

Upcoming week info-

Wednesday 3-5:30 (Parking Lot): Whoa it's going to be hot. Be prepared with clothing and water. Also! Knee pads or something like a small towel to protect your knees would be an excellent choice. Think about it! We have some time in a gym and cafeteria lined up if we need it but we still have to be outside a lot.

Thursday 6:30-9:00, (Freshman Campus): Regular ensemble rehearsal/ maybe we learn some closer dots based on weather concerns for the next few days.

Friday 6-9 (Main Campus): Yes it a pain to move back and forth.... But this is our best chance to practice getting props on and off the field on a real turf field. Since we will need it for the next weekend and the following it's best to get this out of the way.

Saturday 9-9 (Freshman Campus): Primary focus will be learning new dots for the closer. Even in light rain we will forge on with this task since there isn't a time to make this up. Be prepared with rain jackets and a change of shoes. If you are taking the ACT in the morning report to band ASAP so you don't miss too much. If you miss more than you can make up it will mean forfeiting performances.

9/10- 9/14 is regular a rehearsal week

9/15 Taylor Competition day: (Mattress sale day!)

<http://www.yellowjacketbands.com/premiere>

7:45am-9:45am- Practice on Parking Lot

10:15am- Leave for Taylor High School

10:50am- Arrive at Taylor High School

11:50am- Warm-Up

12:50pm- Performance

2:00pm- Awards

3:00pm- Arrive Home (Approx.)

9/22 Miami Oxford BOA Show-

I'll give you more detail as I work through this mess but here is the cliff's notes for the show.

We got unlucky and drew a super early 8am prelims performance time. There are bands on before us still.... 34 total at the competition!

Here is what I'm thinking.

Friday night we have a game and it's 8th/ freshman night! We will do both that and a run through of our show at halftime so we can load up most equipment after halftime. We will stay until the end of the game, but we will load all drums sousas and so on at the end of the game. Polishing and other stuff that we would normally do will happen during 3rd and 4th quarter. We'll walk back to the band room at the game's end

without instruments (that go on the trailer) get our uniforms hung up and leave ASAP. We will have to meet back the next morning at about **5am** to make it to Oxford in time for our performance.

After our performance we will load the truck and return to West Chester. Everyone will be off from 9:30ish until 2pm. This time is intended for you to nap and relax since it is a short night. At 2pm we will meet at Ridge Jr. High to practice and leave for Oxford. We will actually leave for Oxford at 5pm. We won't know at that point if we are going to watch finals or perform in finals. That is based on how well we perform at 8am. If we are performing we arrive and unload for performance like we normally would. If we are watching we'll have more time to work things out. You will need to bring a dinner with you since we will be in warm-up or just arriving at dinner time. (They take the top 10 of the 34 into finals)

The show ends late and hopefully we'll be a part of retreat. If we aren't we'll leave earlier and shorten the day. If we are obviously we'll stay since that is super cool and fun. So we'll return at 10pm if no finals and 11pm if we are in finals is my best guess.

I'll confirm lots of this info as we get closer, but here is your heads up for what will be a fun but nutty day.

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