

THE ART OF BEING A CHAPERONE!

DO's

Always wear your Red & Black

Always wear your Chaperone Button

Always address fellow Chaperones by Mr. or Mrs.

Always be sure you attend any meetings prior to departure. Important details are always discussed. This avoids a lot of questions later.

Always follow standard bus safety rules.

Always check with Mrs. Weaver for directions on what, where and when.

Home Games:

- At least 2 chaperones from each bus will attend their bus uniform racks to help the students get their correct uniform bag, help with getting dressed and place the empty bags on the proper racks.
- If you are the first chaperone to arrive at the school for home football games, make sure you pull All uniform racks out of the Band uniform closet and place them in the cafeteria hallway. The Shako (hat) rack, plumes, and raincoats (if needed) must also be placed in hallway too.
- Chaperones will section off the Band area of the bleachers on the homeside.
- Chaperones will walk behind the band into the stadium and proceed to the bleachers while the Band performs their preshow. Chaperones are to sit behind the band and along the side of the band. The Nurse and EMT's sit on the first row of the stands.
- Chaperones will collect the Shako Feathers (Chicken's) after the half-time show and pack them up.
- Students are not allowed visitors, food, or drinks (other than bottled water given out by CPMC) talking on cell phones while sitting in the band section of the stands.
- Band students have off the third quarter for food and bathroom. At least 2 Chaperones must remain in the stands to look over the instruments, etc. while the band is gone.

Check with the color guard to make sure all flags, guard equipment, etc gets loaded.

Any uniform repairs – Bus moms are to repair any immediate issues prior to performances.

Record uniform repairs in your bus log book and inform Mr. Harvey of needed repairs.

Always be sure that after either the game or competition is done, the uniforms and/or raincoats are checked and hung up properly BEFORE being put back in the uniform closet. It is suggested that 2 chaperones from each bus be assigned to assist students and check their assigned bus racks.

Always keep in mind while on away games, competitions that no student is to be left unattended. Chaperones must accompany students to bathrooms before and after the games. During third quarter breaks, it's a good idea to "hang around" the concession stands, bathrooms, etc.

Always do your attendance log each time you enter the bus prior to departure. Make sure you do attendance by names and actually see their faces.

Always be sure to check your bus at the end of the night: It should always be cleaner than when the day began.

Always keep in mind – we are here to help with the moving of the band, and to help the director with some of the responsibilities. If you are asked to do something, please comply with a smile; it makes life a whole lot easier.

Always remember – Mr. Otto is the Boss!!!

(This is an important one).

DON'T'S

Never smoke around the students.

Never use foul language.

PDA (Public Display of Affection) is not permitted on the bus: Never allow this to go on!! It is also not permitted while in "uniform" – this includes any time the students are *required* to dress alike; performance uniforms, raincoats, band t-shirts, etc. Two Chaperones are to be seated in the front and 2 Chaperones in the back of the bus four (4) seats from the rear. NO COUPLES are permitted to sit behind Chaperones in the back of the bus. Make sure they are separate individuals and not joined by the head and shoulders!!!

Never Chaperone if you are expecting a nice, quiet bus ride! It isn't going to happen, nor should you expect it.

Never give direction to anyone without first being sure that the direction that you are giving is accurate.

Never ASSUME that there is nothing to do; if you have nothing to do, please check with someone who is busy. I'm sure they could use your help.

We Always Ask That You Keep in Mind – These Are Students Who Give Up An Awful Lot To Be A Part of A Bigger Family!!!

Patience Is Something That We All Have To Share With Each Other – Directors, Staff, Band Members, Runners and Parents