

## Saturday 11/04 Competition Schedule

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**Call time is 11:00 AM**

**WEAR to school: REHEARSAL ATTIRE & SUNSCREEN**

**BRING to school:**

**Water Cooler** for rehearsal (leave at school during competition)

**Healthy Meal** to eat after rehearsal

**CASH** for food at Park Vista HS Concessions after performance

**FULL UNIFORM + SHOW SHIRT** in garment bag:

Instrumentalists: Black Compression Shirt, Black Compression Shorts/Sliders, Bibbers, Black Socks, Vipers, Long-sleeved Top, Jacket, Gloves, **Show Shirt**, Items to do show hair

Color Guard: Costume/Undergarments as appropriate, Performance shoes, Items to do FULL show hair and makeup, **Show Shirt**, Jeans, Sneakers

**EARLY DISMISSAL FOR HOMECOMING DANCE: NEW TIME IS 7:45PM**

Students attending the JHS Homecoming Dance **must be picked up at 7:45 PM** on the north side of the field at the water station in the guard warm up area. The band will meet in this area after performing. PARENTS: If you are late, you will need to meet your student wherever the band is on campus!

**ONLY PARENTS or legal guardians can pick up their students! You must also submit the attached form prior to Saturday** in order to pick up your student early. *No other relatives/friends are permitted to pick up unless they are already on the school approved list.* If someone other than a parent is picking up a student, we **MUST** have the attached form and the name of the person picking up by Friday at 9:00 am to verify permission with the school.

Parents must escort their students back to the bus so they can pick up their belongings.

You must notify Mr. Gekoskie **BEFORE the competition** via email: [Andrew.Gekoskie@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:Andrew.Gekoskie@palmbeachschools.org). Please copy Debbie Wiley at [wileydebbie@bellsouth.net](mailto:wileydebbie@bellsouth.net) for attendance purposes.

#### **AFTER THE PERFORMANCE - Show Shirts NEEDED**

After performing, Instrumentalists will change into half uniform - show shirt over bibbers, no top or jacket. Color Guard will wear the show shirt with jeans. Students will load the trucks, watch other bands and eat dinner at concessions.

**Students are expected to stay on the high school campus in the vicinity of the competition at all times. Students should use the "buddy system" and have at least two other people 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**; Children age 5 and under are free. **It is very likely that ONLY CASH will be accepted for all purchases at the competition. NO one is admitted to the stadium without a wrist band.**

Park Vista HS is located at 7900 Jog Rd. in Lake Worth. Take I-95 south to Hypoluxo Rd. Exit at Hypoluxo Rd. and head WEST/RIGHT to Jog Rd. Turn SOUTH/LEFT onto Jog Rd. to Northtree Blvd. Spectator parking is the first right turn off of Northtree Blvd.

**The Spirit of Jupiter is scheduled to perform at 7:30 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.

A full performance schedule (all bands) is attached.

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

#### **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.

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

Do NOT ask to switch buses. 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.

# Saturday Competition Schedule

## Park Vista Striking Cobra Invitational

November 4, 2017

- 11:00 am** CALL TIME / Rehearsal - EAT before rehearsal
- 3:00 pm** Eat / Pack / Load trucks - BRING a healthy meal
- 4:15 pm** Buses arrive / Load equipment on buses
- 4:30 pm** Load students onto buses
- 4:45 pm** Depart Jupiter HS
- 5:30 pm** Arrive at Park Vista HS / Unload / Bathrooms
- 6:15 pm** Warm Up
- 7:00 pm** Travel to Gate
- 7:15 pm** Gate
- 7:30 pm** PERFORM
- 8:00 pm** Change into half uniform with show shirts / Eat at Concessions - BRING CASH  
Students getting picked up will be dismissed at this time
- 9:30 pm** Awards (No drumline with PV after awards)
- 10:00 pm** Depart Park Vista HS
- 10:45 pm** Arrive at JHS / Unload trucks / Pick up band room / ALL STUDENTS MUST HELP
- 11:15 pm** 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/>.