

Dear Marching Band Families:

Welcome to the 2018-2019 SPF Raider Marching Band Season!

We would like to introduce ourselves. We are Andrea Cerini and Regina O'Connor and we are the parent liaisons for the Marching Band. Our role is to serve as a link between the music directors and the families and to help keep you better informed during the marching band season. We are here to **help you**, but we will also **need your help** for the marching band season to run smoothly and safely. Many of our key volunteers including Regina O'Connor and Mark Schuman are senior parents. We need one or more of you to step up and learn what their responsibilities are. Please reach out to us ASAP if taking on a bigger role is of interest to you.

Here are some important things to remember:

- The District *Field Trip Permission Form* must be completed and returned before a student may participate in any marching band activities. **This includes summer practices.**
- We ask each family to donate one case of water for use by the students throughout the season.
- We use e-mail as our primary method of mass communication, so it is imperative that you provide us with an accurate e-mail address that you check regularly.
- Try to be patient and flexible about last minute schedule changes. In many instances, they are weather related, so we have no control over when shows/games may be rescheduled. We aren't kidding when we say to mark your calendar in pencil ☺. If a student has a conflict, it must be reported directly to Mr. Thomas as soon as possible.
- Uniform care is very important. The Marching Band uniform is a very expensive piece of 'equipment' that must be cared for to preserve its longevity. Uniforms should be taken home, removed from the garment bag and checked **by the parent**, for wrinkles or stains after each performance. Periodic dry cleaning will be done throughout the season if warranted by the weather conditions.
- During the season we may have a Saturday when the band must attend an afternoon football game and then an evening competition. Since these tend to be long days, we typically like to provide a complementary dinner for the students. You will be contacted to donate food and/or help with setup and serving. Your cooperation and generosity will be appreciated.

Any further questions that you may have regarding marching band should be directed to us at [**spfraidersmb@gmail.com**](mailto:spfraidersmb@gmail.com). We will both be checking the account regularly.

We are looking forward to terrific season! Come join the fun!

Andrea Cerini & Regina O'Connor