

Hey everyone,

In case you hadn't heard, we had a tremendous first weekend out. The staff was extremely proud of the students. Out of the 14 groups competing in our class, we walked away with the 2nd place trophy. I hope that this experience will further motivate the kids to work that much harder. We have a great shot at walking away with a State Championship in five weeks. For this to happen, we need to get to work! We'll definitely have to make some schedule modifications to make sure we don't lose rehearsal time, due to snow.

For this week, we'll need to add on a Thursday (6 PM – 9 PM) rehearsal, due to us missing Tuesday's rehearsal. As always, I hate adding this stuff on so last minute, but we can't afford to miss any rehearsal time. There is a hand full of schools very close behind us in terms of scores, and if we were to take just one rehearsal off, they could catch up. We can't let that happen. For the reference on how close it really is, I'll attach the weekend's results on this update for our class.

- 1) 72.85 - Hagerstown
- 2) 70.05 - North Harrison
- 3) 69.60 - Tri-West
- 4) 69.50 - Terre Haute North
- 5) 69.45 - Perry Meridian
- 6) 68.40 - Cloverdale
- 7) 61.45 - Borden
- 8) 60.80 - Orleans
- 9) 60.55 - Danville
- 10) 60.35 - Pendleton Heights
- 11) 60.05 - Silver Creek
- 12) 57.90 - Eastern
- 13) 56.95 - Northeast Dubois
- 14) 56.35 - North Putnam

Friday will be the normal rehearsal time, and Saturday will be as scheduled also. I spoke with Nick Angelis the other day, and he's very excited about coming down to work with us. This should be a great opportunity to have him work with us before our next contest, and no other school will have that kind of advantage. Saturday will be going from 9 AM – 5 PM, and an hour will be set aside to ordering pizza for lunch. Each student will need \$5 if they want to eat pizza.

For the rest of our design staff, James Sparling is also hoping to come down and do another camp with us. This would consist of us extending one of our Tuesday rehearsals. I'm still discussing details with him, but hopefully we'll be able to work something out. I'll keep everyone posted as soon as something is scheduled.

We really are in a great position for this season. We have every opportunity to walk away with a gold medal, but for this to happen; we have to pick up the pace. Thanks to everyone for all of the support, this last weekend wouldn't have been such a success without it.

As always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions.