

Glossary of Terms

VCU Spirit Walk-This event is put on by the admissions of VCU to welcome incoming freshmen to the campus in a pep rally kick off. Our band is invited to perform to add to the festivities.

Spirit Walk-Usually every Friday during the football season, the marching Cavs parade down the hall to increase the spirit for that night's game. Leading up to homecoming the students wear different colors to coordinate with the entire student body. Those colors are announced in the mornings and can be found on the school web site under daily announcements.

Spirit Bags-each section assigns a student to make spirit bags to be given out for their section for football games and events. Your student will only have to get the # of bags equal to the # of students in his/her section. What goes in them? Candy, noise makers, candy, bubbles, candy, basically anything you would put in a birthday goodie bag for a child's party. PS did I mention candy?

Report Time-that is the time for students to arrive at an event. For example if the report time is 6 then the real arrival time is 5:45. The students are taught to come earlier than the report time to actually be ready at the report time. Basically, "early is on time, on time is late and late is early for the next day". It's actually a great skill to have in life ☺

Competitions:

Bluestone- Our Marching Cavs compete against other bands in the same class (determined by size) and trophies are given.

Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association's (**VBODA**) State Marching and Concert Band Assessments-we are assessed by a panel of judges to achieve a rating of superior, excellent, good, fair and poor.

Honor Band-Awarded by the VBODA is achieved when both the Marching Cavs and the concert band achieve superior ratings in the same academic year.

8th Grade night-this is a very fun night for upcoming 9th graders to get a hands on feel for the Marching Cavs to see if it may be a fit for them. It is also a time for our current 9th graders to remember how far they have come. Our students rally around the 8th graders to make them feel welcome and included. Extra spirit bags are given to them as well. They also receive a band T-shirt.

Senior Night – A night of special recognition of seniors during the last home football game. Each senior is escorted by parents/guardians and presented with a rose. Bring a camera and tissues.