

Hey all,

We have the longest weekend of the year behind us. We competed in Lexington, KY, this past Saturday in the Bryan Station Percussion Focus Show. While the students gave a very strong performance, we definitely didn't receive the results we expected.

Unfortunately, this is one part of the activity that is tough to deal with. Sometimes, there will just be a judge (or panel of judges) that don't appreciate the show. There isn't much we can do, except get up the next day and be ready to work. That's what the kids did at rehearsal Sunday, and I'm very proud of them for that.

To the students: I know it isn't easy. You all have put everything you are into the program this year, and the results show with how well you all are performing. Unfortunately, sometimes we just won't get the score we're hoping to get. Keep working hard! You are a tremendous group, and it shows, regardless of what placement we receive. (If we want to walk away as a State medalist, we sometimes need that 5th place finish to keep pushing us.)

While we do have the longest weekend of the year behind us, we have perhaps the longest week of the year this week. I hope everyone is ready to work, because we have a tremendous amount to do.

Tuesday (3/8) – We will be learning the drill for the remainder of the show. It's been decided that letter E to the end needs something different there. We also will be adding in body to the beginning of the 3rd movement. Battery members, be ready to learn quickly, as we need to learn everything that night, and become comfortable with it that night. I have full faith in you!

Thursday (3/10) – After speaking with Nick yesterday, we decided that we need to get him in sooner than later. He'll be with us on Thursday. We will be rehearsing from 5 PM – 8 PM. Make sure you're there early so we can be set up ready to go.

Friday (3/11) – We do have a rehearsal scheduled for Friday this week. We will go from 6 PM – 9 PM.

Saturday (3/12) – We have State Prelims! We need a strong performance to place us in a strong position next weekend for State Finals. Be ready to play! I will send out an itinerary along with this update.

Sunday (3/13) – We're hoping to have a bowl-a-thon this day. It'd be in the afternoon, but time and location still needs to be confirmed. For those that weren't aware, we originally had a contest planned for this day, but the contest was cancelled. We were going to just do a fun drumline outing for that day, but would like to turn it into a fundraising opportunity at the same time.

Again, we have a very long week ahead of us, but we're very close to the finish line guys. Let's finish this season off strong! I know you can do it!

-Jeremy