



**Cumberland Valley Band Boosters  
2020-21 New Parent Meeting  
July 13, 2020, 7:30 PM  
Zoom**

Meeting commenced at 7:30 PM

Jessica Arceda  
Janet Butterfield  
Jason Butterfield  
Holly Bahnick  
Erika Compliment  
Kim Fingerman  
Melanie  
Kelly Kotzman  
Channon Koty  
Mr. Porter

Mr. Porter welcomed the new parents to the meeting.

The parents on the call introduced themselves and their kids.

Mr. Porter shared some ways for parents to stay connected to all things band for the upcoming year. He provided information on the Cumberland Valley Band Boosters website and thanked Steve Filippelli for maintaining the site and the email list. The website can be found at <https://www.cvbb.org/>

In addition to the website, there is also an email list for students, parents and any family members who are involved with band. Please visit the CVBB website for more information on subscribing to the email list.

## **What to Expect This Year**

Mr. Porter shared some highlights from band seasons past with trips and competitions. He mentioned that this year will look different than years past but that the goal was to keep kids motivated and engaged so that they have a rewarding experience.

Band Camp will be held August 3 - 7 and August 10 - 13.

Some of our usual events will likely be cancelled this year. We know that Drum Corps International (DCI) is one of those cancelled events. We are still unsure as to whether or not we will be having the Parent Preview night on the last Thursday of band camp. More to come on that.

### **School Year Rehearsals**

We typically rehearse two nights a week during the school year and selected Saturdays. We are unsure as to how that will look moving forward so please stay connected to emails and our website to stay up to date.

Summer schedule is available now. Large ensemble moments will be few and far between. Summer rehearsals are:

- Mondays and Thursdays will be Percussion, Battery and Pit.
- Woodwinds and Brass will be Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Color Guard will be meeting on Monday, July 20 and 27 and Wednesday July 23 and 30.

### **Games**

In years past, we've played at regular games and play offs. The band will play pop tunes during time out, etc. As of right now, it isn't certain how many games we will attend. We likely won't be going to Altoona and State College, two away games that we normally attend. We still may go to the cloer away games at Harrisburg High, Central Dauphin and Central Dauphin East.

### **Competitions**

There are five competitions scheduled for this year. Please visit the CVBB calendar is [here](#) for more information on competition dates.

Students can expect a long day on competition days. The kids get breaks for lunch and dinner. Competition day is something the band kids love for the experience and camaraderie.

## **Academics**

Band is academic. There is elective credit, teaches time management, looks great on college applications and provides leadership opportunities. Mr. Porter has a Schoology course so that all of the middle schoolers can also communicate with everyone on band matters. It is more of a communicative tool and for distributing music, etc.

## **Other Details for the Year and New Parents**

Mr. Porter discussed some of the previous band trips to Orlando, Tennessee, Atlanta and Tampa Bay for various bowls. The trips are great but they are optional and cost money. We have fundraisers to help offset those costs.

This year, we aren't sure how much food we'll be able to provide for events like parties for the kids. We've had many parties in the past where kids get together, have snacks and enjoy time together. For example, Halloween party with contest, potluck at the end of championships in November, and a banquet in December or January.

## **Band Camp Details**

Highlighted the ways to stay in touch on Facebook, Instagram, email for Steve Filippelli, website, schoology, and remind texts for students and families. Mr. Porter likes to use Remind so that he can text parents to let them know when the band is leaving the school, etc.

Mr. Porter presented a map of the side of the campus that the band will be using.

In previous years, parents have provided a lot of things like meals and drinks to the students during practices and performances. This is not the case. As a result, please make sure your student has everything they need for camps and practices. These items are:

- Personal water supply (64 oz. recommended)
- Sneakers & Socks (NO sandals)
- Mask; "gaiter" around the neck style recommended. There will be an

opportunity to purchase a CVBB gaiter mask. More to come on that. However, for camp, kids can wear whichever mask works best for them. Gaiters just happen to be easier for musicians.

- "Dot Book" w/shoelace to use as strap (example pictured at left; 3.5"x5.5" is a good size; spiral-bound makes life easy) and pencils
- Sunscreen/sunglasses (sun can still do damage at 6pm) & Bug spray
- (For Musicians) Instrument, Reeds/Valve Oil, Wire music stand, 3-ring binder, clothespins/binder clips, and page protectors. Wire music stands are available at the Horn Hospital or Menchey Music

\*Pictures provided in the brief, too.

Mr. Poreer reiterated COVID protocol. Emphasized that when students arrive, they will be placed by staff exactly where to stand and how far apart they can and cannot be. Due to lack of restroom and facilities, camp will be shorter than normal.

Students should complete the COVID waiver once and then the screening questionnaire turned in 15 minutes before each rehearsal's start. Visit the boosters website for more information.

We are committed to making this a quality experience for the kids. Mr. Porter thanked the parents for patience and reiterated the weirdness of this all. He can be reached at [dporter@cvschools.org](mailto:dporter@cvschools.org). He checks email pretty frequently so please email if you have any questions.

## **Forms**

### **Medical**

Limited people have access to this form. It is very critical that parents fill this out so that medical action can be taken if there are injuries, etc. that occur for your student during the course of their rehearsal, etc. Without the form, we cannot even provide Tylenol.

Kim Fingerman highlighted the apparel order form. Make sure you fill it out if you want to order apparel.

Brass and woodwinds should order an updated a black tee on the musician order form. That also has black t-shirt and black socks on it so please order those there. Make sure

all the socks are just plain black socks. Please reach out to Kim if you have any questions. The best option for getting the forms to Kim are printing and submitting

The parent directory is being put together for the new parents. It can be used for many different reasons, mostly for the kids. For example, if you can't personally get your child to rehearsal or can't get them to a game, a lot of times you can reach out to a parent nearby. The directory would be helpful.

## **Fundraising**

Band is funded by the Band Boosters. Our transportation fleet is covered by the organization, maintenance, etc. Fry wagon maintenance, etc. In general, it costs \$1100/\$1500 to run the organization. Since they are a 501c3, they can't say that you need to put forth money for your kid to participate. So, we need to raise money. We have sub sales, car washes, concessions, etc.

This year fundraising will look different. In a normal year, we will have done several fundraisers already. However, those fundraisers were cancelled. So the only way we are going to be able to make money are take our current events and expand them. We profited \$2000 from the first fry wayon event. It was really successful. The next event is at Turnbury Turerri on the 18th. Parents can sign up at this [link](#) to volunteer for fundraisers.

There will be a Booster meeting at 7:00 on Thursday, July 16th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM