

GAME DAY INFORMATION

Q: What time should we be there?

A: The report time listed on the schedule is the time that students should be in the band room, dressed in uniform and ready to play their instruments.

Q: What if I have a practice or game the same day of a marching band performance?

A: You should go to your sporting event after school and try to make it to the band room ASAP after it is over. It would be a good idea to bring all of your materials to school in the morning so you do not have to go home in between. In the event we have an away game and you miss the bus, it is your responsibility to find a ride there. In most cases, you should be able to get to the game before halftime.

Q: What do we do with our uniforms?

A: Uniforms stay at CHS and all students should change here before and after the games. If a uniform becomes damaged or stained, please inform Mrs. Ofshinsky that you will be taking the uniform home to be dry-cleaned. The uniform should be returned in time for the next performance.

Q: How do we get to the away games?

A: Cresskill High School provides us with bus transportation to and from games. If you miss the bus due to sports, you must find your own way there. Many times students who are on the same teams will carpool together on a rotating basis so the same parents don't have to drive all the time. Directions are available at the league website: www.njicathletics.org. When you come late to a game you are still expected to take the bus home.

Q: What can we bring with us to the game?

A: Students are not permitted any food or beverage on the bus. You are permitted to bring iPods, phones, and other devices, but at your own risk. These devices may not be used during the football game, as we are there to perform. The general rule of thumb is to bring only what you can fit in your pockets.

Q: When will I have a chance to eat?

A: It is important that students stay hydrated and have a meal before report time. They will have a chance to eat at the concession stand after our halftime performance but not at any other time during the game. If a student arrives to marching band after a sport and had no time to eat in between, they can eat as soon as they arrive at the game location.

Q: When will the band perform?

A: Generally, the band performs the "Star Spangled Banner" about 10 minutes before game time at home games, and then plays in the stands for the first half. Approximately 45 minutes to an hour after the start of the game, the band will perform halftime. If there are 2 bands, the visiting team always performs first. In the 4th quarter, we will continue to play in the stands until the game is over.

Q: Where is the best place to sit to see the halftime show?

A: The Cresskill High School Marching Band will always play to the home crowd. If you come see an away game, to see the band best, please go to the home stands for halftime.

Q: Can I leave the game with my parents or leave early?

A: Students are expected to travel to and from away games on the bus. In rare circumstances such as holidays or special events, students may leave with a parent. In this case, a note must be supplied in advance and the parent must see an advisor in person before leaving with their child. Students may not leave with another student's family.

Q: How long do the games last?

A: The games usually last approximately 2:15-2:30 minutes. During away games, students are encouraged to bring a cell phone so they can call for a ride when we are on the way back.

**** A side note to parents:** *When coming to pick up your child, please leave the area in front of the school open for bus arrival.* **

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Q: Will I be penalized in my grade if I miss due to another sport?

A: Students do not need an excuse form for another school sport, BUT they should communicate with Mr. Verderese so he knows who to expect and what their other sports schedules are so we can come to a compromise with the other coaches.

Q: What do I do if I have to miss a game?

A: All absences requests must be submitted at least 2 school days in advance in order to be potentially excused. At that point, Mr. Verderese will check the form and decide whether it is excused or unexcused. If it is unexcused, the student will be informed immediately. Performances and rehearsals are a part of the class grade. Failure to have the absence request submitted in time will result in not being excused.

Q: What is the difference between excused and unexcused absences?

A: If you have an excused absence, you will be able to make it up with another assignment. If it is unexcused, then the points cannot be made up.

Q: When is marching band over?

A: The marching band will stop rehearsing after the North Jersey Band Festival. At that point, 9th period will begin working on our Winter Concert music. We will perform at halftime shows throughout the remainder of the regular season and any playoff games that we are lucky enough to qualify for.

Q: What happens if I'm on vacation during part of band camp?

A: If you miss all or a portion of band camp due to a previously scheduled vacation or long term trip away from NJ, then upon your arrival back to Cresskill, you will have to work a little harder to catch up

with what we have learned. Once you have caught up, you will be able to perform during our halftime performances. Failure to catch up with the work in a reasonable time will have an effect on your grade.

UNIFORM FAQ

Q: What do I need to wear, besides the uniform provided?

A: All students should have the following:

- Black marching band shoes. (Boots for color guard members)
- BLACK socks (non-ankle socks) are necessary. Please do not wear any other color.
- Athletic shorts or sweatpants underneath the uniform pants.
- Black t-shirt underneath their tops. Please wear sleeves to avoid sweat marks under the arms. (At a point in the season, we will all receive band t-shirts. They should be worn under the uniform.)
- Gloves: Black gloves purchased from CHS Music Department. Regular Instrumental gloves are \$2 and color guard/percussion gloves are \$3. Our fingerless gloves for flute and clarinet players are \$3.
- Guard members should have tights and wear black tops under their uniforms.
- Please refrain from wearing jewelry
- All long hair needs to be tied up and put underneath your hats.
- The standard band uniform comes with: Pants (skirt for guard,) jacket and hat.

Q: What do I do regarding cleanliness of the uniform?

A: At the end of the year, each student will bring in the money to have their uniform dry-cleaned. The CHS Music Boosters will arrange the best price with local vendors and arrange pick-up and drop-off.