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Future Raiders,

Greetings from the East Paulding High School Raider Brigade Marching Band! We hope that things are going well for each of you at your respective middle schools! We here at EPHS are excited about what the future holds as you begin the transition into high school and becoming members of the EPHS Raider Brigade Band! Sometime over the next couple of weeks we will be visiting your school to meet with you about our annual 8th grade band night. Specifically, we would like to take this time to introduce ourselves to you as well as provide details about the 8th grade band night at EPHS. This will be a great opportunity for you to ask questions about high school band.

Please review the information included in this packet, as it will provide you with the information you need to participate in the events associated with 8th Grade Band Night at EPHS. Please fill out the registration form in this packet or you can register online at:

[www.eastbands.com/future-members](http://www.eastbands.com/future-members).

If you or your parents have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our office. We can be reached via email ([jrobichaux@paulding.k12.ga.us](mailto:jrobichaux@paulding.k12.ga.us) OR [alerner@paulding.k12.ga.us](mailto:alerner@paulding.k12.ga.us)) or through our school phone (770) 445-5100 ex.29017.

We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

Josh Robichaux  
Director of Bands  
East Paulding High School



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## **8th Grade Night - Football Game**

- Date:** Friday, September 10, 2021
- Time:** Report time for 8th graders is 5:00pm  
Report time for high school students is 5:15pm  
Rehearsal will begin at 5:30pm  
The game begins at 7:30pm
- Location:** Students should report to the EPHS Band Room. The band room is located in the very back of EPHS. Parents should drive around to the back of the building. This is where parents will sign-in their students at the beginning of the night and pick them up at the end of the night. The football game is in the stadium, located at the very front of EPHS.
- Attire:** Students should wear jeans, athletic shoes, your middle school band shirt (if your band has one), or your band shirt you received at the previous 8th grade band night at EPHS. Upon arrival 8th grade students will receive a free t-shirt.
- Equipment:** All flutes, clarinets, bass clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, trombones, and baritones should bring their own instrument. We do not use oboes and bassoons. Tubas will only need to bring a mouthpiece. Percussion should bring their drumsticks.
- Music:** We will be performing a variety of music in the stands at the game. This music will be handed out in class. We will have a short stands tunes rehearsal before the game.

**We strongly encourage all 8th grade band students to participate in 8th grade band night, regardless of whether or not you plan on participating in marching band in high school!**

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## What to Expect

1. Students should report to the high school by 5:00pm. Upon arrival, students will check-in at the 8th Grade Band Night table. This table will be located right outside the EPHS Band Room at the back of the high school. Signs will be clearly posted. 8th grade parents who wish to stay to see their child perform should make their way to the stadium at this time. Admission is \$8.00 per person. Band students are admitted free of charge.
2. Upon arrival, 8th graders will see high school students getting dressed and preparing equipment for the evening's game. At approximately 5:30pm, 8th graders will have the opportunity to rehearse with the high school band. We will have about a 30 minute rehearsal working on stands music.
3. At approximately 6:30pm, all 8th-12th graders will march into the football stadium. Kickoff is at 7:30pm. 8th graders will play make the tunnel on the field for pregame and play in the stands with the high school students.
4. Free admission to the game for 8th grade students only - parents will have to pay at the gate.
5. During the 2nd quarter, middle school students will come down to the field to warm-up and will stay down on the field to help set-up and watch the halftime performance.
6. After halftime, all 8th grade students will be able to get a free meal from our Band Boosters at the concession stands. You will need to be wearing your band shirt.
7. In the 4th quarter, all 8th grade band students will be brought back into the stands to play music with the high school marching band.
8. After the game, all students will head back to the band room together. At this time, 8th graders are allowed to leave. Each 8th grade student must be checked-out with a parent/guardian by our 8th grade parent chaperone. **The chaperone MUST see the student's parent/guardian before the student will be allowed to leave. If a student is riding with another parent, this information must be disclosed on the permission slip.**

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## **8th Grade Night Itinerary**

Friday, September 10, 2021

Home vs Hiram High School

**5:00pm**

Arrive at the EPHS Band Room

*Report to the registration table at the back of the school*

**5:15pm**

Call-Time for High School Students

**5:30pm**

Rehearsal on pad outside of the band room

*8th Graders will learn what they are playing in the stands*

**6:00pm**

All marching band members will get dressed

**6:30pm**

All members will line up in the hallway and march into the stadium

**6:45pm**

Play in front of concession stands

**6:50pm**

Enter Stands

\*Free admission to 8th grade students only - parents will have to pay at the gate\*

**7:00pm**

Set up pregame tunnel on field and perform the fight song

*8th graders will join us for the pregame tunnel*

**7:30pm**

Kickoff!

*All members will return to the stands*



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### **1st Quarter**

Students will play in the stands

### **2nd Quarter**

Warm-Up

*Approximately 8 min on the clock during the 2nd quarter, all band members, including 8th graders, will go down to the track for warm-up*

### **Halftime**

*The high school students will perform an excerpt from their show. 8th graders will help set up and watch performance from field level.*

### **3rd Quarter**

8th Graders - Break

*High school students will return to the stands. 8th graders will be fed at the concession stands.*

### **4th Quarter**

8th Graders head back into the stands

*8th graders will perform in the stands with the high school students.*

*They should text their parents during the*

*4th quarter to let them know when the game will be over.*

### **Post Game**

High School Marching Band Performance

*The high school students will perform a segment of their competition show.*

*8th graders can help set up and watch performance from field level.*

### **After High School Marching Band Performance**

Entire band returns to the band room

*All band students, including 8th graders, will need to return to the band room for dismissal*

### **11:00pm**

Approximate time of dismissal from the band room

*All 8th grade band students should be picked up behind our school by the band room.*

*This is the same place they were dropped off.*



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## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What time should I plan on dropping off my child?**

Plan on dropping your child off at 5:00pm.

### **Where should I plan on dropping off my child?**

You can drop your child off outside of the EPHS Band Room. This is located at the very back of East Paulding High School.

### **How much does 8th Grade Night cost?**

8th Grade Night is free for the 8th grade band students only. Parents must pay at the gate.

### **What should my child wear?**

Your child should wear jeans and comfortable shoes. First time 8th graders will be given a band t-shirt to change into upon arrival. Depending on weather - they may want to bring a jacket. If they have already participated in a previous 8th grade night then they will need to bring wear that shirt.

### **Can parents attend 8th Grade Night?**

Yes! Parents/siblings/friends/etc. who wish to watch their students perform will need to purchase a ticket to the football game.

### **Do I have to memorize all the music?**

No. Your #1 job is to have fun.

### **What will my child be doing during the actual game?**

Pregame - Form tunnel for football team.

1st Quarter - Play music in stands with the high school marching band.

2nd Quarter - Warm Up on the track with the high school marching band.

Halftime - Help set-up and watch the halftime performances from the track.

3rd Quarter - Eating a free meal from our concession stands.

4th Quarter - Play music in stands with the high school marching band.

Post Game - Watch High School Band perform. Return to the High School Band Room.

### **Where do I pick up my child?**

The EPHS Band Room.

### **What time should I plan on picking up my child?**

The game usually ends around 10:00pm. Students will start returning back to the high school band room around 10:30-11:00pm. We suggest you have your child text you during 4th quarter.



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**Where do we find the music?**

Students will get music and rehearse with the high school students at 5:30pm. There is music also available by clicking on the “music” button on our website, [www.eastbands.com/future-members](http://www.eastbands.com/future-members).

**Why isn't there percussion music available online?**

Most of our percussion music is made up on the spot - meaning there isn't really music. You will be taught the music when you arrive.

**Where do we find oboe/bassoon music?**

We do not use oboes and bassoons for marching band. Most double-reeds switch to another instrument for marching band season. You can also try out another wind instrument. Either way you should come to 8th grade night. We will find something for you to play!

**What does the color guard do?**

The color guard members dance and perform pom routines in the stands during the football game. We will teach you these routines when you arrive and throughout the game.

**Does EPHS march trombones?**

EPHS does not use trombones in marching band. All of our high school trombone players just switch to school-owned baritones during the fall for football games. Don't worry, your trombone is totally fine for 8th grade night and you will still play it every day in concert band once you get to high school.

**Will my child have the opportunity to visit the concession stand?**

They will be able to visit our concession stand during the 3rd quarter to get their FREE meal.

**Does my child need money?**

They should not need to bring money but it never hurts to send them with a few dollars just in case.

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS WILL BE ADDED TO THIS PAGE  
AS THEY ARE BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION.**

**Thank You!**