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## DCHS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Night 2017 Information

**Event Date:** Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

**Event:** The Davie High School War Eagle Regiment is hosting an 8<sup>th</sup> grade band night for students from all 3 middle school band programs. As announced earlier in the year, being in attendance is **required & graded**.

We hope that the students find this a positive way to learn more about what the marching band that the Davie High Band program offers current and future students. In the county, it is our hope for our students to start band in middle school and to continue on to be a part of the high school band. Band in our county has been structured so that students can participate in band from 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade without sports being a major conflict. Concert band is a class held during the school day, and marching band is an after school, volunteer group. There are over 170 students in the DCHS Band program, and around 115 of those students are in marching band. If students are in the band and are not involved with a fall sport, then marching band is an excellent opportunity for students to be involved with something outside of the school day. We hope a large number of our students continue with band in some capacity at DCHS.

Furthermore, colleges look for continued experiences with clubs, athletics, band, dance, drama, etc., and admissions offices love to see students with a record of being dedicated to a program such as band for seven consecutive years. Even if not majoring in music, you can still be in a college band. Student schedules CAN be structured to make band happen all four years; don't let folks tell you otherwise!

**Uniform:** Jeans/shorts (khaki, blue jeans, it's all good for this), tennis shoes, SD Band tee-shirt/hoodie. A light jacket may be necessary.

**Arrival Information:** Students should be dropped off by parents/guardians at the bus canopy behind NORTH DAVIE MIDDLE SCHOOL by 5:30 PM. Upon arrival, students need to check in with Mr. McCrary. Remember, early is on time, on time is late. Dinner will be provided by the band boosters at 5:30. At this time, students will have a rehearsal with the high school marching band before moving to the stadium!

**Money:** Dinner to be provided by boosters. Participating students will not have to pay an admission fee for this game. Students will have a third quarter break to use the restrooms (please use the restroom before game and at 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter).

**Music, Lyres & Flip Folders:** Students will be given several of the stands tunes that the band plays. Most of these tunes will be challenging, but students should just play what they can and have fun! Lyres hold the music to the instrument, and most students will also be issued one. Students will be loaned these and they will be taken up after the event the following week. There will be no time to ask for music at this event, so do not forget what has been provided!

**Leaving the game:** Students are to stay for the entire game; however, with the nature of a football game, there is no way to know the exact time. The approximate end of the game is 10 PM. **To ensure that the appropriate guardians pick up students, parents MUST come at the end of the game and meet students at the NORTH DAVIE BUS LOT CANOPY. Parents will need to sign their student out with Mr. McCrary.** If students are leaving with someone else other than their parents/guardians, then a signed note must be given to Mr. McCrary, and that individual must come sign your student out. Signing out ensures that our students have been safely picked up by the appropriate individuals.

**Other Details:** Mr. McCrary will arrange to transport sousaphones and drumline instruments to and from the school, but all other instruments are the student's responsibility. Please remind students that they must bring their instrument, mouthpieces, drum sticks, AND music home on **Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**.

We hope you will be able to stay for the game, and if you stay to attend the game, regular football admission will be charged. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email. We're looking forward to an AWESOME event!

Thank you,

Justin McCrary

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