

Band Family,

WELCOME BACK! We had a great 1st day of school today, but boy was it **HOT** outside! I wanted to take a moment to share a couple of thoughts as we move into the school year and our regular routine.

#1. All practices are considered mandatory. Everyone in the Clover Band is a starter, if someone isn't here... there's a hole and it hurts the entire group and keeps us from improving. MB class is considered co-curricular so attendance is a grade. Please see the policy below from the Clover Band Handbook.

#2. Our activity is VERY physical. We had A LOT of students not ready for after-school practice today. Correct clothing, water jugs, and proper nutrition is essential, especially during the next few weeks before the heat begins to dissipate.

#3. Please make sure to read all e-mails, texts and communications. There is a sincere effort to provide outstanding communication to our students and parents but it often times feels like "no one's reading/listening". When in doubt... check www.cloverbands.com

The following attendance policy applies to all members of the Clover High School Band

1. Attendance at all practices is mandatory
2. Attendance at all performances is mandatory
3. The following are the only "excused" absences allowed:
 - a. Death in the immediate family
 - b. Wedding of an immediate family member (1-month written notice required)
 - c. Sickness (doctor's note is required)
4. Excused absences must be cleared with the director prior to the absence or immediately following the absence (the day after).
5. Unexcused absences from practice will result in a grade deduction and possible other sanctions.
6. Unexcused absences from a performance will result in a failing grade for the 9-weeks and possible removal from the band program.

It is understood that there can always be extenuating circumstances that may cause a student to miss a rehearsal or performance. The directors will take this into account as long as we are aware of what is going on "before" the absence or "immediately" following an absence. **You must bring a note the day following an absence for it to be excused.** Anything after that will not be accepted.

Food for Thought...

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