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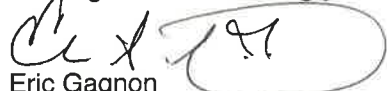
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Dear 8th Grade Musicians,

I would like to personally invite you to join the Clipper Band at our final regular season home football game on Friday, October 31st, 2014. In the next few months, you will be making some very important decisions about your schedule for your first year in High School. One of your decisions will be whether or not to continue with your band experience. When making such a big decision, it is important to have a clear understanding of all the facts. By accepting this invitation, you will get to experience first-hand being an honorary Clipper Band member for an evening. You will get to participate in a brief rehearsal alongside the high school students and learn some simple, yet fun stands music. After rehearsal, you will be treated to a pizza party by the high school band. You will get to meet and make many new friends and hear some wonderful band stories from the season. This will be a great opportunity to have any of your band-related questions answered. Following dinner, you will line-up with the members of the band and march down to the stadium for the start of the game. While at the game, you will get to experience the excitement of performing in the stands and cheering for the PHS Clipper football team. At halftime, you will get to watch the final halftime performance of the Clipper Marching Band's award winning fall production, "Firebird." The highlight of the second half is when the whole band performs "Get Down!" Start practicing those wild and crazy dance moves.

I have provided your band director with copies of stands music along with an itinerary for the afternoon/evening. Please try to look at and practice the music before hand. That will make your overall experience less stressful and more enjoyable. As the game takes place during the last week of October in the evening, you should dress appropriately (warm clothes & layers). You can even bring a blanket to keep warm. I would ask that you RSVP online at clipperband.org between Wednesday October 1st and Friday 10/17. There will be an online sign-up form where you can provide your name, contact information, school & instrument if you plan on attending. That will help us to be better prepared for you.

Looking forward to having you on board for a night of music and fun,



Eric Gagnon
Portsmouth HS Band Director

Please feel free to contact me via email with any questions. (esgagnon@me.com)

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