

Raytown Marching Festival

October 8th, 2011

Parking

Bus parking will be at Raytown Central Middle School (10601 E 59th Street) (Located off Blue Ridge Blvd), and the adjacent transportation lots. Turn EAST onto 59th Street and watch for the parking host to direct the buses & equipment trucks to our designated parking areas. Equipment can be dropped off at the stadium (behind the high school) and enter the field through the south gate. Please have any guest attending the festival park in the north high school parking lot. Our parking is very tight this year, so please make sure that any vehicles not needed with your buses park in the main visitor parking lot. You will receive specific parking instructions next week.

School Hosts

You will have a personal host for your school from the time you unload until your clinic after the field show. Your host will be available to you to assist you with anything you need.

Concession Information

Food will be available for your band to purchase, at the concessions. These are normal concession stand prices. This will be available throughout the day. If you prefer to buy a lunch for your entire band and pay with one check we can arrange this, please let me know soon.

Admission to the Field Show

Admission is \$5 for anyone over the age of 5. Bands will be given wrist bands to distribute for equipment helpers for easy entrance & readmission at all gates. All other parents will need to enter at the main gate. If you plan to have your band completely out of uniform (street cloths), they will need to have their hands stamped (at the main gate) for readmission to the stadium. As long as they have like shirts on, they will be admitted to the stadium.

Indoor Drum Line

Drum Lines will warm-up in the **band room** this year! This space is limited and will not provide for a moving drill. If you need a warm-up area for moving drill please let me know soon and we will provide an outdoor parking lot for you. Drum lines and equipment will enter on the **south side of the school through the large double doors** to the back of the auditorium and proceed to the band room. Warm-up times are 20 mins before your performance time. They will move through the building to the main gym for performance. NOTE: Indoor Drum Lines will only be judged on what you have prepared (you will not be forced to do an indoor moving drill).

Indoor Color Guard

Color Guards will warm-up in the small gym just across the hall from the large gym. Warm-up times are 20 mins before your performance time. Please provide music for routines on a CD.

Warm-Up Fields

All band warm-ups will take place on the lower practice field (east of the stadium). This field is Raytown Central Middle School's field and is in good shape and will be lined with a viewing tower for the directors. (Please do not allow students on this tower). Although this field is further away from the stadium, we still ask that bands face away from the stadium during warm-up. Your warm-up time is exactly 30 minutes prior to your performance time. You will leave the lower field and move to the stadium 10 minutes before your performance time. This only allows for 20 mins on the warm-up field. If you would like additional music warm-up we ask that you make sure to do this in a place that will not distract from the field performances.

Field Show Performance

Our stadium features outstanding Field Turf. **NO vehicles** of any kind will be allowed on the field. We are extremely happy with the field, and I'm sure you will enjoy it. Pit equipment will enter and exit the field from the south gate. You may drive equipment trucks on the track to unload.

Judging

Bands will receive an individual score for each caption. These scores will be added together and then converted to a rating. You will receive a list of the scores for each band at the end of the festival, however these will not be announced at awards or posted online. They are strictly for your information as you prepare for rest of the season. All judges comments and a digital video of your performance will be provided to you on a USB drive.

Field Show Clinic

Immediately following each band's field show, the band will move to your clinic location (the large gym or the auditorium). You will have up to 30 minutes to work with your clinician. **We will provide water to each band as they enter the building after their performance.**

Awards

The Awards ceremony will begin at 7:00 pm. We will be awarding rating plaques for all field performances and indoor events. Trophies will be awarded for the best sections in each class. One trophy will be awarded to the overall "Grand Champion." All students representatives (drum majors, color guard captains, etc.) in uniform should be on the track at 6:55pm.

Thank you for continuing to support our festival. I hope you find it beneficial to your season. Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns.

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