

Byron Middle School
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Dear Parents and Students:

As you should already be aware, the 8th grade band will be joining the high school marching band during the halftime show at the **Friday, October 14** varsity home football game. The students have been diligently working on their music and marching skills and are getting excited about this opportunity to perform with the high schoolers. To prepare for this performance, we are having a **MANDATORY** combined rehearsal with the high school marching band on **Wednesday, October 12 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Below is a schedule for Wednesday and Friday evenings:

Wednesday, October 12

7:00 – Arrive at high school football field (students should be dropped off around the back of the high school at the admission gate). **Instruments need to be brought home from school that day and brought to the high school for the evening rehearsal.**

Rehearse with high schoolers on the football field (be dressed for the weather, whatever that may be).

8:30 – Finish rehearsal and head home! Students will leave instruments at the PE Center until Friday night

Friday, October 14

7:15 – Arrive dressed in grey band polo, black pants, black socks, and black shoes to the high school PE Center (if the weather is cool, students may wear a long sleeved shirt underneath their polo – **solid** black, white, orange, or grey are acceptable). Use the entrance near the concession stands. Their instruments and music will already be over there from Wednesday night's rehearsal.

7:15-7:30 – Warm up and play through show.

7:30 – Go outside to bleachers and sit with high school band until the performance.

After show – Return to PE Center and put instruments away. Percussion instruments and sousaphones will stay at the PE Center and be brought back to the middle school by custodial staff. All other instruments will **GO HOME** for the weekend and **COME BACK** to school on Monday.

Celebrate the performance, relax, and enjoy the weekend!

--Mr. Maurizio