

“Pride of the Valley” Marching Band Festival

Pinson Valley High School

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To: All directors attending the Pride of the Valley Marching Band Festival

Thank you for being a part of the 10th annual “Pride of the Valley” Marching Festival. The Marching Chiefs, Pinson Valley Band Boosters, and the entire community of Pinson are looking forward to the performance of your band. Our goal is to do everything in our power to insure that your visit will be pleasant and rewarding.

Enclosed in this packet you will find the important information for the day’s event. Please note the bus and equipment truck entrances. These will be well marked and should provide easy entrance and exit. A copy of the schedule and other information can be found on our website at pvbands.com

- Upon your arrival, please check in at the registration area. Marching Chief students will provide your students and chaperones armbands for the event, and bus drivers will receive gate passes and meal tickets.
- Student guides will meet you at the registration area, and will show you to the areas for changing, warm-up, etc. If you plan on arriving early enough to watch other bands, the guides will show you to your seating area.
- **IF YOU KNOW YOUR APPROXIMATE ARRIVAL TIME, PLEASE CALL AND LET US KNOW AHEAD OF TIME – IT WILL HELP US SERVE YOU BETTER!!**
- Please bring the enclosed information form and announcer form with you to the registration area. Make sure you list any special needs that any of your students may have.
- Please feel free to enjoy our hospitality room for directors and staff located in the PVHS lunchroom.
- Take special note of warm-up, staging and performance times. Fifteen minutes is allowed to get from the warm-up area to the stadium and allow students to “catch their breath” before going on the field. Your guides will inform you when you have five minutes left before staging. At this time, you should wrap everything up and begin lining your students up. Please assist us in keeping things running smoothly and on time. The guides will be trained on what to do and how to assist you, but please remember that these are students. If there are any problems, please see me. Our stadium workers, field crew, and other workers will also go out of their way to

help you in any way possible. We know that in the “heat of the moment” it is easy to get upset, but please treat our workers the way you would like to be treated!

- **Bands will enter and exit from the scoreboard side.**
- Equipment trailers and drivers will be in the warm-up area and unloading areas to transport any equipment to and from the stadium.
- A representative from Art’s Music will be set up in the warm-up area to assist with any emergency repairs.
- Representatives from each band will march on the field for the awards ceremony. Please remind students not to climb over fences after the awards ceremony.
- Bus drivers and equipment drivers will receive gate passes and a meal ticket that can be redeemed for a meal at the concession stands.
- Parking is available in the school parking lots for \$5.
- Admission for spectators: \$5 for adults and children 6 and under are admitted free.
- There will be a concession stand open for your convenience and enjoyment. A wide variety of concession items will be available and there will be something for everyone! We insist that **no food, drink, or coolers** be brought into the stadium. Remember that this is a fundraising event.
- We ask that students do not bring confetti into the stadium. Silly String is at your discretion, but have you seen what it can do to a uniform?
- The front track area will be closed off during band’s performances.
- Please contact us immediately if you need electricity for your performance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call. Again, we thank you for attending our marching festival. Good luck to you and your band!

Sincerely,

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