



JENISON MARCHING BAND

MCBA State Championships Week

10.30-11.4.23

Monday, October 30 - Final Macy's Video Filming/State Championships garment bag inspection

- 5:45 Arrive in "blacks" (compression gear, black socks and shoes, black uniform pants) and **raincoat** with your shako in shako box. Get costume jacket and plume so you are in full uniform ready to go at 6:00.
- 6:00 Warmup (location TBA)
- 6:15 Macy's TV spot filming in full costume. (*This is an extremely important video which will be reviewed by Macy's and NBC personnel. We need it to look and sound great!*)
- 7:00 Change out of uniform in choir/orchestra rooms. Return costume jackets to racks. Make sure you have all necessary uniform parts (including black socks, marching shoes and raincoats) in your garment bag before hanging it on the appropriate rack (based on bus number). Put your shako in your shako box and bring your shako box to the ensemble room.
- 7:40 Rehearsal resumes - full ensemble in Stadium (normal rehearsal clothes)
- 9:00 Rehearsal ends

Tuesday, October 31

- 6:00-9:00 Rehearsal
**You may wear a Halloween costume as long as it meets school guidelines and in no way interferes with your ability to perform or function as usual*

Friday, November 3 - GVSU Rehearsal

Dress Up Day for State Championships!

- 2:45 Battery, front ensemble, tubas, color guard and drum majors load semi (DMs bring podium etc up after 3rd hour).
- 5:30 Arrive at school; get your shako box from the Ensemble Room and load buses immediately.
- 5:45 Depart for GVSU. **Please wear your show shirt and dark shorts or pants for this rehearsal! You will wear shakos/plumes for most of this rehearsal as well. Bring water bottles for rehearsal!**
- 6:00 Rehearsal begins @ GVSU Kelly Family Sports Center
- 7:45ish Snack break (No food allowed on the lower level!)
- 9:00 Rehearsal ends; load semi; load buses or depart with parents (We must have everything out of the GV facility by 9:30!) *If you are leaving with your parents, give your shako to someone in your section who is returning to school so we know we have all shakos Saturday afternoon!*
- 9:40 Return to JHS

Saturday, November 4 - MCBA State Championships

***MCBA State Championships Schedule of Performances**

The performance schedule for Championships will be determined after State Prelims results are posted on Oct. 28. Bands will perform in reverse order of Prelims scores (with the highest score performing last). Schedules will be posted at themcba.org shortly after Prelims Awards on Saturday (approx. 10:30pm).

*The schedule below is **tentative** until the performance order is posted by MCBA on Sunday.*

You will need money for 1 fast food stop (dinner) for this trip.

- 1:00pm Building open
- 1:30 **Rehearsal** begins - Fieldhouse
• You should arrive to school in your compression gear (which may be worn under rehearsal clothes if you'd like).

- Since this is a fairly brief rehearsal, we will not unload percussion off the semi after Friday night's GVSU rehearsal. Percussionists ARE required to be at rehearsal on time.
- There is a cheer camp happening in the cheer room and flex room, so we only have the turf area of the Fieldhouse. Please be respectful as we share the facility!

- 2:30 Rehearsal ends.
Load instruments as follows: *Flutes, Clarinets* - on bus; *Saxes, Mellos* - Bus 1; *Trumpets* - Bus 2; *Baritones* - Bus 3; *Tubas* - Bus 4; *CG equipment* - Bus 5
Section leaders load spare instruments!
Lay garment bags flat in the first bay of YOUR bus. Shako boxes go on the bus with you.
- 3:00 Load buses
- 3:10 Leave Jenison High School. Students may bring food for the bus ride.* *Please do not bring any snacks which contain nuts on the buses as these may provoke allergic reactions in some of our students.*
- 5:00ish **Fast food dinner (\$ bring money \$)*** en route to Ford Field. Change into costume.
**Note: Since resuming travel after Covid, we have had issues with fast food restaurants' ability to handle a group our size. We recommend that you bring a substantial snack option in case we encounter similar difficulty this year.*
- 7:30 Arrive at our rented parking lot adjacent to Ford Field (440 Madison St). Enter Ford Field together and use restrooms. Check out the field, markings on the turf (HS and pro markings), press box area, etc! We will meet at a designated location to return to our warmup parking lot together.
- 8:15 Return to our rented parking lot. Get your instrument/equipment ready for warmup. Percussion get instruments from the semi.
- 8:45 Winds & Battery begin warmup in parking lot. Front Ensemble get all equipment ready and try to get a brief warmup in before heading to the Security Check (arrive by 9:23)
- 8:50 Color Guard report to Security Check on Beacon St. Gate F
- 9:00 Color Guard enter Indoor Warmup (Area A)
- 9:18 Winds & Battery leave parking lot
- 9:23 Front Ensemble and Props report to Security Check on Beacon St. Gate F
- 9:28 Winds & Battery report to Security Check on Beacon St. Gate F
- 9:38 Winds & Battery enter Indoor Warmup (Area A) *Wind staff help move props down the tunnel.*
- 9:56 Color Guard vacate Indoor Warmup
- 10:01 Winds/Battery vacate Indoor Warmup
- 10:06 Report to gate and move onto field staging area
- 10:20 Performance**
Immediately following performance, Front Ensemble should exit the field into the Side 1 Tunnel (where we entered). Make sure all instruments, props and equipment are moved into the tunnel/end zone area, then return to the Side 1 end zone for Awards. Mallet instruments etc. may be stored in the auxiliary tunnel (to the right of the main tunnel as you leave the field) until after Awards. Drum Majors should report to the tunnel for Awards. Staff, please help move props all the way up the tunnel after students move props into the tunnel area.
- 10:35 Flight II Awards Ceremony
- 10:50 Awards Ceremony concludes
- Front Ensemble, student prop movers and staff return to the tunnel to take all equipment out of the building. The pit percussion "train" and all large props must leave the tunnel immediately after the Awards Ceremony. All other students move as a group back to our parking lot to meet and finish loading.*
- 11:00 Return to parking lot. Load instruments/equipment and change out of uniform on buses.
- 11:45 Leave Ford Field. A snack bag will be provided for each student. Students are also welcome to bring their own food. *Please do not bring any snacks which contain nuts on the buses as these may provoke allergic reactions in some of our students.*
- 2:30ish Return to Jenison High School. All students should hang costumes on racks, help unload the semi, and make sure the band room is clean and orderly before leaving campus.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

2023 MCBA State Championships Flight II Performance Schedule

To be determined after MCBA State Prelims on Oct. 28!

Tickets

Tickets are available at both Gate A and Gate G. Ticket booths will be open at 7:00 a.m. Spectators may enter through Gates A or G, which will open at 7:15 a.m. Ticket prices are: Adults \$28; Students and Senior Citizens \$25; Children under 5: Free. Reentry is with ticket stub and hand stamp only.

Ford Field is a cashless facility. If you are purchasing tickets or concessions on site, you will need to use a credit or debit card. However, **programs, patches and MCBA apparel** are available for purchase with cash or credit.

Parking/Directions/More Information

Ford Field Parking Deck will cost \$6.00. It is located on St. Antoine St. across from Gate G of Ford Field. (This is most likely your cheapest and closest option!) Ford Field Parking Lots #4 & 5 will also be available for use. Other parking facilities nearest to Ford Field/Comerica Park will cost more; parking farther away from these areas may cost less. *The People Mover* runs in a loop around Detroit and has many stations near parking facilities. Cost is only 50 cents per ride. (www.thepeoplemover.com) Please visit www.fordfield.com for directions to the stadium and information about parking.

Video recording

Video recording equipment may not be used in Ford Field for this event. Box 5 Media is providing livestream coverage of the entire Championship contest; however, DVR/On-Demand purchases are NOT available. <https://livestream.box5tv.com/signup/k3Mfesoko?order-data=3eCHsz6elph3>

Other Prohibited Items: Please visit www.detroitlions.com/ford-field and click on "Getting into Ford Field," then "Bag Policy" to read the list of prohibited items carefully!

LOOKING AHEAD

Next Tuesday, Nov. 7, we will perform for all JPS 5th graders in the Kamstra Gym during 3rd hour. You will wear your DECO show shirt and either nice jeans or khakis for this performance. Color Guard will wear show shirt and black tights. No 8th graders at this performance. You will perform section features from your show music, all of "DECO," and possibly your parade tunes for Macy's (which should be memorized!).

Monday and Tuesday night and Thursday afternoon rehearsals continue for the next two weeks as we prepare for our Macy's performance.

On Tuesday, Nov. 7 our 6:00-9:00 rehearsal will begin with an important group meeting with details about the trip to New York. A meeting for parents will follow at 7:00pm.

Next Saturday, Nov. 11 is a morning-only rehearsal, 9:00-12:00.

The "band flip" for Concert Band students will begin on Monday, Nov. 13.

Saturday, Nov. 18 will include rehearsal, our Community Sendoff performance at 3:00, prepping and/or loading equipment and costumes, and checking luggage.

We leave for New York on Sunday, Nov. 19!! Report time TBA - likely 4:00pm.