

## *Volunteer Needs for the Marching Band Season*

### CHAPERONES

While being a marching band chaperone is very time consuming, it is one of the most exciting ways you can get involved behind the scenes with the MHS Band Program! It is a very rewarding experience that is necessary for the kids in the band to be successful.

If we don't have enough chaperones at a performance it makes it very difficult for the band to perform. The following are some of the responsibilities the chaperones undertake each week at our performances:

**Truck Crew:** The marching band has an equipment bus and box truck that travels with us each week. We need 5-6 parents to load/unload this truck with all of the band equipment.

**Field Crew:** The field crew is responsible for setting up the field for the half-time performance, including the pit percussion equipment, color guard equipment, and drum major podium. To get this done within regulation time, we need approximately 8 parents (the 5-6 that are on truck crew normally do this as well)

**Uniform Crew:** Dressing the band is a surprisingly daunting task!! We need approximately 4 parents who handle uniform distribution and uniform collection and ensure that the band is dressed properly. These parents also inspect the band each week to make sure everyone has their uniform parts. These parents also distribute and collect raincoats and plumes at the performances.

### *Other Responsibilities:*

- Safety – the parents ensure the safety of our students by making sure they are accompanied by an adult at ALL times
- Bus rides – chaperones ride the buses with us to and from performances to ensure safe bus rides and efficiency upon arrival

Each week, we need a minimum of 15 parents to help us. We prefer for parents to sign up that are able to come to multiple games. Moving the marching band from point A to point B and setting up for performances is a rather complicated process and after a few weeks we develop a system. If we have all new parents each week, it will be difficult to become efficient.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER IF YOU CAN!!! It's a great way to be a part of this amazing group of kids.

Report Times are generally as follows:

HOME GAMES: 5:15 p.m.

AWAY GAMES: 3:45 – 4:00

## **UNIFORM TAILORS**

Each year we need to fit the marching band into their uniforms. Students need to try them on and in many cases, get their uniform tailored. We need a crew of about 5 parents who are able to come to camp next week during camp hours to fit the students. If you have experience doing this or sewing, that would be great! We also need parents who are willing to take uniforms home and hem pants and sleeves.