



Port Chester High School Marching Band

"The Pride of Port Chester"

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Dear Parents, Band & Color Guard Members:

It is hard to believe that we are already making preparations for the upcoming outdoor marching season. I am very excited to announce this year's program entitled "*Proud to Be an American*". Your commitment to this production is essential for its success.

This band program is a truly major undertaking on the part of the students, staff and parents. Your cooperation needs to be met in the following ways. Each student is responsible to meet their Full Fundraising Quota. All students must be dedicated to the achievement of excellence in music and marching.

The staff and I feel optimistic about this year's program. I am enclosing a summer and fall schedule through December 2017 so you can plan accordingly. In addition the Ad Journal fundraising packet is enclosed.

Band Camp will be held for (2) weeks again this year. The first week for the entire band (winds, percussion and guard) will take place at the Port Chester Middle School from August 21st through August 25th from 9:00am to 3:00pm. The second week will take place at Crawford Park from August 28th through August 31st from 7:30am to 4:30pm for **FULL BAND – WINDS, PERCUSSION, and COLOR GUARD**. This week will conclude on **THURSDAY** evening with a 7:00pm performance for all family and friends. These two weeks are **ABSOLUTELY MANDATORY**. We cannot have any excuses due to the rigorous and demanding marching show that needs to be learned. It is crucial that each of you make a total commitment and dedicated effort to practice and learn your music prior to Band Camp. The week following Band Camp we will begin our regular Tuesday and Thursday evening rehearsals at **Port Chester Middle School** from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

Additionally:

- The Football schedule has been finalized. We will perform at **ALL** Home games with the **Full Band**. Attendance at these games is **MANDATORY**.
- Evening Percussion rehearsals will be every Tuesday and Thursday evening throughout the summer at the Port Chester Middle School from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.
- Color Guard rehearsals will be every Tuesday and Thursday evening throughout the summer at the Port Chester Middle School from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

SECTION LEADERS: It will be your responsibility to plan, organize and schedule sectionals during the summer months. I will be checking with you periodically to monitor the progress of these rehearsals.

THINGS TO BRING TO BAND CAMP:

Appropriate summer clothing and supplies as follows:

1. Baseball caps/hats
2. Sun Glasses & SUN BLOCK
3. Lunch & PLENTY OF DRINKS
4. Rain Gear – we will practice in the rain
5. Instruments, & portable music stand or guard equipment

**NO STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE BAND CAMP FOR ANY REASON
WITHOUT A SIGNED NOTE FROM A PARENT.**

**DUE TO FEDERAL STATE AND LOCAL LAWS, HAZING, WATER FIGHTS, TAPING AND/OR
WRESTLING WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION.**

THINK OF FUN GAMES (I.E. RELAY RACES, THREE-LEGGED RACES)

Please complete the enclosed Permission Slip and Eligibility Form and bring them with you to Band Camp.

I hope that your summer will be restful and enjoyable.

Sincerely yours,

Robert C. Vitti
Director of Bands

SUMMER & FALL ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY!!!