



Greece Marching Band

Greece Central School District - Greece, New York

The "Blue Knights" Express

September 7, 2011

The Director's Corner

Well the season has finally arrived! For some of us this will be their first competition experience, for others it will be the beginning of their final season. Either way it is time to put this show on the road.

We will be testing for memorization of music right up through show day. Remember that those who do not pass at least three segments of the show will have their mouthpieces pulled. This means that they will be asked not to play for the show but will still be marching. Everyone should continue working on their music, even those who have passed all segments for memorization.

Because some folks have joined late or have been severely struggling with portions of the show, they may be pulled from those segments. We will continue to teach and work with everyone but we want all of us to be comfortable with what they are doing before having them perform. We are committed to getting everyone into the show and performing at a high level. It will just take a little bit of time. Either way, every member is expected to rehearse and travel with the group. We are a team and will remain a team.

Our props are not complete so we will only have our backdrops, no staircases. This is not uncommon, we have done this before. The East Irondequoit show is early in the season and it is tough to get all these items done. We have two weeks before our next competition and we should be able to get these items competition ready by then.

For rehearsal on Saturday, members will need to bring a bag lunch, lots of water and some snacks. This will be a long day and you will need to remain hydrated and fed. You should have everything you need to perform when you arrive at rehearsal, we will be boarding the buses right after the meal break. Members should also have a few dollars spending money for food at the show, \$10 tends to work well.

We have worked very hard to get to this point and even without the special items the show should be received well. Now we just need to perform our best and keep working.

Rehearsals left before Performance

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(East Irondequoit Competition)

What's the plan?

Saturday's Schedule:

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| Member Council Reports: | 9:45 |
| Member Council Meeting: | 10:00-10:45 |
| Members Report: EAT BREAKFAST! | 10:30 |
| Rehearsal: BRING WATER AND SNACKS! | 11:00-3:00 |
| Meal Break: BAG LUNCH! | 3:00-5:00 |
| Bus to Show Site | 5:00-5:20 |
| Show Begins: | 7:00 |
| Greece performance: | 7:15 |
| Show Ends: | 9:30 |
| Bus back to Arcadia | 9:45-10:00 |

- Rehearsal is mandatory in order to perform.
- If you are going to be late, email Mr. Schreib ASAP

Busing:

- We will be using 2 buses, 32 members on each
- There will be a bus sign up at lunch after rehearsal
- Seating will be Boy/Boy, Girl/Girl - FULL TIME
- Members must return on the same bus
- Members not riding the bus home can only do so if a written note from a parent is provided. We are responsible for you and need documentation where you are.

Uniforms/Helmets:

- We will be fitting for helmets on Saturday
- These will be in the shako cabinet for the show
- **REMEMBER YOUR BLACK SOCKS!!!**
- Remember to wear your show shirt and shorts so you can change on the buses. Girls will go first, then boys.

Show Site/Directions:

- East Irondequoit High School
 - 2350 East Ridge Road, Rochester, NY 14622
- Parking will be limited on the campus, arrive early
- 390 South to 104 East, 104 East is East Ridge Road.

Important stuff to know

- ◆ **The Show:** We have not received any advance tickets to the show. Tickets at the door should be \$6.
- ◆ **Uniforms:** Uniforms should be fitted, hemmed, cleaned and pressed at this point. If anyone is missing anything with their uniform let us know ASAP.
- ◆ **Helmets:** We will be finishing the process of getting everyone helmets on Thursday and Saturday.
- ◆ **Volunteers:** We will need help loading the truck, unloading and reloading the truck at the show and also unloading when we return. We will need help with the props on the field. See Jaclyn Barron or email Mr. Schreib if you wish to help out.
- ◆ **Financial Commitment Report:** The latest report on individual accounts was distributed last week. New fundraising information was handed out this past Tuesday. Members need to stay busy to chip away at the commitment before they are required to pay the balance.
- ◆ **Dues:** Nearly half the group still owes a portion or all of their dues. We need this money to cover fall costs like rehearsal lights, the equipment truck, busing, and even building time on Saturdays. Please make the appropriate payments as soon as possible. Thanks.
- ◆ **Final Financials:** The financial deadline is October 22nd. Any member with an outstanding balance at that time will not be allowed to perform at the Webster competition. Before the deadline we will be working through our contributions, fundraising and costs to provide the best fair final balance. If we can lower the cost while still covering all the costs, we will.
- ◆ **Props:** We will be painting the props all next week during the evening rehearsals. If you wish to help out, email Mr. Schreib or Jaclyn Barron.
- ◆ If you have questions of any kind at any time, email Mr. Schreib at grecemarchingband@hotmail.com.

**REMEMBER:
SMILE, WE LOVE THIS STUFF!!!**

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Weekly Schedule

Saturday, September 10th

Rehearsal at Arcadia: 11:00 – 3:00
East Irondequoit Competition: starts 7:00

Tuesday, September 13th

Rehearsal at Arcadia: 6:15 – 9:00

Thursday, September 15th

Rehearsal at Arcadia: 6:15 – 9:00

Saturday, September 17th

Rehearsal at Arcadia: 11:00 – 3:00

Upcoming Calendar

Saturday, September 10th Competition: East Irondequoit

Rehearsal: 11:00 - 3:00 Buses Leave: 5:00
Show Begins: 7:00 GMB Performs: 7:15

Saturday, September 17th Adjustment Rehearsal

Rehearsal: 11:00 - 3:00 at Arcadia

Saturday, September 24th Competition: Medina

Rehearsal: 10:00 - 2:00 Buses Leave: 4:00
Show Begins: 6:30 GMB Performs: 6:45

Saturday, October 1st Competition: Lancaster

Rehearsal: 10:00 - 2:00 Buses Leave: 3:30
Show Begins: 6:00 GMB Performs: 7:00

Saturday, October 8th OFF WEEKEND

Saturday, October 15th Competition: Victor

Rehearsal: 11:00 - 3:00 Buses Leave: 4:30
Show Begins: 7:00 GMB Performs: 7:13

Saturday, October 22nd Competition: Webster

Rehearsal: 10:00 - 2:00 Buses Leave: 3:45
Show Begins: 6:00 GMB Performs: 6:13

Saturday, October 29th Final Dome Rehearsal

Rehearsal: 10:00 - 2:00, Community Performance

Sunday, October 30th Syracuse Carrier Dome

Buses Leave: 7:00 am Rehearsal: 9:30-12:00
Show Begins: 12:35 GMB Performs: 2:39

Friday, November 4th GMB Banquet

Details TBA

Contact any Booster Board member via the website:
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