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Hello!

The band had a very successful first game on Friday. This week's update is a little shorter because other than the schedule, everything should be becoming routine at this point. Feel free to look back at previous updates if you need to remind yourself about what to bring, etc. Do pay special attention to the schedule since it is different due to today being a holiday. This is one of only two weeks where the schedule differs from the usual weekly schedule.

- Schedule for the week of 9/6/2021
 - o Monday 9/6
 - No school, no rehearsal
 - Tuesday 9/7
 - Evening rehearsal at the stadium 5:30-8:30
 - Wednesday 9/8
 - After school rehearsal for all members 3:30-5:45
 - Thursday 9/9
 - After school rehearsal for all members 3:30-5:45
 - Friday 9/10
 - Away game at Cleveland. We will follow the schedule included in the game day information sent last week UNLESS they are able to find a way to get us buses earlier so that we can get to the game on time. In that case, the schedule would simply shift earlier depending on when they can get us buses.
- We desperately need to see an increase in parent volunteering! We were extremely shorthanded in several areas on Friday night, especially the concession stand. Please understand that we cannot function without an adequate number of volunteers. In the case of concessions, we risk losing that revenue to other organizations if it gets to a point that the district feels we can no longer handle it. This would greatly reduce the number of opportunities we can offer the kids without significantly increasing dues. No experience is necessary, and anyone can do it. Please don't assume others are taking care of it and you aren't needed. In the case of other positions, the students and directors can't focus on what they need to have a successful performance without parent help in the needed places. Your kids need you, please support them!
 - Here is the link to volunteer for Friday's away game: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b48ada82aa4f49-away3
 - Here is the link to volunteer for the next home game on 9/17:
 https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b48ada82aa4f49-football11



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 Be on the lookout for updated statements this week. Assuming you are all caught up, the next payment of \$25 is due on Friday, September 17th. If you are currently behind, please try to make a payment as soon as possible. Even if it is a partial payment, it is important not to fall too far behind.

I'm looking forward to another outstanding week! We have a lot of exciting things coming with our first away game in two years on Friday and our first competition only three weeks away. Please continue taking care of yourselves so everyone can stay healthy and involved. As always, never hesitate to reach out should you have any questions. Remind and email are generally the best ways to reach me.

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