

To: DHS Band Students & Parents  
Date: 9/8/09  
Re: Football Game Procedures

### **Thursday Night Football!**

This Thursday is our second football game of the season. We will be playing Pasadena Memorial at their stadium this Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. The game time for this is 6:00. This earlier time will allow students and parents the opportunity to be home earlier on a school night. The schedule is as follows.

2:40 Rehearsal  
3:40 Tailgate/Change into Uniforms (**all students stay on campus – see number 3 below**)  
4:20 Full Uniform Inspection  
4:30 Meeting in Band Hall  
4:40 Load Buses  
4:50 Depart  
6:00 Kickoff  
10:00 Return to DHS

**Game Day Reminders** – Since our upcoming football game is only the second one for many students and parents in the DHS band program, we feel the following list of reminders is extremely helpful. Also, please note that you can find more information in the DHS Band Handbook.

1. **Clothing - Remember to bring black socks, your black MTX Viper Marching Shoes, shorts (for the brief rehearsal after school and to comfortably wear underneath your uniform), and a black t-shirt.** We are still waiting for our black show shirts to be finalized meaning we will not have them in time for our first football game. **We are asking all band students to wear a black t-shirt from home that has no text near the neck line.**
2. **Tailgate Meal** – Remember that if you paid the optional \$100 tailgate fee, all of your meals will be provided before each football game. Due to safety reasons, students that did not pay their tailgate fee will not be allowed to leave campus on game days. We want our students to be safe all of the time! Please plan ahead by having a parent drop off food.
3. **Student Travel** – All students in the DHS Band are required to travel on school buses to and from all football games. The only exception to this rule will be if there is an extreme emergency that would not allow a student to travel on the district supplied transportation. This would include a family emergency, medical emergency, etc. Also, please remember that students are not allowed to leave the game early. The football game lasts from the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter all the way to the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Unless there is bad weather in the area, we will stay in the stands to support our football team and perform for the fans in the stands. At the end of the football game, students will be dismissed back to the buses to pack up and load.
4. **Stadium Arrival** – The moment we step off the bus at the stadium, our performance begins! Remember that we are in public and people will always be watching! Refer to the 10 DHS Band Principles.
5. **“In the Stands” Etiquette** – Our number one priority while we are in the stands is to support our football team to the best of our ability!
  - a. To help facilitate this, all students will need to stay in their respective section during the duration of the football game. Students are never allowed to leave the designated band section unless permission is given from a band or color guard director. We must know where you are at all times.

- b. Students are never allowed to chew gum, eat, or drink while in uniform. The only acceptable liquid is water (See number 7 below).
  - c. Parents, we kindly ask that you refrain from visiting with your child while we are in the stands or in transit to and from the football field (such as after the halftime performance). Since football action can be quick, students need to be focused on the game and the conductor with instruments in hand so we can play at a moments notice. After the halftime performance, students need to return to the stands quickly (without visiting with family members, friends, etc. so we can begin to play again and support the football team. You will have ample time to speak with your child when you pick them up from school to go home. (For more, see page 12 of the DHS Band Handbook).
6. **Uniform Care** - Our uniforms have to last for many years down the road, even after current DHS band students graduate. In addition, let's remember that our uniforms represent more than just pieces of cloth and accessories. It represents everything we stand for in the DHS band! Treat your uniforms with pride and respect! Note: We will go over uniform procedures in class or after school. (See page 16 of the DHS Band Handbook).
7. **After Game Procedures** – Once we are back on the bus waiting to depart, students may begin to change out of their uniforms (this is why we strongly recommend shorts to be worn underneath). Students will need to carefully hang their uniforms on the hangar and hang it on the school bus window. When we arrive back at school, all students are responsible for checking their uniform in, checking in their hat box, and unloading their instrument off the equipment truck. Students are NEVER allowed to take their uniform or hat box home.
8. **Parent Pick Up** – For obvious reasons, our return time is never set in stone. However, we kindly ask parents to pick their child up in a timely fashion so we all have the opportunity to go home quickly. As directors we love working with your children, but we also have families to go home to as well. Thank you for planning ahead and for your understanding with this issue (since one student was not picked up until 1:30am last year)!

That should be all for now. If we can think of anything else between now and the football game, we will do our best to keep you updated in a timely fashion.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you in the stands. **GO EAGLES!**

Musically,

DHS Band Directors