

State Marching Band Competition at the World Equestrian Center – 11/20/21

This is the culminating marching band competition of our 2021 season. We are competing at the state level against marching bands from all over Florida. We are competing within our class size only – meaning our scores are only compared against other bands with nearly the same number of performers.

➔ **There are TWO schedule possibilities!!!!**

- **Schedule #1 means we DID make finals and will be returning late at night.**
- **Schedule #2 means we DID NOT make finals and will be returning earlier.**

CALL TIME (Be inside the band room at or before this time) on 11/20 – 6:00am

- *Eat a substantial breakfast before arriving at NMHS*
- Estimated Departure: **7:00am** via school bus, directly to WEC
- Warm-Up: **9:07am**
- Performance Time: **10:15am**
- Watch bands/Eat Lunch/Visit the Journey Expo Center: Post performance until **2:30pm**
- Back in stands to watch Prelims awards/Officers dress for awards: **By 2:30pm**
- Prelims Awards: **3:15pm**
- **We will know if we made finals by approx. 3:30pm**
 - **Schedule #1:** If we DO make finals, we will perform again between 6:30pm and 7:30pm
 - **Finals Performance Block:** Sometime between 6:30pm and 7:30pm
 - **Finals Awards: 10:00pm**
 - **Realistic Return to NMHS: Approx. 11:00pm**
 - **Schedule #2:** If we DID NOT make finals, we will leave around **4:00pm**, return to NMHS, and unload.

The Band Staff understands that these are two very different schedules, but Prelims-Finals competitions are some of the most rewarding experiences your students will have all year.

If we have a late night, it means we made State Finals for the first time in school history, an incredible accomplishment. We should all be thankful and give praise to these amazing students for their months of hard work, even if it means an uncertain schedule.

Your students should call you when we leave to give an estimated arrival time, and will call again when we are about 30 minutes away from NMHS. *Please be ready to pick up your students* – chaperones and staff cannot be expected to wait 30+ minutes for all students to be picked up.

What items do I need to bring for the day?

- Snacks for the bus (nothing messy!)
- Complete under uniforms
 - Band shirt, basketball shorts, baseball cap, marching shoes, long black socks, band water jug (filled), band backpack
- Complete and working instrument
 - Extra reeds, valve oil, etc.
- Sunglasses
- Money to eat *lunch and dinner*. If this is an issue for any reason, please see Mr. Janosa ASAP
- Necessary inhalers, Epi-Pens, etc. must be carried with students or a designated chaperone *at all times*

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Want to return to watch prelims again on Sunday, 11/21? KEEP YOUR WRISTBAND! (You will still have to pay \$10 to park. Parent drop-off is recommended. This is optional and we will not be taking a bus as a group)

➔ **IMPORTANT INFO FOR PARENTS/SPECTATORS**

- If you pay to watch prelims (first performance) and we make finals, you will have to pay again to watch finals (second performance).
- I know it's expensive, but our organization has no control over ticket prices. This is the cost of performing in the highest quality venue we have available.
- **Parking is \$10** – if you leave to pick up food and avoid the concessions prices, you'll pay again to park. Weigh your options carefully.
- **Food** is somewhat pricey – there are concessions available for much less than restaurant food. If your student cannot afford to eat, PLEASE let us know so that our Boosters can help out.
- **Outside food/drink** is NOT allowed on the WEC Campus. Much like a movie theater...take that with a grain of salt...