

Week 3 of YCHS Cougar Band Competitive Season – PENDLETON!

The show: "ONE BAD APPLE" - We still have many things to do: cleaning drill, working for a more overall UNIFORM look, adding visual effects, and adding musical effects. We will have our hands full for the season in making a great deal of changes and additions. All students need to pass off the show – we need for everyone to know their part so they may contribute positively to this experience.

Crews & Parents: Many thanks so far for everything you've done: feeding us, outfitting the new trailer, building props, and donating time and supplies. We have had an influx of rookie parents to get involved this year, and the veteran parents have mentioned many times how grateful they are to have such a great crew! Let's work together to create a positive and professional environment for our students!

Attendance: Attendance is mandatory at all scheduled rehearsals, sectionals, and performances which take place outside of school time. The calendar for the fall is always published and given to members in May for planning. Excessive absences and tardies could result in demotion, loss of performance time, or dismissal from the program.

When Absences May Occur:

- *In case of sudden illnesses, please email or call the directors so that we know the location of your student.*
 - *We are accountable for all students when there are scheduled events.*
- **When tardy or absent from a practice, a signed written statement is required for documentation.**

Reference:

- Visit SC Band Link website at www.bandlink.org. You will find contest schedules and results!
- *We ask that all students and parents please **view or review the information** entitled "**Audience Etiquette.**" There are some "dos" and "don'ts" when attending/competing in a marching band competition. Please **NEVER** "bad mouth" any other band program....you never know who could be watching or listening..... We would like to show and share with everyone that when York Comprehensive HS arrives – a band with class (and classy band parents) arrives!
- **Please note that any parent who wishes to sign their student off of the bus from a competition (following the awards ceremony) must submit their request IN WRITING to Mr. Brooks each week BY FRIDAY. No sign-outs will be accepted on Saturday. Please be aware that if your student has Saturday cleanup duties and have signed off of the bus, they must still return to the school to complete those duties.**

Helpful Tips When Attending a Band Competition:

All parents should attend your student's performance. There is nothing better than to look up from the field as you are performing and see a crowd cheering for you – especially your own parents!

1. **Get there early!** It's always a good idea to see ALL of the bands at least in our class. The later it is in the day, the more crowded the stadium becomes. The best seats for these events are on the 50 Yard Line, just under the press box.
2. **Sit with the group!** It won't take long for you to figure out that some parents from other bands get there early to stake their claim for seating all of their fans. Your cheering will be much more effective if you sit as a group and cheer together instead of being spread out all over the stadium.
3. **Wear your colors!** If you have YCHS Cougar Band attire this is the perfect time to wear it. Our students want to see a sea of gray, black, and white in the crowd!
4. **Make some noise!** Our students will feel very encouraged and may even perform better if they hear the crowd roar when they come on the field, after the DM salute, in between parts of the show, and right after the show. We do ask that you please DO NOT bring or use any type of noise makers, however.
5. **Make Posters!** Make and use posters to show your support. They can be general-for the whole band, for individuals, or be themed for our show.

Particulars for these events:

- A full array of concessions will be available.
- You are more than welcome to be a part of our motorcade as we depart from the school on Saturday. Please be aware that although you follow us, you will still need to purchase a ticket at the gate, and you will have to park in Spectator Parking.

✓ **All woodwind & brass students will need to purchase at least 1 pair of black performance gloves before Friday (\$5/pair).**

✓ **ALL MB students including CG need a package of wet wipes.**

✓ **STUDENT REMINDER: No food or drink (other than water) allowed while in uniform** during games and competitions, unless instructed by Directors. Parents, please help us try to be consistent with this! We need to keep our uniforms CLEAN!

✓ Fans, parents, family and others who are not on crew for a particular competition SHOULD NOT be back at the bus, warm up, or other staging areas. These areas tend to get very crowded, and we are going to need all the room we can have, as well as keeping distractions to a minimum.

YCHS Bands “WIS” (Weekly Information Sheet) 10/10/16 – 10/15/16

Monday

- NO SCHOOL

Tuesday

- 4pm-7pm MB Rehearsal - Marching Shoes

Wednesday

- HOMEWORK DAY

Thursday

- 4pm-7pm MB Rehearsal - Wear Shakos w/ Plumes, Marching Shoes, White Shirts, Dark Shorts/Pants to this rehearsal

Friday

- 4pm-7pm Stadium MB Rehearsal - Wear Shakos w/ Plumes, Marching Shoes, White Shirts, Dark Shorts/Pants to this rehearsal

Saturday

- **PRIDE OF PENDLETON MARCHING CLASSIC (Pendleton HS)**
 - Students must eat a good Breakfast before coming to the school on Saturday. (Brass/Percussion can bring their Breakfast)
 - Students must bring a “CAMP-STYLE” Lunch to eat at school prior to departure.
 - Students must bring \$10-\$15 for Dinner Concessions at Pendleton HS.

SATURDAY	COMPETITION	@ PENDLETON HIGH SCHOOL
8:00 am	Brass/Percussion Call Time	Brass in Cafeteria – polishing horns; Percussion in Band Room – loading equipment
9:00 am	CALL TIME / Rehearsal – FULL BAND (Must be in the block with everything you need by 9:00am)	YCHS BAND ROOM in Block, then go to YCHS STADIUM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WEAR: Rehearsal clothes, Show Shoes – dress for the weather, hair braided • BRING: Bag Lunch, Water jug, instrument/equipment, SHOW SHIRT, deodorant, \$ for dinner, Wet Wipes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Horn Line & Percussion</u> - LONG BLACK SOCKS, Show Shoes, Gray/Black/Dark Compression Shorts (or other form fitting short) for under uniform, show gloves ○ <u>Color Guard</u> – Arrive w/ hair French Braided, warm-ups, tall black socks, show shoes, proper undergarments, compression gear, costume, hair spray, bobby pins, make-up supplies, show gloves
12:45 pm	Pit Crew Loading (departing between 1:30-1:45pm)	YCHS Stadium; Pit Crew Arrival goal at Pendleton HS is 4:00 pm
1:00 pm	Lunch / Dress	Band Room - Hardy lunch appropriate pre-performance food – No pizza, nothing greasy or spicy
2:15 pm	Inspection/Load Buses	
2:30 pm	Buses Depart from YCHS	“NEAT” Lunch to eat on the bus on the way to Pendleton HS
5:00 pm	Buses Arrive at Pendleton HS	
5:30 pm	Dinner @ Concessions	To Stadium as a group; Restrooms & Dinner in Stadium
6:55 pm	Gather Uniforms & Equipment	
7:05 pm	Line-Up for warm-up	Band, staff, and chaperones only
7:15 pm	Warm-Up	
7:55 pm	Leave for Stadium	
8:05 pm	Band Prop Staging Time	Students will pick up staged props “On The Go,” – paved area outside the stadium field entrance gate
8:15 pm	Gate Time	
8:30 pm	“ONE BAD APPLE” YCHS Cougar Band Competition Performance	
8:45 pm	POST-PERFORMANCE PROCEDURES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prop Screen students take back to the buses, but Guard Wall students will leave these in Prop Staging Area for Pit Crew parents to load carts and return to stadium. 2. All students to buses to pack up instruments, get water, and return immediately to Stadium for the Awards Ceremony. 3. Leadership Team representatives will need to return to stadium (as a group) for the Awards Ceremony before the rest of the band. 4. Pit Crew Loading Props & Instruments.
9:00 pm	AWARDS CEREMONY	ALL YCHS Band members will stand at “ATTENTION” either in the End Zone or other prescribed area during the Awards Ceremony (Do not cheer or break attention when your band is called). (FOCUS and ATTENTION both mean NO MOVING and NO TALKING.) YCHS Band members will not break “ATTENTION” or “FOCUS” until the Leadership Team has presented their awards to the band.
Approx. 10:00 pm	Depart from Pendleton HS	
Approx. 12:00 am	Arrive back @ YCHS	Unload, uniform turn-in, clean-up duties. Please have a ride waiting for you.