



# Ashworth Band

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Dear Band Parents and Guardians,

## Football Game Procedures (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>)

Our first performance of the year for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders is coming up this Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. The details I'm about to lay out here will be the same for the next game (September 3<sup>rd</sup>), so please keep this letter as a reference or visit our website for a digital copy.

- All band students are expected to be present unless they are in the GC marching band, playing on the football team, cheering with the cheerleaders, or at a softball, volleyball, or cross-country game/meet. If one of the latter is having practice and the student wishes to participate with the band, they need to clear it with their respective coach.
- Our t-shirts will arrive on Tuesday. We will wear those. Any school-appropriate pants, capris, or shorts will be fine.
- We will provide pizza. Bring money to buy a drink from the vending machines or concessions. If you would like to donate cups, plates, or napkins, we'd happily accept those. We have around 80 students staying.
- Students report to the band room when walkers and athletes are dismissed. We will eat at this point. NO FOOD OR DRINKS ARE ALLOWED IN THE BAND ROOM. We will eat in the music lobby.
- The games will be at GC's Ratner Stadium. We will walk up there at around 4:15pm.
- Band students get in for free. Designated chaperones get in free. I need your help! Contact me if you would like to volunteer to chaperone. I would need you here at 3:15pm. All others pay regular admission: \$3 for adults, \$2 for students.
- Game begins at 5:00pm.
- Students are expected to remain in the stands, be attentive, play well, cheer on our team, and have fun! Students need to remain within their section. Non-band friends may not sit in the band area. Students will have one complete quarter off to visit the concession stand and/or hang out with friends.
- Music needs to be memorized as much as possible, as we will not have music stands with us. Students may take music folder and music with them to the stadium for review purposes. Please make sure your child is working on this music at home.
- Please pick up your child by 6:00pm at the GC stadium. We will not be returning to Ashworth. Students picked up too late may not be allowed to participate in future after-school band events, excluding graded concerts. Large instruments and percussion equipment will be loaded into my van. All other instruments need to be taken home and brought back to class the next day.
- If your child wishes to stay until the end of the game, it will be up to you to give permission for your child to stay. I will be at the front gate with the students waiting on their ride.
- In case of rain, I will make a decision by 1:00pm the day of the game so that students may call you and give you any updates. These updates will also be provided via Remind and on the band website.

If you have any additional questions about this, please reach out to me via email, Remind, or a phone call.



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## Chocolate Fundraiser

Our fundraiser is off to a fantastic start. We already have students who have sold one box and are on their way with their second. For those interested in the Disney trip, \$15 out of every box of chocolate your child sells will be applied towards their Disney payment. Also, we have three prizes this year. Students must sell 5 boxes of chocolate to qualify for the following cash prizes:

1<sup>st</sup> place: \$75

2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$50

3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$25

We have permission to sell on campus today, Monday (8/19), and Tuesday (8/20). Please take advantage of these days

## Homecoming Parade and Practice (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>)

The homecoming parade is on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Procedures for that will come in a future letter. We will have one marching practice on Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, after school until 5pm. Every band student is expected to be present so we can work on marching and playing at the same time. Excused absences are the same as the football game performance stated above. We're the only middle school in the area to march in parades, and we are always very successful. Make sure your child is present at the practice so we can continue our tradition.

## Disney (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>; possibly 6<sup>th</sup>)

There will be a Disney meeting next Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:30pm in the band room for anyone who may have missed the Disney meeting in May. We will have additional info about the payment schedule and our itinerary. All of the updated information will also be put on the website after the meeting. The first payment (\$100) is due next Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

At the moment, the trip is not open to 6<sup>th</sup> graders. However, should we not have enough to meet our 50-student goal, we will open it up for 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Remember we also need to have 5 chaperones. First come, first served, so please act quickly to reserve your spot.

## Ways to stay in touch (all grades)

Please remember to sign up for Remind if you haven't already:

Text @amsband6 (6<sup>th</sup> grade), @amsband7 (7<sup>th</sup> grade), or @amsband8 (8<sup>th</sup> grade) to 81010.

Also be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram. Our handle is @ashworthband

Check the website frequently to stay up to date: [www.ashworthband.com](http://www.ashworthband.com)

## Final Thoughts

We have so many things going on, and I am thrilled that your child is a part of this program. Please make sure your child is practicing. Practice makes perfect. Without practice, your child won't improve. We need everyone working and giving 100% to make this work. Have a great weekend!

Best,

Mr. Rodriguez