

Volume 20, Issue 4 Music Department Phone #: 978-827-5907 Ext 2168 Tuesday September 24, 2019

The Cleaning Game Begins

Congratulations on a stellar weekend. We were able to handle the CRAZY heat that came up quickly on us. As a group we finished the learning process of the show. The ensemble brought their A game to Medford and won. Think back on the feeling you had at the conclusion of the performance on Saturday. What were the immediate feelings/thoughts? "I missed that step-off." "Oops, wish I had practiced that moving 16th note passage more." "What were the counts of that toss again?" OR were they, "That was my best show ever?" "Can't wait to perform this show again." Either way, we only have five more competitions. FIVE. After all the hard work we have put in so far this season, we need to find another gear for our work ethic. Learning can be hard. Cleaning is much harder. We need to break bad habits. Let's start with the bad habit of poor rehearsal technique. Keep the talking in the field to a minimum. Check your music and drill to see that you are correct. There is so much we can do individually to make the entire ensemble better.

CHECK THE GOOGLE CLASSROOM. A QUESTION WAS SENT OUT REGARDING THE LAST PARAGRAPH. ANSWER IT NOW!

Note the time and date changes in the calendar to the right. We will be moving the rehearsal up 30 minutes on Saturday October 5th to help accommodate the high school students attending the Homecoming Dance. If you are not attending the dance, please plan to help clean up the rehearsal that day so the students can get home and prepare. Also note the rehearsal date changes for the end of October. These changes are to allow for the seniors to attend the Halloween party, and for all to attend Halloween. As we are about five weeks out, please make the necessary adjustments to be at rehearsals, as this is the week of Finals.

Our first football game is this Friday night. Be prepared for all that comes with a game.

- Pre-Game <u>School Song</u> and <u>Star-Spangled Banner</u>
- 1st/2nd Half STANDS TUNES, <u>B-Flat Song</u>, <u>School Song</u>
- Halftime Show As much as we can (without MET)
- Don't switch instruments
- No visitors
- READY TO PLAY AT START OF 4TH QUARTER
- Check handbook for the other expectations for games

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.... A few competition reminders---

"With Pride" *In Everything We Do*

Remember the curve...Achieve the Goals

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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 (8:00am 3:30pm) Note time change
- 10/8/19 Rehearsal (5:30pm 8:30pm)
- 10/10/19 Rehearsal (5:30pm 8:30pm)
- 10/12/19 Rehearsal/NESBA Wakefield
 - 8:30am Rehearsal
 - 3:00pm Load/Depart
 - 5:15pm Warm up
 - 7:20pm Performance
 - 8:50pm Awards/Critique/Depart
 - 11:00pm Arrive/Clean/Dismissed
- 10/15/19 Rehearsal (5:30pm 8:30pm)
- 10/17/19 Rehearsal (5:30pm 8:30pm)
- 10/19/19 Rehearsal/NESBA Billerica
- 10/20/19 OOMPA Mattress Fundraiser
- 10/22/19 -Rehearsal (5:30pm 8:30pm)
- 10/24/19 -Rehearsal (5:30pm 8:30pm)
- 10/25/19 Football Game Groton Dunstable
- 10/26/19 Rehearsal/NESBA Reading
- 10/28/19 Rehearsal (5:30pm 8:30pm) NOTE DAY CHANGE
- 10/30/19 Rehearsal (5:30pm 8:30pm) NOTE DAY CHANGE

"Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Wishing is not enough; we must do." – Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

^{*}Inspirational Quote*