

Hey everyone,

We've officially made it to the last week of this winter season. While I hate to see this season passing by, I couldn't be more excited about this upcoming weekend. We'll be competing at the IPA State Finals. We're one of the 10 groups in our class to go compete, and one of the 60 groups in Indiana that has made it to Finals.

As of now, we're currently ranked 3rd in the state. We are definitely in a place to where we can move up though. Out of the top four groups, it's entirely possible for any group to move up into the #1 spot. This week is dedicated to making sure that we have the best chance of doing so. For our rehearsals this week, everything is about getting as comfortable as possible with the show. We officially finalized everything during Tuesday's rehearsal. We spent a lot of time cleaning up some visual moments, and we also spent some time discussing our costume changes. Friday will be dedicated to repetition. We'll make sure that the students are as comfortable as possible with the show in its entirety.

For any questions concerning scheduling for Friday night, or Saturday, see the attached itinerary. Saturday will easily be the longest day of the year. We'll be departing NHHS at 6 AM, and returning to NHHS around 1:15 AM. Again, a very long day is in store for us. It is imperative that all the students get as much rest as possible on Friday night and even on the bus Saturday morning. The students will need some money for food throughout the day. We'll have the option to eat lunch at concessions, and then we'll be going out to dinner at a restaurant that is near the school.

We were talking of possibly doing a fan bus for Saturday, but it turns out that we were already extremely fortunate to get a bus driver for just the student bus. Unfortunately, we won't be able to arrange a fan bus.

Once Saturday is completed, there will only be a couple more things involving the winter season. Firstly, anything that still needs to be paid off, such as technicians, or costume reimbursements, money will need to be raised. I'm hoping that we've raised enough for the season, but I won't know until next week arrives. If we haven't reached our goal, I do know that we won't be far off. Again, as soon as I find out, we'll make sure we do what we need to. In terms of raising money, I know that this group has done a tremendous job. This season wouldn't have worked had the students, and parents, not been willing to work and support the program. Thank you all so much for that!

In terms of performances, I'm attempting to schedule some performances for both the North Harrison High School and Middle School. It'd be great exposure, and hopefully a lot of students would gain interest for future years. We're also discussing a possible community performance. As soon as we can schedule these events, I'll let everyone know.

Lastly, after our season concludes, the students will have the option to participate in the Spring Percussion Ensemble. This will be an activity that is significantly less demanding. We'll simply be preparing a piece to perform at the Spring Concert. This will be a great opportunity to continue learning for the front ensemble, and to learn a different perspective for the battery. Information will be passed

out once the winter season concludes. There will be no early mornings, no late nights, and no fees for this activity.

As always, thank you so much for your support and hard work over the last five months. This program has come such a long way in such a short time. It wouldn't have been possible without everyone being supportive.

This season has been great, and I'm looking forward to where the program will go in the future. The sky really is the limit with this program, and I hope that we can continue to move in that direction!

Let me know if you have any questions, and I'll do my best to answer them.

-Jeremy