



## Owen Valley Patriot Band and Guard

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Owen Valley Middle School Band Program Families,

The time has finally come and we are inching closer towards our first concert of the 2020-2021 school year! Although there have been many obstacles along the way for all of us, we are proud of the work that your students have put in this year and we are ready to display what they have learned!

As with many other things this year, we have had to make changes to our normal concert routine to fit into guidance passed down from our local health department to make sure we can host this concert in a safe and responsible manner. We will try to outline these changes the best that we can:

### **Venue**

This year we will be hosting our fall concert in the middle school gymnasium. Our health plan that was approved by the local health department is very similar to what is currently used for athletic events in the space

### **Limited Attendance**

We are limited to a maximum of 250 guests in the stands for our concert. This means that each student will be allotted 3 tickets for them to pass out to family and friends. These tickets will be passed out in the next couple of days. If you are not planning on using all three of your tickets that were given to you, please return any excess so that they may be used by families who would like to have more than three attendees. We will open the extra tickets up for grabs at a later date for those that want more than the three given out initially. The number available will depend on the amount of tickets returned by families not using them. Please sign up for either the Beginning of Intermediate band reminds to be among the first to get that update.

### **Student Seating**

To avoid students using the same chairs and stands, we will be attempting to sit each group separately in the gymnasium. 8th grade students will be seated in a concert arc on the far side of the gym floor (furthest from the doors), and 7th grade students will be seated on the near side of the gym floor (closest to the gym doors). Signs will also be posted to help you remember when you enter the middle school gym. To get the best view of your student, please sit on corresponding side of the bleachers that is closest to your student. Students must remain in their seats for the entirety of the concert and cannot sit in the stands.



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### **Parent Seating**

We will be blocking off every other row of the bleachers. Please maintain social distancing of 6ft between family groups when inside the gym. Families, groups that live together, etc. will be allowed to sit closer together.

### **Middle School Football**

Middle school football players have a home game the same day of the concert. All football players are excused from attending the concert at no deduction to their grade.

### **After School Rehearsal**

*7th graders ONLY* will be staying after school for dress rehearsal from approximately 3:45 pm to 5:30 pm on the day of the concert. This rehearsal was on the calendar passed out to you at the beginning of the year. Pizza (2 slices) and a drink will be available for purchase for \$5 after the dress rehearsal and will be served by the Owen Valley Band Boosters.

*8th graders ONLY* will have a dress rehearsal on the Tuesday before the concert (9/29) from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm in the high school band room.

#### Gentlemen

- Band Polo
- Black Pants (slacks preferred)
- Black Belt
- Black Socks
- Black Shoes (dress shoes preferred)

#### Ladies

- Band Polo
- Black Pants, Capris, or Skirt (knee length or longer)
- Black Belt (if there are belt loops)
- Black socks/black or tan nylons (optional)
- Black Shoes (dress shoes preferred)

### **Concert Dress**

Thank you for being understanding as we work through unprecedented times. If you ever have any questions, please email either of us and we will get back to you in a timely manner. We can't wait to see you at the concert!

Respectfully,

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