



# Greece Marching Band Blue Knights

## *The "Blue Knights" Express*

May 6, 2008

### The Director's Corner

Alrighty folks, here we go. We are down to the wire as far as parade preparation. It is the time to buckle down and make sure you have everything ready to rock and roll.

Don't be satisfied with "I think I know my music" or "I can almost do that toss". This is when you, as an individual, need to feel the responsibility (Asset of the Week) to your fellow members to take it up a notch and commit to going all out. We want to make a great first impression at the Lilac Parade. There a lot of people involved with this event that know how things are done in the marching world.

I also want everyone who has not already decided to start thinking about the fall season. I know that it seems like it is a long time from now, but trust me, the planning has started and will continue to go from now until the end of October. We pride ourselves as an organization on showing up to the competitive field and making the best statement possible. With the people that we currently have, we know that we can really make a huge jump up in the New York State Field Band Conference.

Lastly, we have a performance that has been added for Monday night, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 7:30pm at Town Hall. 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!

Rehearsals left before performance...

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(Lilac Parade on 5/10)

### Saturday's Schedule

8:00am – Equipment crew arrives for loading.

8:15am – Arrive at West Ridge wearing your uniform blacks (color guard in uniform). This includes a black t-shirt (it can have a design), dark shorts, black socks over the ankle, uniform shoes. **Students are instructed to have had breakfast before arriving. Also, please bring a non-perishable snack for after the parade.**

8:30am - Depart for parade

9:15am – Arrive at corner of Rosemont Ave and East Henrietta Road. Students change into uniform.

10:30am – Parade steps off. We are in Division D, unit number 6. Parade route: Head north on South Ave. Turn east on Highland Ave and stop at Highland and Goodman Street. Students then take shuttle (or walk) back to buses.

@12:15pm – Students arrive at buses to change out of uniform. Depart parade (Any student that is staying at the Lilac Festival, or getting a ride from a parent must have a written note for Mr. Hoffman).

@1:00pm – Arrive back at West Ridge for parent pick up.

\*\*It is a good idea to have students carry a cell phone in their personal belongings on the bus so that they can call if there is a change in the schedule. Make sure that all personal belongings are clearly marked with student's name.

## Important stuff to know

- ◆ **Money** for marching shoes and gloves, as well as registration, must be turned in by Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> **or you will not march in the Lilac Parade** on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Please do not force us into a difficult situation. If you are having trouble and need assistance, please see Mr. Hoffman to explain your situation.
- ◆ The **Lottery Raffle** due date has passed! Make sure you have sold your share and you turn in your money to a parent at the Booster table ASAP. We are waiting on you!
- ◆ The **Candy Sale** is over on Thursday. Please be sure that you have taken care of your responsibility and turn in the money on Thursday!
- ◆ All of the latest information can be found on the marching band website. [www.greecemarchingband.org](http://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](mailto:greecemarchingband@hotmail.com).
- ◆ **Asset winners of the week:** Dan Cordova and Katie Allen
- ◆ **This week's asset:** Responsibility **GMB translation:** Members show thought and planning in preparation for rehearsals and performances. They are responsible not only for themselves, but responsible members of the GMB community.

## This Week's Schedule

Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

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

Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

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

## Upcoming Events

Thurs, May 8<sup>th</sup> – Due date for Candy money!

Sat, May 10<sup>th</sup> – Lilac Festival Parade in Downtown Rochester. Details on front page.

Mon, May 19<sup>th</sup> – 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 26<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day Parade in Greece. We typically march at 2:00pm.

Sat, June 7<sup>th</sup> – Third Annual Bottle and Can Drive.

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

Thur, June 26<sup>th</sup> – 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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*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](mailto:greecemarchingband@hotmail.com) or call him at 966.4675.*

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