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Below are the schedule and details for our competition at **John I. Leonard High School on Saturday, October 15.**

Call time is 10:00 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

Girls who do not have a compression shirt should wear a dark, snug shirt under their bibbers; we are in the process of ordering compression shirts for the girls

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 LUNCH

CASH to purchase dinner at the competition after the performance

Garment bags and "new" bibbers were distributed after rehearsal on Wednesday. If you did not receive these, please see Mrs. Wiley BEFORE the Homecoming Parade on Thursday afternoon.

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.

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.

EARLY DISMISSAL FOR HOMECOMING DANCE

Students attending the JHS Homecoming Dance **must be picked up at 7:35 PM** in the field just outside the SW entrance to the John I. Leonard football stadium (near First Aid). The band will meet in this field after performing. Parents must escort their students back to the bus so they can pick up their belongings. **ONLY PARENTS** can pick up their students. A map of the venue is available at media.wix.com/ugd/383b4d_c9bb6c117e774023bd48b2b845b12c36.pdf.

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

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 Mighty Lancer Band Jamboree, tickets are \$15 CASH - children 5 and under FREE. Tickets are likely CASH ONLY. **NO one is admitted to the stadium without a wrist band.**

John I. Leonard HS is located at 4701 10th Avenue North in Greenacres, about 3 miles west of the I-95 10th Avenue North exit. The entrance for the spectator parking lot is on 10th Avenue North. Parking donations will be accepted. A map of the venue is available at media.wix.com/ugd/383b4d_c9bb6c117e774023bd48b2b845b12c36.pdf.

The Spirit of Jupiter is scheduled to perform at 7:15 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.

Happy Grams will be available for \$3.00 each. All Happy Grams will be read just prior to the band's performance. It is very likely that **ONLY CASH** will be accepted for Happy Grams.

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 John I. Leonard 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.

John I Leonard Competition Schedule

Mighty Lancer Band Jamboree

October 15, 2016

10:00am - Call time / Rehearsal

1:30pm - Rehearsal ends - Lunch / Load equipment / Half-uniform

3:15pm - Buses depart JHS

4:00pm - Arrive at John I Leonard / Bathrooms / Unload

4:30 pm - Visual Warm up

6:15pm - Music Warm Up

6:55pm - Move to Gate

7:05pm - At Gate

7:15pm - Performance

7:30pm - Return to buses / Change into half-uniform

8:00pm - Return to stadium to eat and watch other bands

9:00pm - Awards Ceremony

9:30pm - Awards end / Load buses / Return to JHS

10:45pm - Arrive at JHS / Unload / ALL STUDENTS MUST HELP

11:15pm - Dismiss

**** 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>,