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Below are the schedule and details for our competition at **Park Vista HS on Saturday, November 7**.

Call time is 12:00 PM

WEAR to school:

White shirt and **Green/Black shorts** (rehearsal attire)

Hat/Sunglasses

Sunscreen!!!

BRING:

Water cooler for morning rehearsal

ALL items needed for your uniform in your garment bag as appropriate, including:

COMPRESSION WEAR/Undergarments
Jacket
Bibbers
Shako
Vipers/Performance shoes
All-black long socks
Color Guard costume
Whatever you need to do your show hair (and make up for Color Guard)

Healthy DINNER

NOTE that the Spirit of Jupiter is performing “up” a class and will be competing against Class 5A bands at this competition.

ATTENDING THE COMPETITION

For those who would like to attend, Park Vista High School is located at 7900 Jog Rd. in Lake Worth. Exit I-95 at Hypoluxo Road and go west. Turn left/south on Jog Road and continue almost one mile to Northtree Blvd. Turn left onto Northtree Blvd, and the spectator parking lot is on the right.

Adult tickets are $15.00 and student tickets are $12.00 with student ID. A parking donation of $3 will be requested.

We have no information at this time regarding the availability of "Happy Grams" at this competition. However, it is very likely that ONLY CASH will be accepted.

A full performance schedule (all bands) is attached. Note that UCF will be performing in exhibition at the end of the competition.

Students are expected to stay on the high school campus in the vicinity of the band at all times. Students should use the "buddy system" and have at least one other person with them at all times.

Students will be dismissed from the JHS band room ONLY **after the trucks and buses are fully unloaded and all section-assigned areas are picked up**. This should be a joint effort, and we will get this done quickly if everyone helps.

Please remember that while you are on this trip you are representing the band, the school, and the Town of Jupiter at ALL times (in AND out of uniform) and all school rules apply. Any violations of school rules or band handbook rules may result in loss of performance and will be dealt with when we get back to school.

WE NEED DONATIONS OF DRY SNACKS

We give the students individually wrapped snacks on the way home. Please drop your donations off in the band kitchen.

Park Vista Competition Schedule

November 7, 2015

1200pm – Call Time/Rehearsal

430pm – Dinner/Load equipment/Half uniform

600pm – Load Buses

615pm – Depart JHS

700pm – Arrive @ PVHS/Unload/Bathrooms/Visual warm-up

800pm – Warm up

845pm – Travel to gate

900pm – Gate time

915pm – PERFORM

1000pm – Retreat/Awards Ceremony

1100pm – Load buses/travel back to JHS

1145pm – Arrive at JHS/unload equipment

1200am – Dismiss

NO ONE IS DISMISSED UNTIL EVERYTHING IS UNLOADED

Competition FAQ

My child forgot their socks! What does he/she do?

Uniform Team members are available before competitions to sell extra socks. Students should always have an extra pair on hand.

Do students really need to wear the show shirt for the current year?

YES - After a competition performance, students will either wear the half uniform with show shirt over it or the show shirt and dark blue jeans (not shorts, not capris, not ripped or torn jeans, and only BLUE jeans). All band members must be uniform and wear the show shirt for the CURRENT YEAR.

What are Happy Grams?

Happy Grams can be purchased at most competitions. These are short messages read immediately prior to the band's performance as words of encouragement and praise for students. Prices are typically $3 each, cash only.

Who are retreat people?

At the end of every competition, there is a "retreat" or awards ceremony on the field. Each band sends student representatives to accept awards. The rest of the band remains in the stands. The retreat people always include the drum majors, and sometimes include others, usually Color Guard captains and seniors in leadership. The exception to this is the FMBC Finals in the Tropicana Dome; the entire band goes on the field for that retreat.

Do competitions generally run on time or do they run late?

The schedule is usually very accurate. They have breaks in between groups of bands so they can catch up on time if they need to, but the shows typically run like clockwork. The band may sometimes be delayed on the return trip home due to loading of equipment, unexpected traffic, etc. Mr. Larkin will send a Remind 101 text with an approximate arrival time to JHS. Students are not dismissed until all equipment has been unloaded and put away.

When do students eat dinner?

Students typically eat dinner after the competition performance. Students return to the buses to change clothes, then we enter the stadium as a group to find seating, then they are dismissed to purchase food from concessions. Water is provided prior to the performance and immediately after. Water and snacks are also provided for the bus ride home. **DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

What is FMBC?

FMBC is the Florida Marching Band Coalition, an organization that was founded to provide the means for a consistent and educationally based evaluation system for marching band performance. Jupiter HS participates in FMBC regional events to prepare for FMBC Semi-Finals held each year in November in the Tampa area.

For more information about FMBC, including event schedules and recaps, contest rules and regulations, and FMBC newsletters, visit http://www.floridabandtournament.com,