



Greece Marching Band Blue Knights

The "Blue Knights" Express

May 13, 2008

The Director's Corner

What a great job this weekend! I am so proud of every single person involved in our organization. You did a marvelous job showing the Rochester community that we are a top notch marching band.

The day started and ended with wonderful help from the parents who loaded and unloaded the equipment. Thank you to all of you that helped! The brass and woodwind members played their horns with great sound, intonation and technique. The horn flashes were perfect! The battery (drum line) started and didn't stop from beginning to end. Without having any rest, they really kept the band together. The color guard also showed immense progress and high levels of achievement. The rifles were sharp and crisp up front and the flags brought up the rear with class and style.

This was our statement and we made it loud and clear: we are the Greece Marching Band and we are here to stay! Look out NYSFBC!

Remember, we have a performance that has been added for Monday night, May 19th from 6:15 – 7:30pm in front of the Town Court. If you can't make it, I will understand, but please try to make it! Helping out the school board is in our best interest! Uniforms will be handed out Thursday, as well as Can and Bottle Drive flyers to be distributed.

Rehearsals left before performance...

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(School Board Rally, May 19th)

Looking towards the summer...

I have talked to some people already about staying with the marching band for the summer/fall season. I have had almost all positive feedback from students; however I also hear that some of their parents are concerned about the commitment.

Let me just say this about the field season: If you are having fun now, just wait until the fall. I don't say this for any reason but to tell the truth. If you don't trust me, ask a booster parent, or ask a member. In the summer and fall, the members grow to become not just friends, but family. We work hard to accomplish goals that are set at a very high level. We work intensely to give the audience and ourselves the best performance.

I would be remiss if I didn't also mention the time commitment. There are rehearsals on Tuesdays and Thursdays, as well as the competitions on Saturdays during September and October.

The staff believes very strongly in well-rounded children that have the opportunity to participate in multiple extra-curricular activities. I would love to see all of the members that are currently marching continue on with the summer/fall, so that they can truly experience the joy and thrill of competition. We will help you work around your schedule if you can make a decent commitment to our schedule.

While it seems like a lot of time that could be spend with family and other commitments, I like to think of it as time that students are growing as musicians and people, working towards a common goal! Consider it...

Important stuff to know

- ◆ **ADDED PERFORMANCE!!!** We have added a performance on Monday, May 19th at the Town Court near Town Hall. Uniforms will be handed out Thursday. There are NO BUSES, so students just need to show up to Monday's performance **IN FULL UNIFORM**. Parents can stay and watch, because it will all be done and over in an hour or so.
- ◆ **Can and Bottle Drive** flyers and map assignments will be handed out Thursday. Everyone is given 50 flyers to distribute to the street you are assigned. Please do not flyer additional streets without checking with a booster parent. You must flyer with a partner that is assigned to you.
- ◆ Make sure to look for information as to when to sign up for working the Can and Bottle Drive. **We need PARENTS** to drive and pick up bottles, as well as sorters!
- ◆ 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:** Mina Bellare, Samantha Young, Ryan Case, Anthony Castiglione, Tim Arnold, Nicole Bubie, Ed Maley, Jenny Trovato, Stacie Schirtz
- ◆ **This week's asset:** Positive Personal Future **GMB translation:** Members show awareness of their future and how marching band can affect them in a positive way, whether it be in the immediate or long-term future.

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This Week's Schedule

Thursday, May 15th

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

Monday, May 19th

Board of Education Rally: 6:15pm – 7:30pm
Town Court (Vince Tofany Blvd)

Tuesday, May 20th

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

Upcoming Events

Mon, May 19th - Performance at the Board of Education Rally at Town Hall. It is short notice, but if you can make it, we could really use you! We need to be there to start playing at 6:30pm.

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

Sat, June 7th - Third Annual Bottle and Can Drive.

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.