

Spirit Competition at Boca Raton HS THIS Saturday 9/23

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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 (preferably in your garment bag) *

Instrumentalists: Official "Half" Uniform

Compression Shorts/Sliders

Black Compression Shirt

We are hopeful that compression shirts will arrive this week; if not wear something comfortable and snug under your bibbers that will not be seen underneath the show shirt

Black Calf-length or longer Socks

Black Vipers

Bibbers

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.

Show Shirt

Traditional "show hair" is not required, but hair should be pulled away from your face

NO GLOVES

Color Guard: All Black

ALL BLACK Rehearsal-type clothing with no prints or patterns

Tights under shorts are acceptable

Performance shoes

We are hopeful they will come in by the end of this week

Full show hair and makeup

* NOTE: Garment bags have been ordered but have been delayed by IRMA.

Healthy Bagged LUNCH & DINNER

Students will eat lunch at JHS at 12:00 pm.

The band is performing near the end of the competition, so there will not be time to eat at Boca Raton HS. Instead, students should bring HEALTHY DINNER to eat on the bus after we depart at 4:30 pm.

We will provide a snack for students on the bus ride back to JHS. (See the need for donations below!)

BUS ASSIGNMENTS will be posted in the band room by Friday.

Do NOT ask to switch buses. Students are assigned to buses by section. Students must ride on their assigned buses for attendance purposes - NO EXCEPTIONS.

Girls must sit with girls and boys must sit with boys per school district rules. Everyone must share a row - no single seats.

Students are responsible for throwing away their own trash on the bus. Do NOT leave a mess behind.

NO SPRAYING of any type of deodorant, cologne, perfume, etc. on the bus!!

We will have a "quiet time" 5-10 minutes prior to arriving at the competition site.

AFTER THE PERFORMANCE students will watch Boca Raton perform, probably from the end zone, and stay there for retreat (awards).

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 Cavalcade Presentation of Bands, tickets are \$15 CASH. **NO one is admitted to the stadium without a wrist band.**

It is very likely that ONLY CASH will be accepted for all purchases at the competition.

Boca Raton HS is located at 1501 NW 15th Ct in Boca Raton. From I-95, exit on Glades Rd and head east. Turn right at the first Light (NW 15th Ave). Spectator parking is the 2nd right

into the school parking lot off of NW 15th Ave. Spectator parking is \$5 per vehicle.

Boca Raton HS will have full concessions and food trucks!

The Spirit of Jupiter is scheduled to perform at 8:15 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.

Band-O-Grams will be available for purchase near the gate. Our stadium announcer will announce a Greeting, Personal Message, Thank You, or Shout Out before your band performs. The cost is \$3.00 per 20 words, and \$3.00 for additional 20 words.

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 Boca Raton 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.

Boca Raton Competition Schedule

Cavalcade Presentation of Bands

September 23, 2017

9:00am – Call time / Rehearsal begins

12:00pm - Lunch – BRING A HEALTHY LUNCH

12:45pm – Ensemble rehearsal

3:00pm – Load equipment / Change into uniform

4:30 pm – Depart JHS / Dinner on bus – BRING A HEALTHY DINNER

5:30 pm – Arrive at Boca Raton HS / Bathrooms / Unload / Visual Warm up

6:45 pm – Move to warm up area

6:50 pm – Visual Warm up

7:05pm – Music Warm Up

7:50pm – Travel Time

8:00pm – At Gate

8:15pm – Performance Time

8:30pm – Watch Boca Raton HS from sidelines

8:45pm – Set up for retreat / Awards Ceremony

9:15pm – Return to bus and load trucks

11:00pm – Arrive at JHS / Unload / ALL STUDENTS MUST HELP

11:30pm – 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/or 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://fmbcstate.com/>.