



## Checklist for Football Games

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Warning: the following information was written in a question/answer format to represent the avalanche of questions that a middle school band director might receive from inquiring minds. It DOES contain sarcasm that is intended as a joke 😊)

1. **Who do we play?** Check the board.
2. **Do we have a pep rally? When is it?** Check the board.
3. **What do I wear to the pep rally?** Band t-shirt, jeans, black sneakers. If your sport/activity is being recognized, you may wear that uniform.
4. **If my sport is being recognized at a pep rally, do I still play?** Yes, and you will be released in time to join your team.
5. **What time is the game?** Call time for all home games is 5:15 pm. The game will begin at 6:30 pm. Dismissal will be approximately 9:00 pm. Parents should pick up their child(ren) in front of the band room.
6. **Where is the game?** All games are at SRMS except one Davidson game in October. It is all on the band calendar.
7. **Will there be chaperones?** Yes
8. **What do I wear to the game?** Black pants (no rips/holes), LONG black socks, black/white sneakers, band POLO shirt
9. **What do I do if I play football, cheer, or dance?** After class on gameday, place your instrument on my podium and we will set it aside for you. Make sure you have a name tag on your instrument. Make sure your lyre, flip folder, and mouthpiece are with your instrument and clearly marked with your name. We will make sure a chaperone unloads it at the stadium. At halftime, go to your spot in the formation. A chaperone will have your instrument. After we play, give it back to that chaperone and return to your other team.
10. **What do I do after school?** Leave your instrument in the band room, go home, do your homework (if time permits), eat, get dressed, and return to the band room by 5:15 pm. Go to the bathroom before you leave home!!!
11. **What will happen when I get to school?** Come to the band room, get your instrument, lyre, music, flip folder, and have a seat. We will warm up at 5:30 pm. If you need to use the restroom, this will be your last chance for a while.
12. **What do I do with my gum and candy?** Leave it at home!!!
13. **What if I forgot something like my music, my lyre...or my head?** You may call home if you think they can bring it.
14. **What if no one can bring it?** Then I guess you will do without it, but please don't tell me about it! 😊
15. **When will leave for the stadium?** 6:00 pm
16. **What will we do when we get to the stadium?** We will go directly to our seats, briefly warm up again, and wait until we are instructed over the public address system to play the Star-Spangled Banner.
17. **What if I realize NOW that I forgot something?** Do without it. BUT...don't tell me because I won't be able to help. 😊
18. **What if I have to go to the bathroom NOW?** That's why we told you to go before we left! We will have a restroom break in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, but I would like for you to wait if it is possible.
19. **What if I get hungry or thirsty?** We will not eat at the game. Please eat something before you leave home. You will be given water periodically. Also, you should be drinking water all day to be hydrated when you get to the game.
20. **What if I want to sit with my family or my friends that are not in the band?** This cannot be done. We are there to support the football team during the game as well as perform as the entertainment at halftime. This means you must always be in your assigned spot ready to play at any time.
21. **What if my cell phone needs charging during the game?** You should NOT have your cell phone out at the game. You might want to keep it in your pocket or leave it home. If we see it, we will confiscate it until the game ends.
22. **What do we do when the game is over?** We will play the fight song at the end of the game, clean up our area of the stands, and then we will all walk back to the band room.
23. **What happens when we get back to the band room?** We will put up our instruments, re-organize the band room (I need volunteers for this), and go home.
24. **What do I do when I get home?** Brush your teeth, put on your jammies, and go nighty-night. 😊