

Sent: Sunday, September 20, 2009 10:17 PM
Subject: Band Broadcast for the Week of September 20th

Dear band community,

I am very proud of your performance on Friday night. It had some great moments and it proved to the audience and to ourselves that the show is going to be great once it is in its final polished stages. I know that we all know where the imperfections were, but be sure to also focus on the positives. I am very pleased with where we are and I look forward to continuing to clean this week in preparation for our first competition *this Saturday*. Let's have a great and productive week!

You can see a video of our halftime performance from Friday at <http://vimeo.com/6651856>. The password is "regiment." It will be playing in the band room before school each day this week.

As a reminder, here is a weekend schedule through October:

Saturday, September 26 Panther Creek comp *see FINAL schedule below

Friday, October 2 Home football (Homecoming/Alumni Night)

Saturday, October 3 Wakefield comp *see tentative schedule below

Saturday, October 10 West Johnston comp (schedule should be similar to Panther Creek)

Friday, October 16 Home football

Saturday, October 24 Sanderson comp (schedule should be similar to Wakefield)

Friday, October 30 Home football (Senior night) *IMPORTANT: see below

Saturday, October 31 Havelock comp (see notes below)

Wednesday's Study Hall : The following students have told me that they will be attending the study hall this Wednesday from 2:10-3:10 in the Commons. If you plan to stay on campus and are not on this list, you must email Mr. Myers *no later than noon on Monday* to let him know.

<< *The names were removed from this document before posting it; see e-mail for details.* >>

* = every Wednesday unless I am told otherwise.

Cary YMCA Event, October 8: We have been asked to send a few people to the Cary YMCA to perform for a "Kick-Off Night" for their volunteers beginning a campaign to drum up interest in their community outreach program. Here is some information about the program:

The Cary YMCA is currently able to offer opportunities for underprivileged youth and teens in our communities to attend programs, including tutoring, after-school and summer camp programs, and leaders' club. The majority of these programs are offered at no cost to the participant. In order to make this possible we hold a campaign every year to ask the community to give of its resources. Volunteers from all walks of life participate and support these programs financially.

Every year we hold a "Kick-Off" Night for all the volunteers to really get everyone pumped up for our one-month campaign. They would like for us to play from 6:15-6:30. They want to hear the fight song and anything else we would like to play. I will ask for volunteers during practice.

Panther Creek Competition, September 26: *This is the final schedule. Note that our performance time is now at 8:36pm.*

*Note that students will need transportation to GH for practice, and to Panther Creek at 5pm.

12-3pm Rehearse at GHHS--Students should eat lunch before they come. Rehearsal will be on stadium field unless there is heavy rain on days preceding. Students will need transportation from GHHS at 3pm and to Panther Creek HS at 5pm.

5pm Meet at Panther Creek HS (an exact meeting place on their campus will be announced later).

Students should carpool if possible due to limited parking. Students should eat something substantial before arriving, as we will not have time for another full meal until after our performance (snacks will be available, and students may have a little time to visit concessions for a snack). We will watch a few bands in the stadium.

6:30pm Dress, warm-up

8:36pm Performance. We are the last band to perform before Panther Creek performs in exhibition. We will move to the end zone (in uniform) for the exhibition performance and awards. Students will be dismissed from PCHS after they dress out of uniform after awards (approximately 10:00pm). We will need members from the percussion section and the leadership team to go back to GHHS to help unload the truck.

Because this is such a close competition, we are hoping to "Paint the stadium Maroon and Green" with Green Hope parents and supporters. Please come out and watch!

Home Football Game, Homecoming, Friday, October 2 : We will NOT perform our pregame show as normal, since the US Navy Seals will be parachuting on the field before the game and no one is allowed to be on the field during that time. We will play the National Anthem and Fight Song from the track. Everything else is as normal.

As a reminder, here is our schedule:

4:00 Practice

5:00 Dinner

6:00 Dress

6:45 Warm-up

7:20 Pregame show

~8:30 Halftime

~10:00 Game ends, students are dismissed as a group to change

Be sure to remember your committee before you leave campus.

Wakefield Competition, October 3: *Please note that the schedule below is tentative.*

8:00 Rehearsal in Stadium

10:00 Load truck, *dress into uniform*, meet in band room (Students should NOT leave campus)

10:45 Depart GHHS

***Bag lunch on bus (bring your own lunch)**

11:20 Move to stadium to watch Cary HS perform (in uniform)

11:45 Move to warm-up

1:00 **Prelims Performance**

***After our performance, snacks will be available.**

5:00 Prelim awards

***Dinner (provided)**

*If we make it into Finals, the finals performances will begin at 8:00pm. Our schedule for the rest of the evening will depend on our placement in the schedule. If we do not make it into finals, we will still stay to watch the finals performances.

10:30 Finals Awards

~12:30 Return to GHHS, unload truck

Havelock Competition, October 31 : This will be an extremely long day (leaving early morning and arriving back home well after midnight), since it is our farthest competition during the regular season. We will most likely not practice on Saturday before leaving, and we won't be able to practice on the Thursday prior to the competition because of the Fall concert. Thus, we will practice on Friday, October 30 before the football game (Senior Night) that night. This is also a teacher workday.

At 11:30 on Friday, October 30, we will be participating in the Corn Maze at Phillips Farms on Green Hope Church Road in Morrisville. The cost is covered by your fair share, so we hope you will participate (although it is not required). For every student that goes, \$1 goes to the Kay Yow Cancer Research Foundation. The corn maze is a 2-stage maze and involves trivia questions at stages throughout that guide you through to the exit.

Here is the preliminary schedule:

Friday, October 30 (Senior Night)

11:30-1 Corn Maze

2-5 Practice

5:00 Dinner
6:00 Dress
~6:45 Seniors move to stadium, band warms up
~7:20 Pre-game show begins (seniors join band on field)

Competitions: Students may take the SAT on October 10 (West Johnston competition). We had originally scheduled an overnight competition that weekend but changed it when the SAT dates were released. *The West Johnston schedule will probably be similar to the Panther Creek schedule, while the Sanderson schedule will probably be similar to the Wakefield schedule. Final schedules will be distributed as soon as I receive the schedule from the site host.*

Please be sure that you have reserved the entire day on your personal calendar for competitions. Don't assume that we will report after a certain time, or that we will dismiss by a certain time. Often, we are not given the schedule for competitions until within two weeks before the competition. I will distribute the competition schedule as soon as possible, but often it is not until the Broadcast on the Sunday before a Saturday competition. Thank you for your understanding of this matter. Most competition days will begin with a rehearsal before going to the competition site. Buses will transport the entire band to competition sites, except Panther Creek.

Bus Policy: Students are required to ride the bus to competitions and are expected to ride back on the bus so that they can complete their committee responsibilities upon return to school. If a parent wishes to take a child back with them, a note must be submitted to Mr. Myers prior to departure. Only a student's parent/guardian can transport his/her own student.

Rehearsal schedule post-season: Rehearsals are generally on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15-5:00 in November and December. A full schedule was distributed before registration. *It is now available on the website.* Please be sure to put all dates on your personal calendar. As always, attendance is expected at all rehearsals and performances.

Schedule Change : Please note that the Raleigh Christmas parade is now on November 21, not the date that was originally on the band calendar.

This week: We will be changing the beginning of the show a bit, which will affect the way we enter the field and adding voiceovers. We will be adding a few visuals, and cleaning music and drill throughout the show. This is our last week of rehearsals before competition season begins, so let's make it count!

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Chaperones Needed For All Marching Band Competitions

Panther Creek Sept. 26
Wakefield Oct. 3

West Johnston Oct. 10
Sanderson Oct. 24
Havelock Oct. 31

Come join us for a competition. As a chaperone you get in free, you get to watch our kids perform and we feed you - What more could you want!
If you have any questions about the true commitment of a chaperone please contact Carolyn Bishop 303-4460 cbbishop@mindspring.com

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SNACKS NEEDED

We need "Hands Clean" snacks i.e. pretzels, teddy grahams, etc. for all competitions.

COOKIE DOUGH and BUTTER BRAID PICK UP WEDNESDAY AFTER PRACTICE
Please plan to pick up your Cookie Dough and Butter Braids Wednesday after practice.