

Pep Band Details

Friday, Sept. 15th

This is a required pep band (because playing outside requires the most people possible to sound great). Only the following people are exempt: cheerleaders, football players, soccer players in the tournament. There are no other conflicting school activities. People coming from practice, get here as soon as you can after practice but communicate with me so I know who you are and what is going on. Shower quickly **at school** if needed. The band parents will have a dinner entrée and a dessert for those coming out of practice so you don't need to leave school making yourself later. Get to the band room so you are fed and ready to go ASAP after practice.

Meet in the band room at 5:30 (rain or shine) – or as close as possible if you are an athlete coming out of practice. We have a brief rehearsal (as we may really need it being so early). At the rehearsal we make sure everyone has a lyre that fits properly and rubber bands to hold the music in the flip folder as the wind may hit and blow it out. Then we line up in rows of three outside the band room door and march over to Memorial Field.

No hot chocolate, Gatorade, soda or food for band members until after half time as it DESTROYS horns quickly.

Stay seated with the band. We play pregame, whenever the team scores and halftime. After halftime you are dismissed. Put your horn away and the night is yours. **Feel free to invite your friends to sit in the stands with you even if they are not band members.** Feel free to invite kids who are not in band this semester due to schedule conflicts to join us too. **This usually makes the evening more fun for everyone. We sit together with the band to present ourselves as a strong Clipper team. ALL IN!!**

Wear Clipper apparel if you have it. **Dress for the weather.** It gets cool in the evening. Plan ahead!! Bring blankets, hats, mittens, etc. if you need it. Carry it in with you. Band members get in free to games for playing.

When packing up your instruments, please put them in your case completely and then put it in your locker and lock it. There will be hot chocolate for you at the front of the band room. Help yourself before leaving. **Keep in mind that your mother doesn't live here and don't make a mess. If you do, please clean it up. Help our classroom stay neat and organized please.**

If it is pouring rain, we may cancel. **Don't call me to ask me that.** You must show up to get that information. I will NOT have my cell phone turned on until after pep band, so don't call it asking if we are cancelled. A slight drizzle will result in us playing and I will supply garbage bags and rain gear to protect the horns. THE WEATHER CALL WILL HAPPEN NO SOONER THAN 6:15.

Most important, do your best even if you don't know all the music and **HAVE FUN.** Use your knowledge of music and apply it. Watch, think, count and listen. **You can do this.** Watch and listen outside because if a song is a wreck, we will cut it off and begin on a new song. **Be a team, roll with it, and have fun!! PRIDE, RESPONSIBILITY, COMMUNICATION! ALL IN!!**