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Below are the schedule and details for our Music Performance Assessment (MPA) at **Palm Beach Central HS on Saturday, October 22.**

Call time is 2:00 PM

WEAR to school:

White shirt and Green/Black shorts (rehearsal attire)

Hat/Sunglasses

Sunscreen!!!

BRING:

Water cooler for afternoon rehearsal

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

Black compression shirt

We plan to distribute black compression shirts to girls sometime this week. If they don't arrive before MPA, girls should wear a dark, snug shirt under their bibbers.

Black compression shorts

Girls who do not have compression shorts can wear "sliders" or other snug shorts that do not show lines in the bibbers

Jacket

Bibbers (distributed Wednesday 10/12)

Show Shirt

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)

Healthy bagged dinner

Be sure to wash your bibbers before Friday's football game! They can be washed in cold water on gentle cycle in your washing machine. Hang to dry and iron without steam if needed.

FIELD TRIP REMINDERS

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 FROM JHS

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Due to medical issues, a few of our "regulars" are not available to put together and stage the tree props at MPA this weekend, so we need help!

Come to rehearsals on Thursday or the football game on Friday to learn how to put them together and take them apart.

Please contact Susan Taylor at sflasue@bellsouth.net or (561) 628-7402 ASAP if you can help!

WE NEED DONATIONS OF DRY SNACKS & WATER

We will give students water when we arrive at PBCHS and when we depart for JHS. We will also give students a snack on the bus after the competition. We need cases of water and 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.

ATTENDING THE COMPETITION

For those who would like to attend, the Palm Beach Central High School is located at 8499 Forest Hill Blvd. in Wellington, about 7 miles west of I-95. The entrance for spectator parking lot is on Forest Hill Blvd. in the lot closest to the stadium. See the attached map.

The Spirit of Jupiter is scheduled to perform at 9:00 pm. It is HIGHLY recommended that you arrive 30-45 minutes before that. You will not be permitted entrance in the stands while a band is performing.

We have no information at this time regarding the cost of tickets or parking or 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.

Marching MPA Competition Schedule (PB Central HS)

October 22, 2016

200pm – Call Time/Rehearsal

430pm – Lunch/Load equipment/Half uniform

600pm – Depart JHS

700pm – Arrive at PBCHS/Bathroom Break/Visual Warm Up

800pm – Music Warm up

840pm – Travel to gate

850pm – Gate time

900pm – PERFORM

930pm – Retreat/Awards Ceremony

1000pm – Load buses/travel back to JHS

1030pm – Arrive at JHS/unload equipment

1100pm – Dismiss

**** NO ONE IS DISMISSED UNTIL EVERYTHING IS UNLOADED ****

Marching MPA Explanation

The Florida Bandmasters Association (FBA) is authorized by the Florida Music Education Association, the Florida School Music Association and the Florida High School Activities Association. FBA requires that all bands be evaluated in the fall and spring in marching and concert band respectively via Music Performance Assessment (MPA). These MPA's are the music world's equivalent of an "FCAT" for music.

The Marching "MPA" includes judging in the areas of marching execution, general effect, music, and auxiliaries. Adjudicators are taken from an approved list sanctioned by the FBA Adjudications Committee and receive thorough training from that organization. This judging is a means of accountability to insure that the fundamentals of a good music education are being met statewide by all member schools. Bands are rated in a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the highest rating of "Superior."