

Pride, confidence, strength, and grace are the pillars of our team. We laugh a lot, and we create life long friendships. We go on a lot of trips e.g., New York City, the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California. We are one of the largest teams at the Park. We are also one of the largest families. As a freshman you will make friends with seniors who will want to hang out with you outside of rehearsal, and they will do everything they can to help you be the best you can be. Our reputation is known throughout the Nation and in some cases the world, as innovators at our craft. We surround our students with the best educators that we can find. We focus on leadership and teamwork skills. Our training process is rigors, creative, and challenging. Our greatest tradition is excellence...

...We just happen to do it through music.

Join the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Band Program... Create the next legacy and learn what it takes to reach for the moon and stars.

Dear 8th Grade Band Students and Parents:

You are cordially invited to attend PerCEption Weekend on Friday, October 23rd and Saturday, October 24th. Your student can participate in a wonderful tradition at the Park by performing alongside your nationally recognized Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band.

On **Friday October 23rd**, 8th grade band students will have a chance to play with the marching band as it inspires the crowd attending the Football Game. They will converse with current members of the band and play a few pep tunes. During half time they will perform Journey's *Don't Stop Belivin* with the high school marching band.

On **Saturday October 24th**, numerous marching bands from across the state will be travelling to the Park to participate in the Great Lakes Invitational Marching Band Competition. For those of you who have only experienced watching a marching band at a football game we really encourage you to come and observe. Watching a marching band competition is more like watching a Broadway Musical. Modern competitive marching band shows are theatrical and entertaining and you will experience a focus among the crowd, and energy among the band members while they perform that will offer you and your family a brand new perception of what a modern marching band can really do.

It will be in this atmosphere that the 8th graders will perform "The Star Spangled Banner" amid the opening ceremonies of the competition. It will be an action packed day filled with lots of musical and social activities. We also understand that you all have many plans so if you cannot attend the whole day please feel free to show up when you can. This is meant to be a flexible, no stress day for you and your children. Students will receive music from their band director.

Please fill out the GLI Parent-Student Information sheet online. All you have to do is visit (www.pcmb.net) you will find a link for the GLI Registration form on the home page.



In preparation for PerCEption weekend we will be holding two rehearsals in the Plymouth High School Band Room. Each rehearsal is an hour long, and the students will have the opportunity to practice with the marching band and the educational staff. We ask that student make an effort to attend both rehearsals. Their preparation will ultimately add to the enjoyment of each event. However, we understand that schedules may be very busy for certain students and families. Please attend what you and your student can, we simply want to get you involved and exposed to some great students at the park.

Students will be allowed to enter the football game for free, but parents, family, and friends who want to attend will need to pay the admission fee for the game.

Rehearsal dates and times:

- October 15, 2015 5-6pm Registration begins at 4:30pm
- October 22, 2015 5-6pm Registration begins at 4:30pm

Performance dates and times:

- October 23, 2015 3:30pm – 9:00 Registration begins at 3:00pm
- October 24, 2015 TBD Please tentatively plan on being at the high school mid-afternoon to 9pm.

Attire for performances:

Middle school students will be provided with a PCMB hat and a PCMB pep band coat or raincoat. Middle school students should wear blue jeans, tennis shoes, and any P-CCS spirit wear that they own for their shirt.

Attire for rehearsals:

Middle school students should wear athletic type cloths and should dress in layers due to the unpredictability of a Michigan fall. They will need to bring their instrument and music. If they forget their music we will have extra copies at the high school.

It is our hope that every 8th grade band student will be able to attend a portion of the PerCEption weekend. Many of our current students have fond memories from this weekend, and we hope that your son or daughter will walk away having made new friends and acquaintances with the high school band students in addition to other middle school band students. Our number one focus as teachers is to create an environment for our student's that is safe, friendly, and filled with high expectations. We just happen to do all of that through music. If you have any questions about the Band program at the Park or PerCEption weekend please email Mr. Armbruster, Director of Bands (david.armbruster@pccsk12.com) Mr. Thomann, Associate Director of Bands (george.thomann@pccsk12.com).

We look forward to meeting you soon.

Mr. Armbruster

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Mr. Thomann

