



The Clover Hill High School Marching Cavaliers are one of the most spirited and admired student organizations on campus. Each year, the Marching Cavaliers perform in front of thousands of people. Members make friends, play popular music, become an important part of the community, compete in the exciting world of marching band, and get involved in the student life of **one of America's Best High Schools** as proclaimed by Newsweek Magazine.

After rising to the top of the middle school world, one of the most difficult parts of the transition to high school is the feeling of starting over. Suddenly, you're on the bottom rung again. You're in an unfamiliar building, and everyone is older than you.

By joining a group like the Marching Cavaliers, you get to know sophomores, juniors, and seniors. At the beginning of the school year, after attending summer band camp, you're no longer "just a freshman." You're in the band. You already have lots of friends that you can eat lunch with, say "hi" to in the halls, and sit with in class. Band is as much a social group as it is a musical group.

Friday night is football night in high school. Nothing matches the excitement of thousands of people coming together to cheer on our team. The band, the color guard, the cheerleaders, the opposing team... The atmosphere is infectious. It's the social event of the week. Members of the Marching Band get into the game for free and get to be a vital part of that atmosphere.

The Clover Hill High School Band program has been designated 5 times as a Commonwealth of **Virginia Honor Band**. As a part of The Clover Hill High School Marching Band, you'll get to travel to tons of fun places to perform. *"The Marching Cavaliers,"* have performed in Toronto, Canada; three times at Rawson Square in Nassau, Bahamas; Paris, France; twice in London England; four times in Disney World; in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin, Ireland; in New Orleans, Louisiana where they presented the Chalmette High School Band (located in St Bernard Parish which was completely devastated by Hurricane Katrina) a donation of \$1,500.00 to help the band recover from the catastrophe and in the New York City Veterans Day Parade. Our band program has received commendations for exceptional accomplishments and superior musicianship from the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors and the Commonwealth of Virginia's General Assembly. The Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia has formally recognized the Clover Hill High School Band Program. In his message the governor stated, *"The outstanding musical ability and dedication of this band has brought them a richly earned international reputation for excellence."*

As fantastic as the Marching Cavaliers are, all ten high school bands in Chesterfield County are great. We have some of the best bands in the state, and no matter where you go, you'll get some of the same benefits that you would get at Clover Hill. Even if you are attending another school, I highly recommend that you join the band. If you have questions about any of the Chesterfield Bands, contact your director using the information below:

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All of these directors would be happy to talk to you about their respective programs. Please contact the director at your high school with specific questions about your high school band program. If you have any questions about high school band in general, I'd be happy to help you in any way that I can.

Steven Conley
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Clover Hill High School