

Subject: 2016 FMBC Schedule/Information

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Please see the attached file for very important information regarding the Tampa state marching band competition/trip.

Information below includes:

- Friday Arrival Time & Instructions
- Friday Parking Information
- Donations Needed
- Meals for the Weekend / CASH NEEDED FOR THE TRIP
- Performance Times
- Friday's Parent Meeting
- Student Pick Up - **Alternate arrangements must be pre-approved by Mr. Gekoskie!**
- Medications
- FMBC DVDs
- Live Stream Information

The attached packet includes:

- [Trip Rules](#)
- [Packing List](#)
- [Weekend schedule for our band](#)
- [FMBC 4A/5A Semi-finals Schedule](#)
- [Ticketing/Parking information](#)
- [Prohibited Items at Tropicana Field](#)
- [Addresses for rehearsal/performance locations and hotel](#)
- [Tropicana Field Exterior Site Map](#)
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- [JHS Overnight Parking Sign](#)
- [FMBC Trip Parent Meeting PowerPoint](#)
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- [Information about the FMBC judging process](#)

Arrival on Friday, November 11

ALL STUDENTS: NO LATER than 7:30 AM.

ALL STUDENTS must bring **everything they need for the trip** on Friday morning!! Please review the enclosed packing list so students bring what is needed and do NOT bring things that they should not!

Upon arrival at school, students should:

- 1 - Hang garment bag on racks in band hallway
Please hang by last name - look for rings with letters on them
- 2 - Get luggage tags from Mrs. Wasserman or one of her band parent assistants for ALL of your bags
- 3 - Put ALL bags (including your lunch) in band hallway
- 4 - Report to the band room

IMPORTANT PARKING INFORMATION

Chaperones and students who are leaving their cars at school overnight must park in the **Daniel's Way** parking lot at the front of the school and place the attached parking sign on their dashboard. The lot will be locked after we leave and will remain locked until we return on Sunday.

Students should also be dropped off only at the Daniel's Way lot.

DONATIONS NEEDED

We need the following for this trip! Please consider donating! **Put donations in the band kitchen NO LATER THAN THURSDAY 11/10 AT 8:00 PM.**

Dry snacks
Cases of Water
Leftover Halloween candy
Fruit: Watermelon (whole), Bananas, Oranges, Grapes, Strawberries
or CASH to purchase any of the above - please give it to Mrs. Palette

Meals for the Weekend / CASH NEEDED

BRING a bagged lunch to eat on Friday.

Friday's dinner will be prepared by band parents at the rehearsal field.

Breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday are provided by the hotel.

The band is purchasing subs from Publix for Saturday lunch on the bus to Semi-finals.

Bring \$10 CASH for dinner on Saturday at Ferg's Sports Bar after Semi-finals/before Finals.

Students will have snacks on the bus after Finals.

BRING CASH for lunch/dinner on Sunday.

We recommend a minimum of \$60 to cover meals. Food is very expensive at Tropicana Field and in the theme park.

Students may also want to **bring extra cash** for t-shirts, DVDs, and other souvenirs available at the semi-finals and finals locations and the theme park. T-shirts do sell out early! If you are a student who wants a t-shirt, you may want to ask a parent attending the events early to purchase one for you, OR plan on paying a little extra and purchasing online after the event.

FOR ADULTS WHO PURCHASED SUBS: Please meet the band at their hotel at 10:45 AM to pick up your sub! We are driving away from the hotel at 11:00 AM!

Performance Times

The semi-finals performance at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg is **1:50 PM** on Saturday, November 11. Retreat is at 3:14 PM. The schedule for Class 4A semi-finals performances as of 11/6 is attached. Any updates will be posted [here on the FMBC website](#).

The top five bands in the Class 4A semi-finals will move on to the Finals and perform at Tropicana Field starting at 8:26 PM. The schedule for Finals performances is available [here on the FMBC website](#).

EVERYONE must exit Tropicana Field following the Semi-finals retreat.

Gates open for Finals at 4:15 PM. Finals performances begin at 4:28 PM and are in order by class: 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, and 5A. Finals awards/retreat at the dome is at 11:14 PM.

ALL PERFORMANCE TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Interior and exterior site maps for Tropicana Field are attached. Note that ticket sales are at Gate 4 and spectator entrances are at Gate 3 and Gate 5.

Friday's Parent Meeting

THANK YOU to those of you who attended the FMBC Parent meeting on Friday night. An updated PowerPoint is attached to this email for those who could not attend the meeting. Please note that any parents or students riding on the bus should park their cars in the **Daniel's Way** lot on Friday morning.

Parents: In the event of an emergency while we are on the trip, please contact Head Chaperone Debra Wasserman at (561) 352-8584. Please try to contact your child directly first.

Student Pick Up

Students will be returning to JHS on Sunday at approximately 8:30 PM.

IMPORTANT: When you pick up your child, park in a parking space! Please do not block the loading/unloading areas near the where the buses will park.

Students who are NOT going to the theme park must be picked up *by a parent* from Tropicana Field on Saturday night immediately following the awards ceremony (approximately **12:30am**). Arrangements must be made with Mr. Gekoskie NOW if you have not already done so.

Students who are riding home from the theme park with parents must check out with Ms. Wasserman between 9:15 AM and 9:30 AM on Sunday morning **IN THE HOTEL LOBBY**. These students will NOT ride the bus to theme park on Sunday morning.

ALL ALTERNATE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE PRE-APPROVED BY MR. GEKOSKIE!!

Medications

ALL medications required by students should be given to Susan Taylor on **Friday morning**. She needs the ORIGINAL prescription bottle and medication schedule.

Per school district rules, students are not permitted to administer their own medication.

If you have any specific questions/concerns regarding medications, please contact Susan Taylor ASAP at sflasue@bellsouth.net.

FMBC DVDs

DVDs of FMBC performances should be available for pre-sale at a discounted price starting this week. DVDs will also be available at Tropicana Field and online after the event. The longer you wait to purchase DVDs, the more expensive they get.

Once again this year, there will be a sales contest to determine which school purchased the most DVDs (prorated by class), and Jupiter has won an iPad twice! Please make sure you **WRITE JUPITER HIGH SCHOOL BAND** on any order form you use to purchase DVDs, whether it is online or at Tropicana Field, so our band is credited with the sale.

More information will be forwarded about purchasing DVDs it is received.

LIVE STREAM INFORMATION

Can't attend on Saturday? You can watch a live feed in your own home for \$29! The feed starts at 8:00 AM at Tropicana Field and includes ALL events at that venue, including the Class 4A Semi-finals and Finals.

Visit <http://box5tv.com/signup/iNAVBE9v> for more information and to sign up!

Go Spirit!!

