

Inaugural Parade Information Bulletin #1

Everyone should be aware of the rehearsal schedule that has been set up for the next few weeks before our departure to Washington DC. These rehearsals (4 of them) are established with certain goals in mind for each rehearsal, therefore, attendance at each rehearsal is critical and required for your success in DC. Plan ahead now.

Please read the following suggestions and be sure you are preparing yourself for what will truly be the most memorable experience of your life.

1. All Brass mouthpieces will be cleaned and coated for cold weather playing at the beginning of the next week (Jan. 5). This will be accomplished in groups and explained at the rehearsal on Jan. 3. If you have a backup mouthpiece, you will want to use that while your performance mouthpiece is being coated. Should take only 1-2 days per group.
2. Be sure you have black cotton gloves (wind players – percussion may want to explore some sort of grip glove). You may want two pair for better coverage.
3. If you do not have an official Band Jacket and have not given your jacket size or money to Mrs. Rabinowitz, you need to do this immediately. You are holding up the other jacket orders. This is your responsibility. You can contact her by email at deeg30@aol.com
4. You should have also given Mrs. Rabinowitz your Hoodie Sweatshirt size so that these orders can be placed. Parents that want one may do so for \$25.00 and need to let Mrs. Rabinowitz know.
5. You should have downloaded your parade music by now and be working on it. We expect it to be ready for full band rehearsal on Jan. 3. No exceptions.
6. Be sure you are getting your cold weather clothing in order (thermals for under band uniforms).
7. More information will be coming to you concerning what happens the day of the Parade, including the massive security process we will all have to go through that morning.
8. Everyone is reminded that all financial obligations to the band must be cleared before we leave. There are many behind the scenes activities taking place on your behalf to make this a memorable trip. Be sure you are taking care of your business, both financial and with preparations for our departure on Jan. 16. We have 175 students confirmed for the trip at this point. Any disruption to that list will cause several snowballing problems for the entire group. Be sure you have everything in order.