

Urgent – Immediately Read (New news and reminders)

1) Reminder: Upcoming Parent Meeting *Thank you Robert!*

The parent meeting will be at 6pm, in the Auditorium, TONIGHT, August 17th. Please ENSURE that at least one family representative can make it as all parent meetings are mandatory.

Note: It is VERY important that you show up to these meetings. You can have questions answered, gain additional insight to what is coming up and what the expectations are from this program to ensure its success.

Success of the program means success for your performer.

2) Reminder: Band App Update *Thank you Robert and Ms. Murthy!*

For Veteran Parents....the Band App will be going away, please stop using it.
For All.....We will be utilizing Slack for immediate parent communications.
Details forthcoming. Stay tuned.

3) Fundraising Opportunities

Until our volunteer system is up and running for FLA Live in Charms, please email flalive@parkvistaband.com to sign up to work as cashier, food prep, runner or do inventory. Multiple choices can be requested. You will need to provide him your name(s), email, and phone number.

The remaining event for August is listed below:

Friday, August 25th – Report time is 5pm (Lionel Richie)

Note(s):

- ***Freshman/new parents-To qualify for Hockey Season playoff games, you must work other events throughout the year so start now and sign-up as you can***
- ***Event sign-ups are first come, first serve***
- ***Uniform is black pants, black non-slip shoes, white t-shirt, red hat/visor if you have one***
- ***You MUST have completed VIPS and Raptor volunteer requirement at the school's front office PRIOR to volunteering for ANYTHING school related, including FLA events.***
- ***Although changes usually do not occur, events are not guaranteed and report times are subject to change***

NOTE: VERY soon we will all need to complete to Alcohol Certification for the stadium. Details will be shared with you soon regarding that as well.

B. NEW!! Corporate Sponsorships *Thank you Seth!*

The school year is starting so it's a great time to reach out to your employers and other companies you have connections with and ask them to help support our band program. Follow the parent instructions that were emailed to you today and posted to the HUB. Be sure to share the Sponsorship Information document with companies to let them know about how we will recognize their contributions.

Direct questions to Seth Krostich, the Sponsorship Coordinator at sponsorships@parkvistaband.com.

C. NEW!! Coupon Books are Back! PreSale starts now! *Thank you Lorraine!*

Please see the attached PDF for detailed info AND the order form. Additional coupon book order Forms are in the band room.

Overview: Books are \$25 each. Of that, \$11.25 will go into your performer's fair share account from Each book sold.

These books are amazing and most coupons are valid through the end of 2024.

The link for online sales is <https://www.sapaynow.com/182145>. Share with your friends and family that are out of state and out of county to see if one if offered in their area so you can get credit. NOTE: make sure they follow the prompts and notate the following for your performer to get credit.

NO books will be distributed to sample or prior to payment. Period. Sales end 10/12/23.

4) CHARMS Update *Thank you Ms. Murthy and Christine (and Jennifer)!*

As previously noted, we will be continuing to use Charms for this school year.

Veteran Parents:

Regarding the finances portion, you will find it has a different look. "Total Balances Due" reflects what Still needs to be paid based on what fees you have outstanding or due.

(If you have any overages that you would like use towards London. Please email Christine Finkel at treasurer@parkvistaband.com and/or Jennifer Rosado at jennifer.rosado@palmbeachschools.org. She will be working with her on the transfers and getting her adjusted to Charms.)

New Members:

New members have been inputted into the system and you should have received an email with login Instructions. We will help where needed so please email the treasurer and/or Jennifer Rosado if you Have not received a link.

5) Reminder: Forms Needed (if applicable) *Thank you Allison!*

MANY performers still have not turned in their required paperwork in order to participate entirely with And for the program. Allison will be emailing and/or calling each parent individually that has not had The chance to do these forms yet.

- a) Please turn in your handbook/financial form that also needs to be notarized ASAP.
- b) Please turn in the EL2 completed medical physical form ASAP
- c) Please turn in the medical authorization form(s) with accompanying physician authorizations for each prescription an over-the-counter medication ASAP!
- d) Please turn in the 5 field trip forms for games/competitions – due ASAP

NOTE: A Notary will be at the parent meeting tonight so if you need them notarized, you can have them done there.

6) Update: Raptor and VIPS – TEMPORARY ADJUSTMENT NOTICE

Thank you PVHS Admin via Ms. Murthy!

All volunteers can still register for VIPS until the system goes away.

BUT, once VIPS goes away and Raptor is still in the process of being set up, ALL volunteers, even if cleared through Raptor once, HAVE to be checked into Raptor every single event that occurs, until it is fully set up.

So, for example: If Robert is VIPS cleared, great. If Robert is Raptor cleared, Robert has to redo Raptor and check in for every single football game/event that he is chaperoning.

Again, this is ONLY until everything transitions over, but I suspect it will take some time and will affect the first portion of our season, so please make note and bear with the change/need. Thanks!

To follow-up, we will also be scheduling three dates for parents to come and register to volunteer. As soon as we have those dates, we will let you know.

On the Horizon – Head's Up – I would peruse

1) Volunteer/Donation Needs

Immerse yourself and become a part of a vital component of the band army. The parent meeting will provide you an opportunity to hear from each board member and committee members to help you Get a better idea as to what the band needs throughout the season/year. Opportunities such as Prop building, medic assistance/back-up, medic supplies, other donations, uniform measuring/alterations, concessions and more will be elaborated on.

2) Parent Hub *Thank you Eric, Adina, Amy and Seth!*

Check out the [Parent HUB](#) for all the information you might be looking for!!

3) UPDATES: Football Game #1!! And GoFan

Our first home football game is on 9/1. For new parents, we provide spirit with chants and show tunes In sync with the cheerleaders and the game at every home game and new to this year, some away games. There is specific attire, a call time (certain time to be in the band room for warm-ups, etc), girls may have to have their hair a certain way.

Tentative schedule (subject to change):

Performers will practice after school until 4:30pm

AT 4:30pm, performers will be fed from preordered/prepaid forms completed (forthcoming)

Call time will be 5:30pm

We will also need parent involvement, as there will be a request for chaperones and concession volunteers. This is yet another fundraiser our program does to raise band funds.

NOTE: If you are not able to chaperone and will be attending the football games, you may purchase your tickets using the GoFan app. We do NOT get in free to the games. The performers do, but we do not.

There are no cash sales. Download the GoFan app. Create your login/password. Select Park Vista High School. From there you can filter out different sports/events to purchase tickets. You will also need GoFan for concerts as well. The app is NOT current yet. Please be patient and keep checking in to purchase your tickets.

4) Post Football game Social *Thank you Lorraine!*

Every year, the kids get together after their first football game at a local establishment. Details are forthcoming, but wanted to give you a head's up.

5) Dine-To-Donates *Thank you Lorraine!*

Every year we work with local restaurants and schedule dine-to-donates. Essentially, we dine on a scheduled day and within a certain timeframe and the establishment donates a portion of the proceeds to our program. Every establishment works pretty much the same. They provide us with a "flyer" to share with friends/family/even strangers. Upon checking out, it must be mentioned that patrons are there in support of Park Vista Band OR a receipt will need to be dropped in a box. Very simple. We will inform you of what we have scheduled thus far so please mark you calendars and share with everyone when the info is provided. The more patrons we have in support of PVHS Band, the more \$\$ we make. ☺

6) Shakers *Thank you Lorraine!*

Request: We are accepting empty and clean, less than 20oz clear plastic bottle and 25 cents (to purchase supplies) for spirit shakers.

For those of you new to band, "Shakers" are "lovely", noisy things we shake at all football games and competitions to show our kids some love.

Collection box is in the band room.

Assembly date TBD.

Not Urgent – Just some FYI's

1) Scholarship Opportunity(ies): *Thank you Lorraine!*

a) The Lyric Foundation offers a scholarship for band students. If you are interested, please take the time to click on the link to obtain details and download the application.

www.LyricFoundationInc.org

Applications are due by September 30th this year.

Note: All fair share accounts must be current (paid up to date) to qualify (London does not count).

b) Here is a link for other scholarships for marching band students as well.

<https://scholarships360.org/scholarships/marching-band-scholarships/>

2) Health & Wellness: *Thank you Kaurie!*

Please see the attached article that talks about handling stress & anxiety.