

Hey great work this weekend getting through the first show. We made it on and off the field and even played and marched pretty well in between. Good to have that out of the way. It is of course exciting to win awards and be recognized for the hard work that we all put into making this show what it is. The judges really loved our show and had glowing things to say about it! As best I can tell it was the highest score (69.3) awarded to any band this weekend at any show by more than 5 points. See below for some comments about Bands of America Coming up this weekend. Follow the link below for judge's comments:

As of now I do not have a video of the performance. If anyone took a video of the show if you could share an unposted link I'll share it with everyone involved with the band.

ALSO (Parents) - If anyone would be willing to video this weekends' performance I will have a pressbox pass for a volunteer to do so. All I ask is if you do that to try to get it posted sometime in the morning so that staff will have a change to watch that video before our afternoon rehearsal. Let me know. Mark G has done that job for the past 6 years and I need another volunteer. You still buy your ticket, but you get a press box pass to go to the top of the pressbox and record the show. If you have a good camera with a wide lens this will likely be the coolest view of it yet. Let me know.

This week's crazy stuff!

This week is Lakota Band Week! Both 8th graders and Freshman will be joining us on field for the game!

Monday- 6:30-9pm Turf regular rehearsal

Wednesday- 3:00-5:30 Parking lot Regular rehearsal

Thursday- 6:30- 9pm Freshman Campus Rehearsal (Freshman 6:30pm-7:30pm)

Friday- First home Game!!

3:30pm- Rehearsal on the Parking lot field w/ freshman

3:45pm- 8th Graders Join us for their rehearsal

4:45pm- Rehearsal ends and we have pizza (provided) and get ready for

warm up in the theater

5:45pm- In uniform in the theater for warm up

6:25pm- Main Street for plumes and parade block

6:30pm- Band leaves to march to the stadium

6:40pm- 8th Grade Tunes

6:50pm- Regular Pre-Game

7:00pm- Game Starts

Halftime- We will do Freshman Tunes first, Run the full show (what we know)

second

3rd Quarter- Off

3rd to 4th Quarter Break- Hang on Sloopy (Nobody is late or the whole band sits the next week)

4th quarter- Load instruments/ polish/ clean

***By game end we should have instruments on the trailer and loaded for the morning. (I'll get pit crew to bring cases down to the stadium so we'll have to leave cases in organized spots so they can do that)**
GOAL IS - Trailer loaded by game end and we are out of there as soon as the game ends so you can get as much sleep as possible. Trailer will leave before students arrive in the AM so we need to be thorough with the loading.

Saturday-

5am- Report Time (Trailer will already be gone or on its way out)
5:15am- Leave time
6:00am- Approximate arrival time in Oxford
6:50am- Warm Up
8:00am- Performance Time
8:45am- Leave Oxford for home
9:30am- Arrive Back to Lakota West
TIME TO SLEEP AND REST
2:30pm- Meet at Lakota West for Practice
(This is a change from before- The Ridge field is not in great shape so I think the parking lot is better than that)
4:30pm- End of rehearsal- EPL (Eat Pack Load)
5:15pm- Depart for Oxford

This time is unscripted until we know how finals shakes out. They take the top 10 from 34 bands into finals. We could perform anytime from 8-10:45pm or not at all. We'll just have to be ready for anything.

11:00pm- Finals End
11:45pm- Return Home

Everything in the world you could want to know is here:

Bands of America Spectator Guide-
<https://editor.des05.com/vo/?FileID=85fe18d2-2a99-45d0-982f-c62436bc35f3&m=1213089e-8552-4f2e-b713-31cc0b81d599&MailID=35813082&listid=46464&RecipientID=16699840713>

Should be an exciting week.

PS. It won't rain or lightning ever again on the band.

PPS. I can't promise that

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