

MIDLOTHIAN BAND BOOSTERS CHAPERONE INFORMATION

Home games: Chaperones meet at the stadium at 6:00 pm in section B.

Away games: Chaperones meet in the cafeteria at 4:30 pm for a brief meeting. You may eat with the band at 4:00 pm. If you can't make it by 4:30 please let me know so I can plan accordingly.

Chaperones must ride a bus. The nurses drive separately in case we need a vehicle. If you are unable to ride the bus and must meet us there please let me know.

Buses:

- The bus captain will have bus cards and sit in the front of the bus.
- Other chaperones will position themselves in the middle and rear of the bus.
- Make sure that you can see all students while traveling.
- Flashlights are available for evening events.
- Do not exit the bus until given permission.

Bus Cards: Students may not enter the bus without a bus card.

- The bus captain will stand outside the bus and hand out cards as students load the bus.
- The bus captain will stand outside the door and collect bus cards as students get off the bus.
- When the bus stops tell students to have their bus card out and ready to hand to the chaperone.
- Students must have the card to exit the bus. If they lose it on the bus they need to go back and look for it.

The chaperone sitting in the rear of the bus is responsible for making sure there are no items left on the bus when we arrive back at the school, including trash.

PDA is not allowed at any time on the bus or at events.

No external music on the buses. Students may use headphones.

Cell phone use is not permitted in the stands **or on restroom breaks.** If a student takes out their cell phone tell them to put it away. If you see it again take it away until we return to the buses. Students may use their cell phones on the bus to call parents. Encourage students to call their parents when we are getting close to the school on the way home from away games.

Restroom escort: Try to escort up to 4 students at a time. You may need to help with unzipping jackets and holding them. Band members may not stop and talk to friends along the way they can say hi and keep moving. Do not take them if they are in the middle of playing music or when they are about to line up.

Monitor behavior in the stands. Always be watching for potential problems. No pouring out water bottles within the band section. **No switching sections to sit with friends they must stay in their sections.** Band members should be respectful of others when dancing in stands.

Foul language: Foul language is not allowed. Correct any inappropriate language or body language.

Pit: If you chaperone and assist with the pit, please be alert during and after the performance. Be sure no equipment, flip charts, etc., is left on the sidelines. Direct M squad (band members not marching, standing on side lines) to help carry off unattended equipment. When you serve in the pit, an entire stadium is watching YOU. Please be professional, quiet, and refrain from distracting behavior.

Medical Attention: If a student needs medical attention take the child to the nurse or go get a nurse if the child can not be moved. DO NOT ADMINISTER MEDICATION!

Snacks and water are provided when the band returns to the stands after performing at half time. A couple of people will need to help hand out snacks and a couple with water. Do not let the students reach in and dig around in the snacks and water. Hand them the snack and water bottles. We don't want to spread germs.

Plumes (chickens) Two or three people are assigned to handing out plumes and collecting them.

- Unzip and pull out side with metal handles.
- Zip back up and turn bag over.
- Unzip and replace metal handle going in first. Do not put in feather first.
- Push in plumes as far as you can. Feathers that stick out will be broken off.
- Report any broken chickens.
- There are two mesh laundry bags that students can put their plumes in when in a hurry and you can put them away after collecting.

No food or drinks are allowed in the stands except what the boosters provide. **Students may not receive food or drinks from parents or buy from the concession stand.** We provide dinner before away games and meals on contest days. We also provide water and snacks after halftime. Water bottles are provided when they enter the stands and thrown out during half time. Only two bottles per evening per child are provided. There will be water coolers available to refill bottles. Do not touch bottle to spout. **Do not let students refill their own bottle, chaperones must refill.**

Visitors, students or parents are not allowed in the band section unless permission is given before the game by Mr. Doran. During homecoming and other special events former band members are allowed only during the 3rd quarter to talk to band members. Do not let someone tell you they have permission, they usually don't.

If you have a question, find the coordinator. Do not go to the directors unless it is an emergency.

Boosters must wear a band booster shirt when chaperoning. You must also have a chaperone name tag on at all times.

Only the band and scheduled chaperones may sit in the band section. Do not allow parents to enter the band section or disrupt the band members at any time.

Chaperones may not bring or invite family members such as siblings or grandparents to sit in the band section.

After the home games return your name tag to the coordinator and after away games return your name tag and flashlight when we return to the band hall.

Also follow all rules in the Panther Regiment handbook.