOME CONCESSIONS.**

Here are all the remaining games with VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:

* Wed       9/15       9th Carlisle
* Fri           9/17       AWAY Varsity Carlisle
* Mon       9/20       JV Carlisle
* Fri           9/24       Varsity Altoona
* Wed       9/29       9th Central Dauphin East
* Fri           10/1       AWAY Varsity Central Dauphin East
* Mon       10/4       JV Central Dauphin East
* Fri           10/8       Varsity State College
* Fri           10/15    Varsity Harrisburg
* Wed       10/20    9th Chambersburg
* Fri           10/22    AWAY Varsity Chambersburg
* Mon       10/25    JV Chambersburg
* Fri           10/29    Varsity Central Dauphin

**Please consider volunteering. Thank you in advance!**

**STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

It’s that time of year where I begin to receive emails from students and parents regarding a student’s inability to attend all or part of a rehearsal or performance. While I am certainly sensitive to family matters and other activities students are involved with while being a part of Marching Band (the only musical ensemble I wasn’t involved with in high school was Girls’ Chorus), I feel the need to reiterate something:

*There is NO BENCH in Marching Band.*

Every single member of this ensemble is important. There is no one else in the band whose position and contribution within the band can be replaced. No one else marches to the exact same dots. We have no alternates. So when we are learning new drill and people are absent, that makes subsequent rehearsals go much more slowly than usual due to having to go back and reteach what’s already been taught.

Please, try to keep absences from band to an absolute minimum, and only when absolutely necessary. Again, I understand family matters, other activities, and (still) COVID quarantining. The season ends November 13 (save for playoff football), so please make every effort to be there.

**FRIDAY’S GAME**

I’m planning on the band wearing our full uniforms like we’ve been doing for the last 2 home games. However, mother nature may have other plans. ***JUST IN CASE, please have Full Uniform items (black band t-shirt, gym shorts, long black socks) AND Summer Uniform items (red polo, khaki pants, and long black socks) clean and ready to go.***

                5:00p     REPORT TO CVHS; begin changing

5:35p     Depart CVHS

                6:00p     Arrive Carlisle Area HS

                6:30p     Pre-game performance (Carlisle Marching Band)

                7:00p     Kickoff

                8:05p     (approx.) CVMB Performs half-time

                9:10p     (approx.) Game ends, load buses

                9:40p     (approx.) Depart Carlisle Area HS

                10:05p  (approx.) Arrive CVHS

**FEED THE BAND/3RD QUARTER**

This week is an away game, so there will NOT be a “feed the band” effort in place. Students will need to plan on eating prior to departure.

Students will continue to have 3rd quarter “off” to visit Carlisle’s concessions stands. The Carlisle Band Boosters operate both Home AND Away stands just like us, so please provide them with some patronage. 😊 Students will continue to need to bring their own $$.

While awaiting changing/departure, students will be able to hang out in the high school, ***but must stay in the band and orchestra rooms.***

**CONESTOGA VALLEY SCHEDULE, 9/18**

**11:00a   Rehearsal starts** ON THE PARKING LOT (STUDENTS WILL NEED TO EAT PRIOR TO REHEARSAL)

2:30p     Rehearsal ends; Load trucks, eat LARGE snack, change into t-shirts & shorts

3:40p     Depart CVHS

4:50p     Arrive Conestoga Valley; unload trucks, change into full uniforms

5:35p     Start warm-up

6:55p     Move to gate

7:05p     CVMB at gate

**7:15p     CVMB performs**

7:30p     Depart field, load trucks, change into regular clothes *(including red windbreakers)*

8:10p     Move back into stadium to watch other bands, eat @ concessions **(bring $$)**

8:50p     CVMB MOVE INTO STANDS TO WATCH CON VALLEY BAND

9:05p     Millersville University Band performs

9:15p     Awards

9:45p     (approx.) Depart stadium, load buses, depart Conestoga Valley

10:55p  (approx.) Arrive CVHS, grab instruments, go home

**BANDS IN THE STANDS**

Our annual “Bands in the Stands” event is coming up soon! Fri, 9/24, to be exact. To prepare for this performance, we will have a rehearsal on Thu, 9/23, at 1pm, at Chapman Field.

This is a joint rehearsal with the 7th & 8th grade band students (ALL OF THEM). COLOR GUARD STUDENTS IN GRADES 7-9 DO NOT NEED TO ATTEND. Here is the plan for how each member of CVMB will get to this rehearsal based on their home school:

* CVHS 10-12
  + Meet in the Band Room at the end of NEST B (12:30p). We will head over to the stadium together. You will miss periods 5 & 6. Please alert those teachers. You will attend period 7.
* CV9
  + You will have your own bus. Meet in the main lobby at 12:25p for 12:30p departure. You will come back to CV9 at the end of the rehearsal. You will arrive in time for dismissal. If the 12:25p departure makes you miss your lunch, please try to attend an earlier lunch period.
* MVMS
  + You will take the bus over with Mr. Stahl. IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY IN BAND AT MVMS, please find Mr. Stahl to talk to him about the need to travel on the band buses. I believe that bus is leaving around 12:30p. Make alternate lunch plans if needed. You will return in time for dismissal.
* EVMS
  + Mr. Stahl is working this out for me As soon as I have details I will share them with the group. It will most likely look like being led down the hill by an adult or two around 12:45p and then back up the hill around 2:00p.

**COMPETITION SCHEDULES**

Just a reminder that specific schedules for each competition day will not be determined until the performance schedule for each competition is available. I expect to release the Big Spring schedule (9/25) sometime this week. Generically, rehearsal will begin either late morning or early afternoon, and the performance will be sometime in the evening. Students will be together for that entire time.

**NORTHERN YORK SHOW CANCELED, BUT HAVE NO FEAR…**

Just a reminder.

To make up for this lost show, the staff and I are planning on a mid-season “Friends & Family” performance. This is in an effort to keep the kids’ minds focused and give them a performance to look forward to. More info will be forthcoming, but generically, we will rehearse for a few hours that day and we will perform at some point in the afternoon/early evening. Thank you!

I believe that’s all for now. Please stay safe, stay healthy, and if your student is sick, please keep them home.

Thanks for reading to the end!

~Mr. P~