



Greensburg Salem Middle School Bands

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Dear Parents,

It is a long-standing tradition here at Greensburg Salem to involve the 7th and 8th grade band students in one home football game a year. This year, Middle School Band Night will be held Friday evening, September 21, which is also Homecoming. The students participating in this event will also rehearse on Tuesday, September 18 from 3:15-4:15 PM at the High School.

All members of the 7th and 8th grade bands are invited to participate in this event. This year, we are also permitting non-band students to march with members of the Band Front (colorguard, majorettes and dance team). Students who are not currently in the marching band will be paired with an upperclassman in his/her section of the band. This upperclassman will serve as his/her mentor for the rehearsal and football game.

Students participating in Middle School Band Night will be admitted to the football game without charge. Students will also receive a complimentary yellow Greensburg Salem Marching Band t-shirt, which will serve as their uniform for the game, along with blue jeans (or jean shorts, depending on the weather). Students may also wear a jacket, sweatshirt or gloves of any color if the weather is cold.

All 7th and 8th grade students participating in Middle School Band Night must report to the High School band room after school on Tuesday, September 18. They will need to ride either bus 2 or 3 to the High School that afternoon. Rehearsal will be held from 3:15 until 4:15. Students may be picked up in front of the HS auditorium between 4:15-5:00 PM.

On Friday, September 21, students who are not already in the marching band will need to report to the faculty parking lot at the Middle School no later than 6:00 PM. They will then meet with the HS Band member assigned to them and will join the band line-up. The full band will march from the Middle School to Offutt Field and prepare for the pre-game performance.

The 7th and 8th graders will perform pre-game selections and then join the band in the bleachers for the duration of the game. Students may only leave the bleachers to go to the restroom with a chaperone, except for the 3rd quarter, when they are permitted to leave the stands to visit friends, parents or the concession stand. None of our students are permitted to eat or drink in the bleachers (with the exception of a snack and water, which we provide). Students will be released from the band's section of the bleachers anytime between the beginning of the 3rd quarter until the end of our postgame show. Parents or guardians can sign out the students with one of the staff/chaperones in the band section. Students and parents are encouraged to stay and watch the Marching Band in a special performance of their full festival show after the game.

If your son or daughter will be participating in Middle School Band Night, please fill out the attached form and return it to me **no later than Friday, September 7**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at jaime.west@gslions.net.

Sincerely,

Director of Bands