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Below are the schedule and details for our competition at **Flanagan HS on Saturday, October 1.**

**Call time is 9:00 AM**

**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 / Shako Wrap

Gloves

Vipers / Performance shoes

All-black long socks

Color Guard costume/cape

Whatever you need to do your show hair (and make up for Color Guard)

**NEW Show shirt** to wear after the performance

**YOU WILL BE IN HALF UNIFORM + SHOW SHIRT** in the stands

**Healthy Bagged LUNCH**

**CASH** to purchase dinner at the competition after the performance

**AFTER THE PERFORMANCE**

After performing, Instrumentalists will change into half uniform - show shirt over bibbers, no jacket. Color Guard will wear the show shirt over their warm up top/shorts. **WATCH YOUR EMAIL** for distribution day/time for show shirts. We *might* be able to hand them out after rehearsal on Thursday night OR we might have to do it on Friday or Saturday.

**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.**

**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.**

## **DISMISSAL**

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.

## **ATTENDING THE COMPETITION**

For those who would like to attend the Flanagan Sound Invitational, tickets are \$15 CASH - children 5 and under FREE. (Tickets can be purchased by credit card; other purchases are cash only.) **NO one is admitted to the stadium without a wrist band.**

Flanagan HS is located at 12800 Taft Street in Pembroke Pines, about 4 miles southeast of the I-75 Sheridan Street exit. The entrance for the spectator parking lot is on 129th Avenue. Parking donations will be accepted.

**The Spirit of Jupiter is scheduled to perform at 7:15 pm.** It is HIGHLY recommended that you arrive 30-45 minutes before that. You will not be permitted entrance in the stadium while a band is performing.

Happy Grams will be available for \$3.00 each. All Happy Grams will be read just prior to the band's performance. It is very likely that ONLY CASH will be accepted for Happy Grams.

A full performance schedule (all bands) is attached.

In the event of bad weather, the performances will take place in the gymnasium.

Absolutely NO cooking or meal preparation is permitted on school grounds. Failure to abide will result in a penalty to the band's score.

For additional information about the festival, visit the Falcon Sound Invitational website at <http://www.falconsound.org/events-3/invitational-2016-2>.

## **WE NEED DONATIONS OF DRY SNACKS**

We will be giving students a snack on the bus TO and FROM the competition. We need dry snacks (individually wrapped) such as Goldfish, pretzels, cookies, etc. Sweet snacks are fine for the bus ride home, but nothing that melts, please!

Please drop your donations off in the band kitchen.

# Flanagan Competition Schedule

## Falcon Sound Invitational

October 1, 2016

**9:00am** - Call time / Rehearsal begins

**1:00pm** - Lunch / Load equipment / Half uniform

**2:15pm** - Load buses

**2:30pm** - Depart JHS / Snack on the bus

**4:30pm** - Arrive @ FHS / Bathrooms / Unload / Visual warm up

**6:10pm** - Move to warm up area

**6:15pm** - Music warm up

**7:05pm** - Move to gate

**7:10pm** - Gate time

**7:15pm** - Performance

**7:30pm** - Return to buses / Change into half uniform

**8:00pm** - Return to stadium to eat and watch other bands

**9:30pm** - Drum Majors return to buses to change into uniform for awards

**10:00pm** - Drum Majors line up for awards

**10:15pm** - Awards Ceremony

**10:45pm** - Awards end / Load buses / Return to JHS

**12:00am** - Arrive at JHS / Unload / ALL STUDENTS MUST HELP

**12:30am** - Dismiss

**\*\* STUDENTS WILL NOT BE 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 wear the half uniform with show shirt over it.. 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. Gekoskie will send a Remind 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 into half uniform, 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>,