

## **Club Blue Parent Info**

Welcome new and returning Club Blue parents! We know that band parent life can be overwhelming and confusing at times, so we wanted to put together some information that might help answer some questions you may have. If you have any other questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Club Blue Booster Board, either on the Band App or at [clubbluebvhs@gmail.com](mailto:clubbluebvhs@gmail.com).

### Common Band Terms

**Band Camp** - A day of more intense rehearsal of the field show. Typically done on Saturdays at the beginning of the semester, with a week long band camp during the second week of Fall Break.

**Battery** - The percussion section that marches during the field show.

**Class**- Schools are divided into different classes during competitions depending how large their band is. Club Blue is Class 4A this year.

**Color Guard** - The visual ensemble who performs with the band. Also known as Auxiliary.

**Concert attire** - Worn by students for concert performances. Black dress pants and shirt, black dresses, black shoes.

**Dinkles** - Shoes worn by band students as part of their uniform.

**Drill** - The choreography of the field show.

**Field Show** - A performance done by the band and color guard on the football field.

**Pit** - The students in the front ensemble, typically made up of larger percussion instruments, that do not march during the field show.

**Plumes**- The feathers that are on top of the hats (shakos) worn during performances.

**Section leaders** - student leaders for each instrument section.

**Shakos** - the hats worn with the uniforms during performances.

**Travels** - Clothing worn for after competitions and for more casual performances. This consists of the Club Blue polo, jeans, and black shoes.

**Under-uniform attire** - Clothing to be worn under band uniforms. Lightweight performance tee, athletic shorts, and black crew socks.

### Rehearsal and Competition Essentials

Rehearsals take place outside, usually on the field. It can get pretty hot and the kids are working hard, so we ask that you please send water or a refillable water bottle with your child to all rehearsals. Sunglasses, hats, and sunscreen are also great to have.

For longer rehearsal days, such as band camp, and for football games we ask that you please send money with your child to purchase food. During band camp, Mr. McCann gives the students time to walk across the street to buy lunch. You can also pack lunch, if you prefer. It's a good idea to pack a few snacks also, we just ask that you avoid giving your student any dairy for breakfast, lunch or snacks...heat and dairy do not go well together! Students will be fed by the boosters during the competitions, but will also have the opportunity to buy concessions, so please send money if you think your child will want to purchase something.

### Volunteers

We are always looking for new volunteers, that's where you come in! We have various volunteer opportunities from helping to sell concessions to hemming up band uniforms. If you would like to volunteer, but aren't sure what you would like to do, please talk to one of the Booster Board members and we can figure out a place for you. The ultimate goal is to support our kids and help them to have a memorable band experience.