

Los Gatos Christmas Parade

Great news! Our school's intermediate band has been invited to perform as a marching band in the Los Gatos Christmas Parade! The parade is a wonderful event and well-attended by thousands of spectators (20,000 last year!). The parade will take place on the morning of Saturday, December 3rd 2016 in downtown Los Gatos. Eleven Cupertino schools will combine to form the marching band! The schools involved will be: Blue Hills, Dilworth, Faria, Garden Gate, Lincoln, Montclair, Portal, Regnart, Stevens Creek, Stockmeir and West Valley! Note: This is a voluntary event and is not required of any band student. The following is important information for parents. Please keep this portion of this notice so that you may refer to it later.

When The morning of Saturday, December 3rd. Students will need to be available from 9:00am-1:00pm (approximate times)

Where The parade will take place in downtown Los Gatos. Students will meet at one of two schools (TBD later) on the morning of the parade and be transported by bus to the parade staging area. Parents will pick up their child after the parade near the end of the parade route.

Cost \$15.00 per child

REHEARSALS Students that want to perform in the parade will be required to attend 3 of the 4 marching band rehearsals. Students may attend all 4 rehearsals if they wish. The following are the 4 rehearsal times:

REHEARSAL SAT. NOV. 5TH 10:30AM-11:30AM (LOCATION TBD)

REHEARSAL SUN. NOV. 6TH 10:30AM-11:30AM (LOCATION TBD)

REHEARSAL SAT. NOV. 12TH 10:30AM-11:30AM (LOCATION TBD)

REHEARSAL SUN. NOV. 13TH 10:30AM-11:30AM (LOCATION TBD)

You may want to bring rain gear to the rehearsals, as the weather may not be cooperating.

THINGS TO PREPARE FOR THE PARADE

PARADE UNIFORM Students are responsible to obtain their own uniform. In an attempt to create a uniform that is easy to put together at a low cost, the following has been chosen

1) BLUE JEANS

2) PLAIN WHITE TOP (Any kind ie: sweater, button-up shirt, white jacket, etc.)

Tip: The morning of the parade will be cold. We suggest having your child wear a sweater or shirt underneath their white outer top. This will help to keep them warm.

3) TENNIS SHOES

Although it's not required, kids and chaperones may wear festive headgear (Santa Hats, Reindeer Antlers, etc.)

DRUM HARNESS Drummers will need to make a harness for their snare drum so that they can play while marching. The harnesses may be simple and made from rope, backpack straps, etc. **TIP:** Some parents have used foam rubber to make the strap a bit more comfortable.

CELL PHONES We would like each child to have a cell phone with them on the parade day. We will also need the parent responsible for picking up their child to have a cell phone on their person throughout the parade. It is imperative that we be able to contact you if needed. Please provide both cell phone numbers on the permission slip.

CHAPERONES We could use some help from a few band parents on the day of the parade. If you would like to be considered for this responsibility, please mark the chaperone area on the permission slip on the next page. Chaperones would be needed from approx. 10:30am-1:30pm on Saturday, Dec. 3rd and we will contact you by email if we decide to use you.

PICKING UP YOUR CHILD FROM THE PARADE

You will be given a map to the pick up area, which will be located at the end of the parade. **PLEASE** be ready to pick up your child at approximately 1:00pm. Understand, that parents will need to park outside of the immediate parade area and walk to the pick up area. In the past we have waited over an hour with students for their parents to pick them up. Please help us out by being on time.

LOS GATOS CHRISTMAS PARADE PERMISSION SLIP

(Please fill out the permission slip on the following page, attach a check for \$15.00 (payable to Music in Schools Today) and return to your **band teacher** no later than October 28th)

By signing below, I am stating that I am allowing my son/daughter to attend this voluntary field trip and have deemed to waive all liability claims against Keith Pennings, S'cool Spirit and Active Learning in the Arts. Also, I understand that this field trip is not sponsored by or associated with Blue Hills, Dilworth, Faria, Garden Gate, Lincoln, Montclair, Portal, Regnart, Stevens Creek, Stocklmeir or West Valley Elementary Schools or the Cupertino Union School District.

Student's Name _____

School Name _____

Cell Phone **that STUDENT will carry during the parade**
(_____) _____

Cell Phone **of PARENT responsible for picking up student after the parade.**
(_____) _____

MEDICAL RELEASE

Should it be necessary for my child to have medical treatment while participating in this activity, I hereby give the S'cool Spirit personnel permission to use their judgment in obtaining medical service for my child and give permission to the physician selected by S'cool Spirit personnel to render medical treatment deemed necessary and appropriate by the physician.

Health Insurance Co. _____ Policy # _____

Allergies? _____

Parent's
Signature _____ Date _____

CHAPERONES

_____ Yes, I would like to be considered as a chaperone on the day of the Parade. I understand that I would be needed from 9:00am-1:30pm on Saturday, December 3rd.