

Hello everyone,

So we've reached the week of our first competition! I'm very excited for the students to get out and see where they stack up against the other groups. Getting some feedback this weekend should do a lot to keep everyone focused on what our goal is for this season. I'll mention the contest details a bit later.

For this week, we have a lot to do. The word is that snow is headed in, which means our rehearsal for Tuesday could be canceled. If that's the case, then we will need to schedule something later this week to get some gym time. We have to have some time to get things ready for the contest on Saturday. I hate doing it, but it has to be done. Hopefully a snow day doesn't find us.

If it does take place, I'll keep everyone posted as efficiently as possible. As always, feel free to give me a call if you have any questions.

For rehearsals this week, we need to get the 2nd movement music on the floor. Once we do that, we'll be ready for Saturday. After doing this weekend, we'll have two weeks to get the 3rd movement on the floor. We'll also begin incorporating props into the show. We officially have the props done (thanks to Karl Benz and Mike Kinslow). I look forward to getting everything on the floor; it should be a really cool show!

For fundraising, I'm happy to say that we're almost done. We still have one more strong push to go to reach all of our goals. Things are extremely tight as of now. In fact, they're so tight, that we're beginning to have to make sacrifices that we really can't afford to make. With our newest fundraiser, which is selling chicken pot pies, I think we'll be able to get where we need to be. We'll pass out information on this as soon as everything is set in place.

For this upcoming weekend, we'll probably have the earliest day of the year. We have a 6:30 AM departure time from North Harrison, and we won't be back and done unloading until approximately 8:30 PM. It will be a very long day, but it should prove to be a great first show out. The itinerary will be attached to the same e-mail that this update is attached to.

That sums up just about everything for this week. Provided that snow fall does hit hard enough to cancel school, then I'll be contacting everyone sooner than later with some rescheduling to make sure we're prepared for Saturday.

If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail me or call me. Thanks for reading, and thank you so much for supporting this program!

-Jeremy