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Below are the schedule and details for our competition at **Park Vista High School on Saturday, November 5.**

**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:

Black compression shirt

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

**Show Shirt** to wear after performance

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 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 costume.

**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.

## ATTENDING THE COMPETITION

For those who would like to attend the Striking Cobra Invitational, tickets are \$15 CASH; children 5 and under FREE. Tickets are CASH ONLY; no credit card ticket purchases are available. **NO one is admitted to the stadium without a wrist band.**

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. A map of the venue is available at <http://www.pvhsband.net/wp-content/uploads/PVHS-SiteMap2015.pdf>.

A parking donation of \$5.00 is requested. *This competition is VERY well attended, so it is advised to arrive as early as possible to get parking!*

**The Spirit of Jupiter is scheduled to perform at 6:30 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.

Happy Grams will be available for \$3.00 each. All Happy Grams will be read just prior to the band's performance.

There is also a "special" Band Director Award that will be announced during the award ceremony.

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.

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

We will give students water when we arrive at Park Vista 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.

### **GET REMIND TEXTS**

If you have not subscribed to the Spirit of Jupiter Remind group, you should! Mr. Gekoskie sends out important reminders, including approximate dismissal times after competitions.

To subscribe, text the message  
@sojupiter  
to 81010.

# Park Vista Competition Schedule

## Striking Cobra Invitational

November 5, 2016

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

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

**2:30pm** - Buses depart JHS

**3:30pm** - Arrive at Park Vista / Bathrooms / Unload

**4:30 pm** - Visual Warm up

**5:15pm** - Music Warm Up

**6:00pm** - Travel Time

**6:15pm** - At Gate

**6:30pm** - Performance Time

**6:45pm** - Return to buses / Change into half-uniform

**7:10pm** - Return to stadium to eat and watch other bands

**8:45pm** - Drum majors to buses to change for awards

**9:30pm** - Awards Ceremony

**10:30pm** - Depart Park Vista

**11:15pm** - Arrive at JHS / Unload / ALL STUDENTS MUST HELP

**12:00am** - APPROXIMATE Dismissal Time

**\*\* 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>,