



CLOVER BAND FALL 2020 – **THE PLAN**

Below is what we currently have planned for the Clover Marching Band for Fall 2020. We've had to make many changes for this fall due to Covid 19 and many of those are detailed below. While we will not be "competitive" we do still plan to work to put on performances for our home football games and (if allowed) local exhibitions that may occur in late September or October.

The Show

We are going to plan to put together (1-2) "mini-shows" to perform at the home football games. Due to social distancing limitations in the stands, we will be performing these shows during pre-game before we do our traditional pre-game performance. At the conclusion of pre-game, we will be releasing most of the band to go home and will plan to keep a "pep band" of around 60 instrumentalists to play in the stands. Unfortunately, we cannot properly socially distance 200 band members in the stands so we will have to limit our numbers. We will be assigning the pep bands once school starts so that we can *hopefully* give everyone an opportunity to perform in the stands.

We are going to "shelve" the current "Red, White & Blue" show we had planned to perform this year. It was set-up to be a 7+ minute production that we feel cannot be compressed to be as effective. It is our hope that we can bring it to the field next year. That being said, we are still planning to do a Patriotic show for our 1st game on 9/11. We have 2 patriotic pieces that we will push out during band camp for this show. In addition, we are going to plan to work on a 2nd show to do at one or both of the remaining football games. Details for that show will be announced at band camp. Both shows will have the band marching and playing on the field. The movement demands will be much less than normal due to time constraints so everyone will be able to achieve these performances within our limited practice schedule. We are planning to play exciting music that will appeal to our crowd and be something "fun" to play for everyone!

Band Camp

An updated band camp schedule was sent out yesterday. This schedule brings the band back on campus in smaller groups via a staggered schedule to allow for proper social distancing and sanitation protocols. We have worked to schedule everything in the afternoons and evenings so that we can rehearse inside in the afternoon and outside in the evenings. We apologize for the multiple changes that have been made, but we are having to work with the changes passed down from CSD2 as well as allow for proper social distancing. Safety is our **FIRST** priority! (*Specific safety/sanitation details will be pushed out again next week!*)

Rehearsals

After band camp finishes we plan to have **1 after-school rehearsal per week**. With our performances occurring on Friday evenings and the Hybrid schedule we have decided to have our rehearsals on **Thursday evenings from 6-9**. This will allow for the most retention for everyone involved right before our performances and also allow our 8th grade marchers to join us! In addition, we have been told that the band will be able to rehearse at school on Friday mornings on the C /S.E.E days via the Hybrid schedule. We currently will plan to have full band rehearsals on several Fridays and transportation will be provided by the district.

Uniforms

As you know the district has purchased new uniforms for the Clover Band. Unfortunately, due to the uniform manufacturing plant being shut down by Covid, our uniforms have been delayed and are not scheduled to be shipped until early November. We will plan to perform in summer uniforms and will be planning to purchase warm-up suits for the band to use at the FB games as well. These will be used if/when it gets colder, for the York Pep band performance, any playoff games and any parades (if those occur) that we participate in this year. While this may be disappointing it has actually been suggested that bands NOT wear traditional uniforms due to Covid concerns and summer uniforms and warm-up suits can be washed individually by each student and not handled by others.

Band Fees

Due to the cancellation of competitions we are going to once again lower the band fee. The normal band fee is \$550 which we changed to \$400. The MB fee for 2020 will be \$250 (\$150 for 8th graders). While we are not competing this year, there are still many expenses associated with running our program and with the expectation of lower district funds and lower fundraising profits we felt this was a good number that will help allow our program to maintain/survive during this pandemic. If you have already paid the full \$400 you have the option to “carry-over” any additional funds to use for winter programs, next year and/or band merchandise. You may also request a refund but those will not be able to be processed for several weeks.

Band Class

All band/guard classes are still going to occur on the A/B Hybrid schedule. The classes will be split alphabetically (*A-K & L-Z per latest info*) and we will plan to rehearse during class time. Rehearsals will be a combination of inside music, outside music and marching fundamentals like we normally do. Due to the nature of this schedule the ONLY time the entire band will be able to rehearse together is Thursday nights and Friday C /S.E.E days so attendance at these rehearsals is **VERY** important. To help facilitate any E-Learning that we need to do every student will be provided a SMART MUSIC subscription. We use SMART MUSIC in combination with CANVAS for music submissions. More information about this will come out during band camp.

Final Thoughts

I hope that as you read through all of the “changes” above that you are not discouraged. One of the biggest lessons we try to teach every year is perseverance in the face of adversity. Now is the time to STEP-UP... not STEP-OUT and help the Clover Band program survive and thrive for now and for years to come! We are ready to make music and have a great year and **WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU!**

WE ARE CLOVER BAND!