

Stewarts Creek High School Band

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Dear Parents,

We are very excited about our upcoming 8th grade band night on Friday, September 14, 2018 as Stewarts Creek High School Red Hawks take on Cane Ridge High School. This will be quite a special evening as we welcome the class of 2023 as future members of the Stewarts Creek High School Band. This experience will give your child the unique opportunity to perform with the Stewarts Creek High School Band and get a sense of what it means to be a part of high school band. The following information should help answer any questions you may have about this event.

How much will this event cost?

This event is sponsored by the Stewarts Creek High School Music Boosters and there will be no cost to the students. Parents who wish to attend the game may purchase tickets for \$7.00 at the ticket booth. We encourage all parents/guardians to attend the football game, meet the parents of the Stewarts Creek High School Music Boosters, and see the positive and educational environment of high school band.

What time and where should the students arrive to Stewarts Creek High School?

8th grade students should arrive to the stadium by 4:30 PM. We will have a brief rehearsal in the stadium. Parents/Guardians are always welcome to watch rehearsal from the stadium.

What should the students bring?

Students will need to bring their instrument and any instrument accessories needed for performance. Students will also need to bring a flip folder and their Stewarts Creek High School Band music.

How do the students get their music?

A Dropbox link will be sent to the email addresses on file that are submitted through the online registration form. Music can be downloaded and printed from home or school. The students should find their instrument part from the PDF files and should print the entire PDF file for their instrument.

Will the students have time to eat before the game?

Our visiting 8^{th} grade band students and members of the Stewarts Creek High School Band will be served a pizza meal in the SCHS Cafeteria at 5:15 PM. Visiting 8^{th} grade parents/guardians can also attend to meet and greet with members of the SCHS Music Boosters and have an opportunity to mingle and ask questions about life in the Stewarts Creek High School Band as member and parent volunteer.

Itinerary At-A-Glance

All times are approximate

 $\mbox{4:30 PM} - 8^{\rm th}$ grade members arrive to Red Hawk Stadium with instruments and music

5:00 PM - Rehearsal Ends

5:15 PM - 6:00 PM - Dinner in cafeteria

5:30 PM – 8th grade members pick-up t-shirts in cafeteria

6:15 PM – Sound check in SCHS Cafeteria (parents are welcome to watch)

6:30 PM - March to Red Hawk Stadium

6:45 PM - Pre-game performance

7:00 PM - Football game begins

7:45 - 8:00 PM - Halftime Performance

8:15 PM – 3rd Quarter Hospitality

9:30 – 10:00 PM – Football game ends – March back to SCHS Band Room



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How should the students be dressed?

Students should come dressed in their choice of school appropriate pants or shorts and comfortable tennis/athletic shoes. Special SCHS Band 8th Grade T-Shirts will be given to students to wear for the performance during the dinner break at 5:30 PM. Because of the unpredictability of weather, students may want to bring light jackets and any other apparel needed for the evening performance.

When will the students perform?

The visiting 8th grade band students will perform during our pre-game festivities on the field at 6:45 PM. They will also perform music in the stands with the SCHS Band members during the regular quarters of the game.

Where do parents sit to watch the performance and the game?

There is a dedicated section of the stadium for parents of Stewarts Creek High School Band Members. When you get into the stadium bleachers, find the section that is the closest to the American flag. You'll see several Stewarts Creek Band parents in the section. This section is right next to where the band sits in the stadium.

Will the students perform during halftime?

No. Instead this will be an opportunity for the visiting 8th grade band students to enjoy the sights and sounds of the SCHS Band in performance. 8th grade students will join us in the warm-up circle prior to halftime to get an insider's view of the SCHS Band in performance. The students will then have the opportunity to watch the Stewarts Creek High School Band in performance.

What happens after halftime?

The visiting 8^{th} grade band students will join the SCHS Band for a special 3^{rd} quarter hospitality mixer with refreshments, courtesy of the SCHS Music Boosters.

Will there be chaperones present?

Yes. The Stewarts Creek High School Band has a dedicated volunteer base made up of the parent/guardian members of the SCHS Music Boosters who chaperone and monitor student travel and behavior from point A to point B and everywhere in between.

When and where will the students be dismissed?

All 8th grade students have the option of leaving at the end of 3^{rd} quarter or staying until the end of the football game. Students who need to be dismissed at the end of 3rd quarter can leave by being picked up by a parent/guardian at the pass gate behind the home stands (the gate closest to Morton Lane). If your child elects to stay until the end of the game, they will march back with the band to the band room and can and picked-up from the gym entrance. For planning purposes, most high school football games end between 9:30 PM - 10:00 PM.

If you should have any additional questions, please feel free to contact us via telephone or email. We hope to see you and your child at 8th grade band night!

Sincerely,

Debbie Burton and Michael Chester, Directors Stewarts Creek High School Band