

## PEP BAND

All band students grades 9-12. We will perform at Hill-Murray sporting events and possibly additional events. Pep Band is an important catalyst for school spirit and is one of the more visual aspects of the school image and music program. In Pep Band we play exclusively pop and rock music. Students get free admission to games, an opportunity to earn points toward a band letter, and a chance to perform. It's a great opportunity to make some new friends! Pep Band is a social activity geared towards having fun, enjoying the game, being with friends, and sounding great. Pep Band also builds endurance, technique, and stronger rhythmic skills. All band students in grades 9-12 are expected to play for their fair share of regular season Pep Band events (for the respective sports) throughout the fall and winter quarters. Fall Pep Band events appear on the attached band calendar. The winter Pep Band schedule will be out as soon as the coaches forward their dates. During the winter Pep Band season, the Director usually divides the group into an A/B Pep Band for regular season games. More information about the A/B Pep Band will follow at a later date. The expectation is that students will be wearing black dress pants, black shoes, black socks, band polo and band jacket for performances at tournaments.

### **Hill-Murray Pep Band Performance Guidelines at Athletic Events**

#### Pep Band Performances at Regular Season Athletic Events

- On non-school nights, the band will perform for the entire event.
- On school nights, the band will perform until the end of half-time (Note: hockey will be the beginning of the third period)
- The band begins to perform 30 minutes prior to the game start time.
- The Band Director and Athletic Director will be responsible for coordinating and scheduling bands at events.
- The band will play an equal number of boys and girls respective sports where applicable (i.e.: boys and girls basketball)
- Pep Bands should not be expected to perform at a scheduled athletic event if unavoidable conflicts will not allow a quality performance.
- Middle School students are not responsible to perform at high school athletic events.

#### Post-Season Performances at Athletic Events

- The Pep Band will play at the sectional play-off games for the respective sports unless unavoidable conflicts present themselves.
- Pep Bands will play for all state bracket games unless unavoidable conflicts present themselves.
- The band will perform for the entire game of sectional play-off and state bracket games.
- The expectation is that students will play with the band for state tournaments. Written notice will be needed for absences (same for all performances)
- We understand that tournament time can be busy and we will need to be respectful of family's and student's time.

*Adapted from the Minnesota Band Directors Association and Minnesota Music Educators Association  
Pep Band Performance Guidelines at Athletic Events.*