



Greece Marching Band Blue Knights

The "Blue Knights" Express

April 22, 2008

The Director's Corner

Welcome back from a well-deserved Spring Break! I hope that everyone found some time to get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and school and work. Now we are into the home stretch of the school year and we can start looking forward to the best part of summer....marching band!

After our first performance this upcoming weekend, you may think it is time to coast through the rest of the spring. On the contrary...it is time to kick it into high gear. We need to prepare for the upcoming Lilac Parade and other Greece parades. Some of the fall marching band music will be handed out tonight and over the next weeks. It truly is time to get our heads in the right place about the work that we have ahead of us.

As always, I want to remind you that the Greece Marching Band firmly believes that school comes first. Please make sure that despite the wonderful weather and the temptation to do more interesting things, it is important to take care of your school work in a timely fashion. Remember, marching band is never an excuse for not doing work. On the same token, you should make sure to be at all rehearsals ON TIME and ready to work.

Good luck this weekend and remember to wear the colors of the Blue Knights proudly!

Rehearsals left before performance...

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(Mighty St. Joes on 4/26)

Saturday's Schedule

11:45am – Arrive at Apollo Middle School through the doors leading to the cafeteria (past the large staircase in the corner of the "L"). You should have with you your instrument and all music, along with accessories.

12:00pm – Dress Rehearsal starts in auditorium

1:00pm – Rehearsal ends and students can be picked up. Leave instruments at Apollo.

***It is optional for students to arrive back starting at 4:45pm to eat at the concession stand to benefit the Greece Marching Band Boosters.

5:30pm – Report back to Apollo Middle School in uniform blacks (**black** t-shirt, black socks, black shoes, dark shorts) and *with some money for the concessions afterwards*. Students should have already eaten dinner. Students will immediately get their uniform and change in the cafeteria.

6:15pm – Warm-up for the performance in the Band Room

6:55pm – Perform the National Anthems and Parade Tune

7:10pm – Students change out of uniform jackets but must stay in bibbers (guard uniform) to be admitted back into show.

@10:30pm – Students can be picked up at the cafeteria doors. They will be leaving their uniform parts, but taking their instruments home. Student should arrange to call their parents for rides.

Important stuff to know

- ◆ Remember that if you are a new member, please keep in mind you will have had **marching shoes and gloves** (approximately \$27 total for band, \$35-\$40 for guard) ordered for you. Payment is due ASAP.
- ◆ Anyone that has **not turned in registration money and/or forms** WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PERFORM THIS SATURDAY!
- ◆ If you observe any major **problems with your uniform** this weekend, please make an adult aware of it. We will try to fix it if we can.
- ◆ Anyone that was invited to the Assets Workshop needs to turn in their RSVP to Mr. Hoffman ASAP.
- ◆ The **Lottery Raffle and Candy Sale** tickets and boxes will be distributed tonight. The due date for the lottery tickets is May 1st and the Candy is May 8th. Please make sure that ticket stubs are fill out CLEARLY and COMPLETELY!
- ◆ Thanks to everyone who was able to make it out to Bathtub Billy's. It was great to see all of those wonderful faces.
- ◆ All of the latest information can be found on the marching band website. **www.greecemarchingband.org**.
- ◆ If you need to be **absent** for a rehearsal, you MUST email Mr. Hoffman as soon as possible to let him know at **greecemarchingband@hotmail.com**.
- ◆ **Asset winners of the week:** Lauren Schultz, Nick Coirazza and Billy Slapar
- ◆ **This week's asset:** Self-Esteem! Young person reports having high self-esteem. ***GMB translation:*** Members can relate their successes to marching band and how it personally influences their vision of themselves.

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This Week's Schedule

Thursday, April 24th

Rehearsal at West Ridge: 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Color Guard starts at 6:15pm

Tuesday, April 29th

Rehearsal at West Ridge: 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Color Guard starts at 6:15pm

Upcoming Events

Sat, April 26th – Mighty St. Joe's Alumni Corps
Indoor show at Apollo.

Thurs, May 1st – Due date for Lottery Tickets and money!

Thurs, May 8th – Due date for Candy money!

Sat, May 10th – Lilac Festival Parade in Downtown Rochester. Details TBA.

Mon, May 26th – Memorial Day Parade in Greece. We typically march at 2:00pm.

Tues, June 24th – Rehearsal for Barnard Parade, same time as usual rehearsals.

Thur, June 26th – Barnard Parade at 7:00pm.

Aug 18-22, 2008 – Mandatory Band Camp for anyone marching in the fall season.

Booster Contact Information

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Contact any Executive Board member via the website:

www.greecemarchingband.org

Please feel free to ask any questions or provide any feedback that you have to Mr. Hoffman or one of the parent boosters. We are more than happy to address any concerns. You can email Mr. Hoffman at greecemarchingband@hotmail.com or call him at 966.4675.