

2012 Band Parent's Notes

Band's Typical Game-Day Schedule (Assuming 3:30 pm kick-off)	
TIME	ACTIVITY
7:30 am	Buses depart Amherst for Foxboro
10:30 am – 1 pm	Rehearsal at Gillette Stadium
1 pm – 2 pm	Lunch/downtime/get into uniforms, at the buses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>This is a potential (very limited) time to visit with your bandos!</i>
2 pm – 3 pm	Band separates into four “mini-bands”, go to parking lots/various venues to perform for UMass fans
3 pm	Band enters Gillette Stadium – pre-game show
3 rd quarter	Pep band appears in different areas of stadium, including club level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snack provided to band in the stands during 3rd quarter...
7 pm-ish	Post-game 5 th Quarter Show
8 pm	Dinner distributed to band outside Gillette; change out of uniform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>This is the <u>best</u> time to meet your Bandos and give them anything to take back to campus</i>
8:30-ish	Buses depart for Amherst
11 pm	Buses arrive at Amherst, put everything away in GNiP

Stadium Seating

- Gillette:
 - Band sits in Section 113. Parents and family members can sit in Lower Level Section 112, or above in Club Level Section CL12 (at extra cost).
 - Park in the VIP lot by joining the Minuteman Club.
- First Game/Performance at UConn, Rentschler Field, East Hartford, CT; 7:30 pm kick-off.
 - Band will arrive around 6 pm, and will be seated in Section 135.
 - Tickets: contact UMass Athletics
1-866-UMASS-TIX ... 1-866-862-7784

UMass football season ticket update

The Athletic Department said band parents can purchase season tickets in Club Level section CL12 which is above the band and down toward the goal line. You can purchase tickets through UMass Tix or Ticketmaster, but they each sell different rows. UMass Tix sells rows 8-19 and Ticketmaster sells the rest of the rows (the section goes up to row 22). If you want to sit near specific people she said you should all buy through the same place. Buying through UMass will probably give you a lower service charge, too. UMass Tix charges only \$10 per order regardless of how many season tickets you buy. Identify yourself as a band parent if you want to be in CL12. Seats are assigned and your seat location should be guaranteed for 5 years. That will cover you even if you end up having a "Super Duper Senior". The cost of a club level season ticket is \$195 (lower level season tickets cost \$130). This gets you into all 5 games at Gillette (including Band Day and "Homecoming") and includes a \$25 tax deductible donation to the UMass Athletic scholarship program <not for bandos:(>. If you want to sit next to specific people and they want to sit near you, you should write each other's name and account number (if you had season

tickets at McGuirk) on your order form or tell them when you call. If you buy 4 or more season ticket packages you get a free VIP parking pass. There is plenty of free parking if you don't get a VIP pass. There is a good chance that single game Club Level seats will eventually be released. That will give people from faraway places a chance to sit near other band parents when they can make it to a game. That is not guaranteed and prices could vary by quality of the opponent. If the program grows as hoped and season ticket sales increase, the single game tickets could go away. I don't think that will happen this year, but buying season tickets this year will get you into the Club Section going forward. You can also opt to purchase seats in Lower Level Section 112 next to the band (seated in Section 113). Make sure you indicate that you want to be near the band if that is where you want to sit. The UMass Athletic ticket office staff is very helpful. Please call them at 1-866-UMASS-TIX (1-800-862-7784) if you have any questions. Double check with them to verify the accuracy of this information

Event Schedule

- August 30th: @UCONN, 7:30 pm kick-off
- Sept. 8th: “Home” game vs. Indiana, 3:30 pm kick-off
- Sept. 29th: “Home” game vs. Ohio, 3:30 pm kick-off
 - Following game, band leaves for over-night stay at Port Chester High School, Port Chester, NY
- Sept. 30th: Collegiate Marching Band Festival, Allentown, PA
- Oct. 20th: “Home” game vs. Bowling Green, 12 pm kick-off
 - Following game, band travels to Vernon, CT
 - Exhibition performance, Rockville High School, 9:15 pm
- Oct. 26th: Multibands performance, Fine Arts Center (FAC)
- Oct. 27th: [Homecoming activities on campus](#), later afternoon/early evening.
- Oct. 28th: MICCA performance, Lowell, MA. **7th Annual Burger Burn!**
- Nov. 17th: Band Day (at Gillette), “Home” game vs. Buffalo; kick-off time TBA.
- Nov. 23rd: “Home” game vs. Central Michigan, kick-off not listed.
 - If you live in Eastern MA, student meets band at Gillette.
 - Students from south, buses will pick up beginning at Vince Lombardi services area and bring students to Gillette.
 - Not clear yet what will happen after the game.
 - If you live in the Eastern part of the state, students can go home.
 - A couple buses will go back to Amherst.
 - Not sure if students coming from the south will be able to have a bus take them back home, or will they go to Amherst and spend Friday and Saturday night there.
 - Dorms re-open Sunday morning.
- Nov. 30th: Merry Maple Parade and Holiday Concert, Amherst Town Common, step off from FAC @ 4:40 PM

*NOTE: The schedule above is NOT final. There are likely to be changes...

Homecoming

Homecoming football game will be Saturday, Oct. 20th, at Gillette.

Multibands concert will be Friday, Oct. 26th, FAC, 8:00 PM

Saturday, Oct. 27th: [Homecoming parade and other activities on campus.](#)

Sunday, Oct. 28th: MICCA performance in Lowell (*not part of Homecoming*)

Collegiate Marching Band Festival (CMBF) Information

Save on money by buying Allentown tickets in advance! \$15 in advance, \$20 at the gate. Discount tix are available for groups of 20 or more. *Group tix coordinator needed!!*

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Band Parent Merchandise

On-line order forms are available on the P&C website, Parents Only page.

Contact Ed Weigel (mredweigel@msn.com) for more information