

Dear band community,

“Nice musical concepts!” “Strong program!” “Excellent (Audio/Visual Blend)!” “Well done (coordination/staging)” “Front ensemble technique is very nice” “Great woodwinds”

These are all from the judges’ sheets from Saturday. I am EXTREMELY pleased with our performance and our progress thus far. We have a fantastic show that deserves all of our best efforts to pull it off to the best of our ability. I believe we are well on our way to an outstanding season. We have many more successes ahead of us!

Remember that the feeling you have when you leave the field should determine how our show went—NOT what happens after awards. If we are always working to put the best product that we can put on the field, then we are in competition only with ourselves. The performance of others should never determine how we feel about our own performance. I have never been more proud to be a part of the Green Hope Band program, and I am proud and honored to share that experience with all of you. Keep up the good work! Enjoy your day off from school on Monday, and I will see you all at practice on Tuesday.

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

Friday, October 2 Home football (Homecoming/Alumni Night)
Saturday, October 3 Wakefield comp *see FINAL schedule below. It has changed drastically. We are now meeting at 9am and we are **not** rehearsing before we leave.
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. Also, if you are on this list and shouldn't be, email Mr. Myers as well.

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

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 responsibilities before you leave campus.

Wakefield Competition, October 3: *Please note that the schedule below has changed. You can consider this the final schedule. Any changes will be announced at practice. If drastic changes are made, a mass email will be sent.*

9:00 Report time for students

9:30 Depart on bus

10:15 Arrive at Wakefield

Students are to BRING THEIR OWN LUNCH AND/OR SNACK

They will be encouraged to either eat on the bus and/or after our 1pm prelims performance. They will also be allowed to visit the concession stands but NOT have hot dog or hamburgers which will be served for dinner.

10:45 Dress

11:20 Move to stands to watch Cary High School

11:45 Move to warm-up

1:00pm Prelims performance

1:30 Undress

2:00 -5:00 Time for concessions, food, in stands watching other bands

5:00 Prelims Awards

Leadership in retreat will need to be in uniform

6:00pm Dinner provided by band

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

10:30 Final awards

11:45 Depart for Green Hope

Snack will be provided for bus ride home

12:30am Arrival at Green Hope, unload buses and trucks

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 may be adding a few more visuals, and cleaning music and drill throughout the show. From here through the end of October, we will be receiving a lot of feedback each week at competitions, so do all you can to study the sheets and the tape dictations in the hallway to know what we can work on individually and as an ensemble.

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Final Marching Band Fair Share:

Just a reminder. The final Marching Band Fair Share payment of \$300 is due on

October 1. Please deposit a check for this amount into the green box at school.

Please include your student's name, and 'Fair Share' on the memo line.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me; bertww@yahoo.com
Thanks,

- Bert Weidle, treasurer

Quick Uniform Notes:

Thanks to all the students for getting their uniforms back to the racks last night. Uniform Moms have taken home all the uniforms and are drying them now.

Make sure that all gloves and socks are removed from your duffel bags and cleaned. Let's start each game/competition with dry and clean, gloves and socks.

Wipe your marching shoes clean with a damp towel after each game/competition.

If you forget to bring your gloves to a game/competition gloves are available from your uniform mom. It is a cost of \$3/pair

and if you do not have money at the time your student account will then be billed.

On Friday October 2nd at 3:00 we are in need of 2 more volunteers to help get the students ready for pictures. Please email

Sue Pevyhouse at spevyhouse@nc.rr.com if you can help.