

**CLAY HIGH SCHOOL
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Dear Band Alumni:

The Twenty-Fifth Bi-Annual Alumni Band is being assembled to perform at this year's Homecoming game vs. Whitmer High School. All alumni band members are invited to play the evening of October 5, 2018. Please note, kickoff is at 7:00 p.m. not 7:30 p.m. for this Three Rivers Athletic Conference game. Two years ago, we marched 345 Alumni band members. Let's top that number this year!

There will be two rehearsals for those who need to get their musical talents back in shape and marching steps back to the "8 to 5" style:

-Wednesday, October 3, 2018 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Start in The Clay High School Band Room (optional)
& Finish (under the lights) in the Clay High Football Stadium

-Friday, October 5, 2018 5:15 – 6:15 p.m.
Run through the show with the Clay High School Band on the practice field,
march into the stadium, watch football game, play music in stands,
and Perform at Half-time.

If you are interested in performing, just show up on Wednesday (if your schedule permits) and of course on Friday. The same music, Clay Fight Song, Basin Street Blues, and Georgia On My Mind will be used at Homecoming. Music will be available in the band hallway on Wednesday and Friday night (and of course any time prior to the homecoming game).

We have a very limited supply of instruments for the Alumni Band and they are on a first-come first-serve basis. Therefore, if you are in need of an instrument, please try to borrow one from a friend or local school. If you cannot find an instrument to play, please contact Mr. Gyuras before October 3 to reserve your Alumni Band instrument.

Alumni band members should wear dark slacks or dark blue jeans to go along with the gold alumni band sweatshirts. These shirts can be purchased on the 3rd and/or the night of the performance for \$13.00. The sweatshirts will be available in the uniform room, the band hallway (Wednesday night), and band hallway, practice field, and outside the main band entrance gate (Friday night).

Alumni band members will march into the stadium prior to pre-game (on October 5th) and will sit someplace close to the high school band. Alumni band members will enter the game for free but if you need an admission ticket for your spouse, you may pick it up at the

Wednesday, October 3 practice or at the 5:15 p.m. practice on Friday, October 5. Someone from the band parent organization will be distributing the admission “ticket” both nights but, only 1 ticket per Alumni band member will be distributed. All spouses and children will need to enter the stadium through the general public gate (not behind the alumni band or through the band gate). If you need additional tickets, you can purchase tickets at the main general admission gate.

Most importantly, if you know of any alumni band member(s) that have not been notified for this performance, please contact them (via text, twitter, Facebook, email, snail-mail, phone, smoke signals, or word of mouth) and provide them with the alumni band information. I have listed each class of band members, by the band pictures in the band hallway. Please check your class list (as well as other class lists) to make corrections to mailing addresses and contact info from all of our band alumni. Feel free to take a picture of each class list, send to your classmates and help update each class list for future events. No one is intentionally left off of a mailing list! If we don't have the info, we can't send the info! Your help would be greatly appreciated with updating such info.

Following the game, various “Other” after game activities (such as gatherings at Applebee's, Tony Packo's, or Ralphie's) could also be considered. Tradition!

Our stadium, The Clay Memorial Stadium was named for and after those that served our country and gave the ultimate sacrifice. The actual field, was named after our long-time football coach, Ted Federici. The new press box was rebuilt last fall and named after our long-time director of bands, Mr. Charles Neal. Please attend this Alumni Band performance to honor both of our past directors, Mr. Charles Neal & Mr. Paul Deal.

It costs very little money to “Put on the Alumni Band” but the memories that we have are PRICELESS!! Mr. Neal as well as Mr. Deal are always invited to return to conduct the Alumni Band and I am sure it will be a memorable evening for everyone. I am looking forward to seeing you and counting on you to make this Alumni Band year a real success. Let's keep the tradition going!

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