

## *Specific Notes for the N. Garland game...and General Notes for ALL games.*

### Bus Assignments

- 1 Flutes, Clarinets, Horns, Guard (+ Jenny Partain, Mr. Thomas)
- 2 Trumpets, Alto Saxes, Bass Clarinets (+ Matt Rodrigues, Mr. Cadenhead)
- 3 Trombones, Baritones, Tubas (+ Mr. Eaton)
- 4 All Percussion (+ Mr. Lewis)

### Schedule – Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

- Pit, drums, tubas, and baris: cased/prepared during band classes
- Equipment crew – excused from 8<sup>th</sup> period (report after 7<sup>th</sup>)

3:45 pm - everyone dismissed early from 8<sup>th</sup> period (be dressed BEFORE 8<sup>th</sup> period – or all day)

4:00 pm - meal time (eat outside on porch, etc.)

4:40 pm - inspection (correct informal uniform, flip folder with name on all music, etc.)

5:00 pm – prepared to go as soon as buses arrive

7:00 pm - game time

11:15 pm - estimated arrival back at band hall (students should call ahead to ensure timely pickup)

### Stadium Location

510 Stadium Drive, Garland TX (see <http://garlandisd.tix.com/Event.asp?Event=372885>)

(you may also pre-purchase game tickets on that site for \$1 cheaper; gate price is \$7 per person)

### General Notes - READ CAREFULLY!

- The full informal uniform consists of:
  - a. tennis shoes (not toms, slip ons, etc.)
  - b. white socks (can be ankle or no show, but they must be worn)
  - c. khaki shorts (walking short length) with a dark belt
  - d. band polo (tucked in at all times)
- For all our uniforms (informal, full marching uniform, concert uniforms, etc.) we never “break” uniform – we remain in full uniform for the entire event, including on the bus ride home. This includes the informal uniform also – shirt tails remain tucked in the whole time, even after we get back to the band hall. The only occasional exception is at a marching contest we sometimes all take the marching jackets off if permitted by a director.
- NO PDA while in any uniform ~ this includes holding hands. Likewise, no PDA is allowed in the band hall, whether in uniform are not.
- Phones are permitted, but they can only be out on the buses. Otherwise, for emergency contact ONLY (they will be taken up by a section leader/drum major and turned into a director if they are out for any other reason)
- Students who are being picked up must call ahead to be picked up on time (allow a few minutes after the buses arrive for the students to put everything away properly, and an extra 15 minutes for a game in which the student is on post-game duty – see below). Students not picked up in a timely manner may be referred to the ISD police department for pick-up. All pick-ups and drop-offs must occur from the Student C Parking Lot off of Lowrance, and not on the road in front of the band hall. RO police may ticket you if you are waiting or parked in front of the band hall (this guideline is for any post-event/post-rehearsal pick up)
- Students may not be picked up from a game by parents/relatives. All students must ride the buses both to and from every game. *This includes home games when we ride buses from the band hall to the RO stadium and back after the game.* An occasional exception may be granted on a further-out away game (such as Denton, Forney, Terrell, Corsicana, etc.) when another parent or relative lives near that stadium and the student will be going home with that relative for the night. Notice must be given well in advance via letter or email. In these cases, the student must remain with the band until the end of the game (no early pick-up). Any special circumstances other than these noted must be discussed with a director well in advance, and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

- On the buses:

- a. Students may have an MP3 player if desired, but they may not be taken into the stands, so they are at the student's own risk being left on the buses. (headphones/in-ears only)
- b. Students may not sing, lead chants, etc. on the bus (distraction to the drivers)
- c. We come to complete silence when we enter a stadium parking lot
- d. Students may not communicate in any way with people/vehicles outside the bus
- e. No PDA is permitted at all (even holding hands)

- In the stands:

- a. Students must *STAY* in their assigned location; they may not move up and down the rows, to other locations, etc. and do not stand on the bleachers unless instructed to by a director
- b. Restroom breaks must be cleared with a drum major first (to ensure not too many gone at a time) and the students must go in two's (nobody to the restroom alone)
- c. There is to be **NO** food, gum, drinks, etc. except for the water/drinks/snacks provided by the band boosters. (don't take candy, snacks, etc. and no concession stand visits – it will be taken away from you and thrown away)
- d. Students **MUST** be ready to play at all times. We want everyone to watch the game and know what's going on, but our first duty is to entertain. Be ready!
- e. Drum cadences may not be started without an okay from a director
- f. Bad language (no matter how much you disagree with that holding penalty!) is not permitted at **ANY** time
- g. At the request of the coaches, we only play when our team is on defense. We won't play when our team has the ball.
- h. The band boosters will provide water/drinks during the game and a snack after halftime. Keep your trash with you and dispose of properly. We leave the area cleaner than when we arrive. **NEVER EVER** drop trash from the stands
- i. **NO** playing on your instrument other than when the full band performs (this includes percussion)
- j. Dances/moves etc. must not be in bad taste, and they should all done together. You may not "create" your own small group dances or start things on your own. This is to uphold our core values of discipline and character (class) – how we "look" to our fans, and to the fans across the field, is **VERY** important.

- Chaperones / Game Volunteers / Pit Parents

We love having chaperones/volunteers for game nights! Here are some of the things you can help with:

- a. Help serve the home game meals at the band hall (check the time for the meal and come join in!)
- b. For away games, we need 1-2 bus riders per bus (only), but this can only be parents – not other relatives, children, or friends.
- c. Bus chaperones will also be required to assist with the away game meal serving, snacks and drinks, and some equipment moving before and after the game and during halftime. (i.e. helping with plumes, percussion equipment, drum major ladders, etc.). You will generally receive some type of field/sideline pass for helping with these things. These **ARE** sometimes limited, however, so it's best to always be prepared to pay admission just in case.
- d. If you're not a bus chaperone, we still need assistance at **EVERY** game with those tasks. For example, you may drive your vehicle to an away game, and then help us as a game volunteer. We don't use bus chaperones for the home games, but we **DO** still have all the other needs (plumes, percussion, ladders, snacks/drinks, etc.) At home games, we have special **RO** sideline passes for you be allowed onto the field.

- Post-game band hall duty

Every student (based on their bus assignment) will have two games in which they will be assigned post-game band hall duty – one home game and one away game. We will clean up the band hall, get trash emptied, set up the chairs and stands for Monday, etc. This should take no more than about 20 extra minutes beyond the normal time, so students and parents will need to plan accordingly on these nights (the schedule is posted in the band hall, and will also be on the band website).