

October 8, 2011

Dear 7th and 8th Grade Band Students and Parents:

A wonderful tradition continues at the Plymouth Canton Educational Park Friday October 28th and Saturday October 29th and you are cordially invited, not only to attend, but perform alongside your nationally recognized Plymouth Canton Educational Park Marching Band.

On Friday October 28th, the 7th and 8th graders will have a chance to be among the marching band as it inspires the home crowd attending the State playoff football game at the Varsity Stadium. They will cheer for the home team. They will converse with current members of the band. They will play fight and pep songs for both team and crowd. After the first half they will go onto the sidelines and observe, from field level, the marching band's competitive show.

Marching band is one activity that combines each and every high school grade level. You will see current freshmen marching among sophomores, juniors, and seniors. You will see students from all three high schools (Chiefs, Rocks, and Wildcats) uniting to become 1 band. You will see 172 students commit themselves to put on the best show they can. You will see this successful team of many hands combine their hearts and minds into becoming the best they can be.

On Saturday October 29th, 11 marching bands from across the state will be travelling to Canton to participate in the Great Lakes Invitational Marching Band Competition. Each and every one of these high school students have been training since August all focused on the first weekend of November. These high school students will be performing at an extremely high level in preparation for the State Championship at Ford Field the following Saturday. Electricity will be filling the air.

It will be in this atmosphere that the 7th and 8th graders will perform "The Star Spangled Banner" amid the opening ceremonies of the competition. Music can be downloaded from the PCMB website (www.pcmb.net) and find it under the "Join Us" link "New Members". They will be chaperoned into the stands to watch a few of the bands after playing and then be escorted to the food court for a snack. After they have finished, they will then be taken to watch a full dress rehearsal of the Plymouth Canton Marching Band after which time they can be picked up.

Please see the itineraries on the hand out sheet for appropriate times. Also, with Michigan weather being Michigan weather it is very important that your student dresses appropriately. Students should wear jeans and some kind of school shirt or just a gray sweatshirt. Remember it could be quite cool by the end of the game and competition so please come prepared.

Please fill out the GLI Parent-Student Information sheet and bring it to registration. Blank forms will also be available on both Friday and Saturday.

A marching band succeeds as ties to its past influences its present while laying the foundation to its future. We sincerely hope you participate in "PerCEption Weekend." If you have any questions please feel free to email me.

Sincerely

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