MSU ALUMNI OFFICE
HOMECOMING HIGH SCHOOL BANDS PARADE ENTRIES – FINAL REMINDER

September 19, 2023

NOTE: A copy of this email is also available on our Homecoming Parade webpage in the Additional Information for Marching Bands section.

Band Drop Off, Parade Staging and Start Time
- Staging for the parade begins at 4:30 p.m. and due to traffic congestion and street closures, it’s strongly suggested that your group arrive no later than 5 p.m.
  - See the Homecoming Parade Street Closures information on our Homecoming Parade webpage.
  - Refer to the High School Band map.
    - It’s important that you follow the map directions and enter Burcham Dr traveling west from Hagadorn Rd.
    - Buses and equipment trucks/trailers should be unloaded in the westbound lane on Burcham Dr between Division St and M.A.C. Ave, near the East Lansing High School tennis courts. There will be signage at this location.
  - A volunteer will meet your buses when you arrive and escort your band two blocks down Burcham Dr to your staging area at the Hannah Community Center on Abbot Rd.
  - The parade begins promptly at 6 p.m.

Buses and Equipment Trucks/Trailers to Post Parade Staging Area
- After dropping off band members, all buses and equipment trucks/trailers should proceed directly to the post parade staging area on campus - the parking lot between Spartan Stadium and Central Services Building off Red Cedar Road. The address is 570 Red Cedar Rd.
- Buses and equipment trucks/trailers can turn around in the East Lansing High School parking lot.
- Refer to the High School Band map for the route. It’s strongly recommended that drivers use this route, regardless of how familiar a driver may be with the area. Road closures and traffic on campus can result in significant delays and/or not reaching the post parade staging area.
- Road closures on campus will begin at 5:30 p.m. so it’s imperative that buses and equipment trucks/trailers reach the lot by this time.
- When buses and equipment trucks/trailers arrive at the post parade staging area, a volunteer will direct them where to park.
- To assist with identification and traffic management, please place a sign identifying your band in the front windows of buses and equipment trucks/trailers.
Parade Route

- The parade begins at the intersection of Abbot Rd and Burcham Dr at the East Lansing Hannah Community Center, travels south on Abbot Rd, east on Grand River Ave, south at Farm Ln, and concludes at the corner of Farm and Shaw Lanes.
  - See the Map for Parade Entries.
  - The total distance is approximately 1 ½ miles and takes approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour to complete.
  - Groups must be able to complete the entire distance.

During the Parade

- To ensure safety, items, e.g., candy, toys, etc., must not be thrown to parade spectators. Groups violating this rule will be asked to leave the parade.
  - Items may be passed out curbside by walkers accompanying the group.
  - Items other than candy must be approved by the MSU Alumni office prior to the parade.
- Groups are not allowed to stop at the judging stand.
- All groups should maintain an equal distance during the parade route - two to three car lengths is an appropriate distance. Proper spacing of all groups is important for the consistency of the parade. Groups may be asked by parade marshals to adjust their distance and pacing during the parade.

End of the Parade

- At the conclusion of the parade, a volunteer will meet you and escort the band to the post parade staging area.
- The post parade staging area is two blocks from the end of the parade route. The band will need to move off the street onto the sidewalk and walk this distance.
- The box lunches and water will be available in this area.
- For band members that have dietary requests, the boxes will be clearly labeled.
- Bands are free to leave once they reach the post parade staging area – some bands take their box lunches “to go” if they have a long drive ahead of them or in case of inclement weather.
- Trash cans and bags will be available for trash disposal, so any assistance in keeping our campus “green” would be appreciated.

Contact Number for Buses and Equipment Trucks/Trailers

- We strongly encourage you to have the cell phone numbers for your bus and equipment truck/trailer drivers, so you can call them if necessary if they leave their vehicle.

Inclement Weather

- The parade takes place regardless of rainy conditions.
- In the event of severe weather, for the safety of all involved, the parade will be cancelled. Should this occur, groups will be notified by email.

Dismissal from the Parade

The MSU Alumni Office reserves the right to remove any group or individuals from the parade at any time, for any reason. This includes:

- Violation of any component of the Homecoming Parade Code of Conduct.
- Exhibiting bad taste, drunken behavior, using profanity, objectionable language or gestures, or violating any of the General Student Regulations.
• If items are thrown from floats or vehicles.
• Any stalled floats, vehicles or groups that cannot keep pace with the parade.

Cancellations
If you need to cancel your group’s participation in the Homecoming Parade, contact me via email at carnah10@msu.edu immediately so we can adjust and plan accordingly. Per the Homecoming Overview and Information if a parade entry fails to show the day of the parade, the group will not be eligible to participate the following year.

Questions
Through September 21, contact me via email at carnah10@msu.edu if you have any questions.

On September 22, please understand that parade day is very busy and hectic for the MSU Alumni Office as we work to bring the Homecoming Parade to fruition. If you have any questions, we request that you first try to find you answer in the documents available on our Homecoming Parade webpage.

Please do not contact the MSU Alumni Office general office number or email.

If you really need to get in touch with us, contact me via phone or text at 231-313-0244.

Thank you and Go Green!

Amy Carnahan
MSU Alumni Office