



December 11, 2015

Dear Blaine/Hamilton/McClure/Salmon Bay and Whitman 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Students:

I would like to invite you to the **10th Annual Pizza and Pep Band Night** at Ballard High School! Come join the BHS Pep Band as we play for a Varsity Boys Basketball Game! Our band is one of the most spirited bands around and I know you will have a blast in playing your instrument with us.

This will also be a challenging musical opportunity for you! You will be sight-reading some pep band music and learning how to quickly prepare for a performance. You can experience what it might be like to be in high school and to play with the band.

If you have never played much pep music before, don't worry about it. There are many tunes you will know or will have heard before. I am sure you can pick up the notes fairly quickly. Some tunes are harder or have higher ranges than others but overall you should be able to play most of the songs with us. My current band students will be there to help you as we all play the music together.

The Ballard Music Boosters will also be providing **free pizza and drinks** for any student who comes! We will eat pizza following a short music rehearsal and then head into the gym for the game.

The date for "Pizza and Pep Band Night" is **Tuesday, January 5th**. Rehearsal will begin at 5:30pm, Pizza will be served around 6:30pm and game time is at 7:30pm. The game will last until approximately 9:00pm. If you need to leave before the game gets over, that is fine. It will be a lot of fun and you won't want to miss out!

The Ballard Bands have a long-standing tradition of excellence and you will definitely enjoy being part of the band for the night! **Please email me at [mijames@seattleschools.org](mailto:mijames@seattleschools.org) or call my office phone at (206) 252-1034 and leave a message and let me know your name, school and instrument so that I can plan to have the music and pizza ready for you. I need to know by this Friday, December 18th if you plan on attending.**

Thank You and I hope to hear from you soon!

Mr. Michael James, Ballard High School Band Director