

## **CHS MARCHING BAND – 2016-2017**

***Please share this letter with your parents upon receiving it.***

Each person who is signed up to be a part of the band in 2016-2017 will receive this packet through email which includes information about next year's marching band season, the 2016 marching band schedule and a few other miscellaneous items. Please take this packet, read through it and store it somewhere that you will not lose it, and bring it with you to band camp in August. The music will be sent out in a different email, specifically sent to each instrument group. As I realize that your summer is your vacation and you may have many things planned, all I ask of you is to take the music out a few times and familiarize yourself with it over the summer. Your section leaders will be contacting you to set up some section rehearsals through July and August. Make sure to check your email and voice mail to see if your section leaders have contacted you. PLEASE do not come to band camp and sight-read the music. We do not have much time before our first game and we need to be able to practice outside as much as possible. Sectionals this year will be scheduled throughout the summer at a time and place designated by your section leaders.

The schedule was sent out through email. Take a look at the schedule and make sure to clear your calendar for everything on there. Please make every effort not to schedule college visitations, doctor appointments, performances, parties or other events during the dates and times I have provided you.

Band Camp plays a very large role in our abilities to learn the marching show. As you all know, once school begins, rehearsal time is short. The more we can accomplish during camp, the better off we will be. Band camp will take place August 22-24, 2016, August 29-30, 2016 and September 1, 2016.

IF there is a need for absence from a performance or rehearsal, you should fill out an absence request form and hand it to me NO LATER THAN two school days **prior** to the absence date. Notes received later than that will be accepted but may not be honored. Failure to submit a note PRIOR to the event will result in an unexcused absence. The absence form is available online and may be typed, printed, signed by a parent/guardian and brought to Mr. Verderese. Not ALL absences will be excused therefore it is important that I receive the note in advance to decide whether or not it will be excused. All excused absences will receive full credit once the make-up assignment is handed in. Please know that there will be a limit on unexcused as well as excused absences. Your grade will be directly affected by your attendance throughout the season. If you have a conflict with sports or other activities, please contact me as soon as possible to inform me of the issue, so we can come to a compromise.

I look forward to a GREAT year and can not wait to begin working with everyone in the fall. Lets continue to strive for excellence and do out best to have fun while we are at it!

Mr. Verderese