

Hey everyone,

This past week has been a great week for rehearsal. We spend majority of both Thursday and Friday learning the remaining drill for the 3rd movement. Any time that was left over was dedicated toward working on the 3rd movement music. It was our goal to have everything prepared for when Nick Angelis would be in town.

We spent the entire Saturday camp with Nick working on music. It was a tremendous opportunity for us to get a full camp with him. He was very pleased with the progress we have made since we last saw him, and he even wants to make another trip in a couple weeks to work with us some more. This is a huge boost for us!

We're also still waiting to see if James Sparling will be available to make another camp. As soon as a decision can be made, everyone will be notified.

For this week, we have one schedule update. There is a high school game Tuesday night, which means we won't be able to rehearse. We were asked to perform that night at halftime, and quickly accepted the invitation. For Tuesday, we'll be rehearsing immediately after school. We'll then give a dinner break before meeting to perform that night. I still haven't received a definite time; I just know that we'll be the halftime entertainment. Please try and make it out to see all of the progress the students have made.

Friday will be as scheduled, from 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM. Following rehearsal, I would recommend that all the students simply go home and rest up. Saturday will be an extremely long day (see itinerary for details). Dependent upon gym time, we may be rehearsing Saturday morning. If the gym is open, then we'll be rehearsing. If the gym is not available, then everyone will get some extra time to sleep. Regardless, it will still be a very long day.

I'm extremely excited about this upcoming contest. We will be going on first in our class, which offers both disadvantages and advantages. One good thing is that we'll be able to set the bar for our class. If we have a great performance, then it will be difficult for any following groups to outshine us. Along the same lines, going first gives the judges a lot of time to forget about us, so we have to make sure to leave a great impression. Performing 2nd out of 14 didn't hinder us from receiving great results our first week out, so I'm hoping we can remain consistent this week.

Either way, it should be another great week. On top of all of this, we've begun a new fundraiser selling chicken pot pies. If anyone has any questions, then Elyse Hensley and Rhonda Benz are the ones with all the answers. The students also received information concerning this Saturday. With this fundraiser, we should have the funds to begin buying equipment.

As always, thanks for reading, and feel free to contact me if you have any questions whatsoever.