



!!!PRIDE!!!



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First Show Jitters Outta The Way...

The first show is behind us. What did we learn? Check the hashes BEFORE we start the performance. Sound checks are very important to set levels. Judges are watching EVERYTHING! However, the most important thing we all learned is, WE GOT THIS. Our program this year is awesome. The energy created throughout is infectious. The excitement from the opening fanfare to the solos/duets in the second movement grab the audience's attention each time. The beauty of melody and grace of movement in three is breathtaking. And the odd meter and rhythms of movements four make the audience wonder what will happen in five.

Where do we go from here you ask? Up! A major philosophy of the Oakmont-Overlook Marching Spartans is to get better with each rep. As mentioned at the end of the performance, that was our BEST of the season, and by the start of rehearsal tonight, it will become our worst of the season. Keep with you the drive to want to be better in everything you do. Sometimes you are not "the best." And that is completely okay. What isn't okay is to not strive for improvement. I will always push for you to give our program your best. I will NEVER accept minimal effort. I will NEVER give up on you.

The plan Tues/Thurs is to put music to movement 5. Come ready to have a great rehearsal, like always, and we will finish the learning process. The preliminary plan is to incorporate movement 5 into the show this weekend.

We need to take stock in what we, as individuals are confident with:

- **Do you know all of your music/work?**
- **Can you perform all of your music/work?**
- **Is your dot book complete?**
- **Do you know where you are in each form of the program?**

If you cannot answer YES to each of these questions, you need to work harder outside of the rehearsal time in preparation. The old adage is "the band is only as good as its weakest member." This is so true. Strive to be the best member of the band this week. Remember how contagious an **attitude** is, both positive and negative. Either will go a long way. Think about how much success we can accomplish with a positive attitude from EVERYONE.

A few competition reminders---

---**Always** wear undergarments that others are comfortable seeing you in. Undershirts (men), camisoles (women).

---**Never** eat in uniform without band jacket.

---**No students should be on the bus without a chaperone.**

---When we are backfield watching other bands, we give them the utmost respect. Applauding their performance, keeping quiet while they are performing, etc....

---Always have a buddy.

---Represent the Marching Spartans "With Pride"

"With Pride"
In Everything We Do

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 9/19/19 – Rehearsal (5:30pm – 8:30pm)
 9/21/19 – Rehearsal/NESBA – Medford
 8:30am – Rehearsal
 4:00pm – Load/Depart
 6:30pm – Warm up
 8:20pm – Performance
 8:50pm – Awards/Critique/Depart
 11:00pm – Arrive/Clean/Dismissed
 9/24/19 – Rehearsal (5:30pm – 8:30pm)
 9/26/19 – Rehearsal (5:30pm – 8:30pm)
 9/27/19 – Football Game – Auburn
 4:00pm – Arrive/Rehearsal/Dinner/Dress
 7:00pm – Game Begins
 9:30pm (ESTIMATE) – Game End/Clean/Dismissed
 9/28/19 – Rehearsal/NESBA – North Andover
 8:30am – Rehearsal
 12:00pm – Load/Depart
 2:00pm – Warm up
 3:50pm – Performance
 5:50pm – Awards/Critique/Depart
 8:00pm – Arrive/Clean/Dismissed
 10/1/19 – Rehearsal (5:30pm – 8:30pm)
 10/3/19 – Rehearsal (5:30pm – 8:30pm)
 10/4/19 – Football Game – HOMECOMING
 4:00pm – Arrive/Rehearsal/Dinner/Dress
 7:00pm – Game Begins
 9:30pm (ESTIMATE) – Game End/Clean/Dismissed
 10/5/19 – Rehearsal (8:30am – 4:00pm)

OOMPA Parent Meeting – The Oakmont-Overlook Music Parent Association will have a meeting for all parents on Thursday September 19th at 7:00pm in the Oakmont Lecture Hall. Discussion items include: competitions, chaperone info, melody tent, fundraising updates, etc. They ask all parents with a student in the marching band to make every effort to attend.

Fundraising – Please remember that we are in the middle of a few fundraisers. Take care of selling the raffle tickets and Yankee Candles while you are at family events, traveling around town, etc....

Inspirational Quote

"The Pessimist Sees Difficulty In Every Opportunity.
The Optimist Sees Opportunity In Every Difficulty."
– Winston Churchill

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