



# MILL CREEK BANDS

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Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Families,

All 8th grade band students at Jones Middle School and Osborne Middle School are invited to the Pride of Mill Creek Marching Band 8th Grade Night on Friday, September 24th, 5:30pm-10:00pm! Students will attend the MCHS home football game against Grayson High School and experience what it's like to be part of the award-winning Pride of Mill Creek Marching Band! All 8th grade students will receive the following for FREE: admission to the football game as a member of the band, a Mill Creek Bands t-shirt, and a pizza dinner provided by the MC Band Boosters. Every student will be assigned a high school "buddy" to guide them through the experience. Their buddy will answer all questions about band, Mill Creek, and high school in general.

We invite all parents to attend an informational meeting at 6:15pm in the MCHS Theater. Our pre-game concert at the picnic tables will follow at 6:45pm. We also encourage all parents to attend the football game to watch their students perform with the marching band. Tickets for spectators are available through the Go Fan app (pre-sale or day-of). Please note: MCHS Stadium has a clear bag policy.

#### COVID Precautions:

- Masks - students will wear masks while inside of any GCPS facility. Masks are not required while outside, but students are welcome to wear their mask if they choose
- Chaperones will be present to sanitarily assist with water refills
- Hand sanitizer will be readily available

#### What to Bring/Wear:

- Your instrument (percussionists should bring a pair of drum sticks)
- Your music (passed out by middle school band director during class, we will have extra copies available)
- Large water bottle
- Mill Creek Bands t-shirt (students will receive this upon arrival), dark athletic shorts, and athletic shoes

#### Student Transportation:

##### Arrival

- OMS Students will walk up as a group after school with Mr. Green
- JMS Students will ride a bus to MCHS with Ms. Brown

##### Pickup (see map below)

- To keep students safe and alleviate traffic, please do NOT come down the bus lane or Pride of Mill Creek Way
- Please pickup students from the parking lot (faculty lot at the front of the school or stadium lot)

We hope that your student is excited to be a "high schooler" for the evening! Please fill out the sign-up form (click the link or scan the QR code below) no later than Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, so that we have the correct shirt size for each student. A detailed schedule can be found on the next page, as well as a helpful map to locate the MCHS band room. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email us. We look forward to meeting you all soon!

Sign-up form: <https://tinyurl.com/pomc8thgradeday21>



Thank you,

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<u>Schedule</u>	
5:00pm	Current high school band members report
5:30pm	8th grade students check-in at the Mill Creek band room (map above) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Students will receive their FREE Mill Creek Bands t-shirt</li> <li>- Meet and greet with their section</li> <li>- Dinner with their section - pizza provided by the MC Band Boosters</li> </ul>
6:15pm	Uniform inspection for high schoolers (8th graders observe) 8th Grade Parent Meeting in MCHS Theater
6:25pm	Warmup
6:45pm	Pre-Game Concert @ the picnic tables outside the band room, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Performed by both high school and 8th grade students</li> <li>- Parents invited to listen!</li> </ul>
7:05pm	Students march to stadium
7:15pm	Marching band performs their pre-game show <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 8th grade students will watch from the stands</li> </ul>
7:30pm	Kickoff - Go Hawks, Beat Rams! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 8th grade students will play along with the band throughout the football game</li> </ul>
Halftime	Marching band will perform their 2021 production "Lotus" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 8th grade students will watch from the stands</li> </ul>
3rd Quarter Break	8th graders may be checked out by parents at this time OR stay with the band for the remainder of the game
4th Quarter	Band returns from break, plays in the stands
10:00pm	Dismiss (parents should meet students in parking lot)

Student Pickup – Map

