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Official Newsletter for the WTHS Marching Band

October 19, 2009

Tuesday, October 20th - Rescheduled USSBA Yamaha Cup @ Giants Stadium

2:30 p.m. Pizza (provided by boosters) in the band room, change & load truck
4:00 p.m. Depart for Giants Stadium
6:15 p.m. Arrive at Giants Stadium, bathrooms & warm-up
9:02 p.m. Performance
9:15 p.m. Change out of uniform (Raincoats) & Dinner (provided by boosters)
10:00 p.m. Return to stadium, watch other bands
11:30 p.m. Awards
1:30 a.m. Apx. Return to TWP & dismiss*

* Due to the late approximate return time – students are permitted to sign into school at 10:05 without penalty.

Thursday, October 22nd: 8th Grade Open House Gig

6:30 p.m.- Report & Dress in full uniform (Wind Ensemble members will get specific instructions in class about their report time and changing schedule)
7:00 p.m.- Warm-ups in band room
7:30 p.m.- Move to TDBAC & Perform
8:00 p.m.- March to the field for run throughs
8:45 p.m.- Return to band room & change
9:15 p.m.- Dismiss

Friday, October 23rd

We are not participating in the football game this evening, so enjoy the night off

Saturday, October 24th - Enjoy the day off!

Sunday, October 25th - USSBA NJ State Championships @ WTHS

4:30 p.m.- Report and change into Uniform
5:00 p.m.- Warm-up begins in the core parking lot
7:08 p.m.- PERFORMANCE – 2009 NJ STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
7:45 p.m.- Return to the band room, change & dismiss*

**Due to the logistics of running an event of this caliber, students will be dismissed and will not be required to stay for awards. We do of course encourage you to stay but we will not be formally going to awards as a group. If you stay, please honor WTHS and the other bands with the same dignity and respect they deserve as if we were attending as a team. Drum Majors and Colorguard Captains will still participate in the awards ceremony in full uniform and will work with Mr. C. to coordinate changing time.*

9:00 p.m.- Awards

Directions to Giants Stadium

- NJ Turnpike North to Exit 16W (Western Spur)
- Follow signs off of the exit directly into the stadium
- Park in Lot 5 and enter the stadium at Gate "A"

We still have tickets on sale for this event. Please see Mrs. Schoch for details.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR SUNDAY!

Hopefully most of our parents will be able to help out on Sunday. The more the merrier and the more profit we can make for the band. We need people to man the concession stand, tickets, programs, merchandise, DVDs, air-grams, etc. We do get a percentage for each area that we help in. Please note the Parent Volunteer AM shift is from 11:45-4 p.m. and the afternoon shift is from 4-9 p.m. Front gate parents for the AM shift please arrive at 10:45 a.m. Please contact Fran Palo or Margie Chorzelewski for more information and to volunteer! "It takes a whole village..."

State Championship Additional Info

Parking: Students who drive and parents who drop off students will NOT be allowed to drop off by the band room as usual due to the show. Student parking and drop off will be at the 11/12 auditorium and students will need to walk from there to the band room.

Parents: If you are not helping out with the boosters on Sunday, you will need a ticket to get into State Championships. They are on sale through Mrs. Schoch before or after rehearsals this week for \$12.00. That is cheaper than what they will be at the gate.

Everyone: Please see the letter from the band boosters (attached) regarding baked goods for the Championships this weekend. We need everyone to contribute!

Seniors: Sign-ups for band hosts will take place on Tuesday before we leave for Giants Stadium.

Underclassmen: There are no "jobs" associated with hosting state championships. Our focus should be on performing our show to the best of our ability, hence the schedule above. However, we could use help with set-up and clean-up. We would appreciate if you could pitch in wherever you can. Also, note that the band room is NOT A PLACE TO "HANG-OUT". Watch the show!

Dallas Update

Next payment of \$250.00 is due Tuesday, 10/20.

Students- Tuesday afternoon during pizza, we will be having room sign-ups. There will be 4 students to every room with a few exceptions for the girls. Please figure that out by tomorrow afternoon so that we can get the sign-ups completed. We will also need you to indicate whether you want a Turkey or a Ham Boxed Lunch on the day of the parade on the same sign-up sheet.

Parents- Wednesday is the last day that we can take orders for Cotton Bowl game tickets. Please e-mail Mr. C. or Mrs. Schoch to confirm your ticket order.

Fundraising

-Broadway Pies, Cakes & Pizza fundraiser is still due on Tuesday, 10/20. Please be advised that this is a strict due date so that the product can be delivered in time for Thanksgiving.

Booster Fundraising Events

Here is a reminder about Cold Stone Creamery Night next Wednesday, Oct. 28th from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Volunteers are still needed for a few spots, but all are welcome to attend!

C's Final Thoughts:

Enjoy the last marching band competition ever at Giants Stadium and best of luck at States this coming Sunday!

-Mr. C.-