**Band Chaperones**

Chaperoning is a fun and rewarding way to be involved with and help the band. Every time the band moves (parade, away football games, festivals, outside performances), chaperones are there to:

* help ensure the safety and well-being of the band;
* make sure the band and the directors/advisors have all of the equipment they need when and where they need it;
* load and unload the band trailer;
* make sure students behave appropriately on the buses; and
* put band aids on boo-boos and ice packs on bumps and bruises.

Chaperone opportunities also exist after marching band season. There is the OMEA contest in March/April, and sometimes the concert band/wind ensemble and the jazz bands have opportunities to perform outside of the school.

On the chaperone sign-up form (link below), there are 2 check boxes above the football schedule. These are two extra opportunities to help if you are interested and are a chaperone. The first is for parents willing to assist the pom and flag advisor with the placement and/or pick-up of pom and flag equipment on the field during halftime and band festival shows. In past years, 2 or 3 parents have been used. (A small group can split up the job, maybe between home and away games) You do not have to be a pom/flag parent to volunteer to assist. The second checkbox is for individuals who are willing to fill in for the person who films the band if she is unable to do so. Responsibilities include filming pregame and halftime shows, or possibly a band festival show. This person would meet with Kirk before the event for job specifics. Equipment is provided.

Report times for chaperones are typically around 5:15 for home games and can be as early as 4:30 for away games. Please note, there is one Thursday night football game and two Saturday night band festivals this season. There is no school the day after the Thursday night game (NEOEA day). In addition, there will be a front yard pep rally performance before the away Bay Village football game. This event will require a much earlier report time than a typical away game.

As a band chaperone, you may not have something to do every minute, but you’re always available for when something comes up. Also, you may not always get to see the football game, but you always get to see halftime! And did I mention how much FUN we have? We laugh… a LOT!

To sign up for the events you are interested in chaperoning, please click on or go to the following link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/bWCRWRLyXzFCT8vH2>

\*The band counts on chaperones to make sure things run smoothly, so please be sure you can commit to attend and work the event when signing up. Also, certain games (such as Homecoming) fill up quickly, so we may not be able to give you all the dates you request, but we will do our best to meet as many of your requests as possible.

\*You will be contacted of your specific work dates once a complete schedule has been created.

Questions? Contact Jim Spallino at [web4psu@cox.net](mailto:web4psu@cox.net) or see me at the picnic on August 13th.