

NOTE #1: Thanks for dealing with everything on Saturday. Things happen sometimes, and your ability to roll with the punches will serve you well.

NOTE #2: Only 3 weeknight rehearsals remain in our season. Continue to work hard.

NOTE #3: It's getting colder. Be sure to have what you need to rehearse and perform well.

Remember that you cannot wear pants, sweats, or a sweatshirt under your uni. Under Armor is your friend. That and ski wear. The low temp on Saturday night is predicted to be 41°. Be prepared.

NOTE #4: When we come home on Friday night, you MAY hang your uni in the green room if and only if 1) you hang it neatly, and 2) it didn't get wet. Bring it home after Saturday.

NOTE #5: THANK YOU for your help in moving the props. They're a pain....but they add a lot to the show. If you haven't tried it yet, please do!

NOTE #6: Be certain to say thank you to our SHSMBA parents on the weekend. We couldn't do what we do without them helping us at every turn! (...and a special thanks for the SHSMBAPIZZA!)

NOTE #7: Work to accomplish something with every exercise, rep, or run.

NOTE #8: Is an octave higher than note #1.

Thursday, October 21 - rehearsal day

2:20 Normal school day ends. Use your time wisely this afternoon

5:30 Rehearsal begins

8:30 Rehearsal ends. We are loading the props into the truck and trailer TONIGHT. All winds not in a daily band class will load your instrument into your bin TONIGHT. (All winds in a daily band class will load your instrument in your bin after period 1 or period 5 on Friday.)

FRIDAY, October 22 - game day

7:30 Hang your uni bag in the green room as you arrive this morning. Wear your show shirt!

2:20 Normal school day ends. You must find a way to eat a meal after school, because your next opportunity to eat won't be until about 8:30 tonight.

3:45 Battery, student leaders, and pit begin loading all equipment into trucks.

4:00 Everyone else report to the music area to change into bottoms. If you need more time to change/apply makeup/whatever, please arrive earlier.

4:40 BBBB; we roll at 4:45.

6:00 Arrival at Warren Hills HS. This...may be a bit of a scramble if traffic to WH is bad. Listen VERY CAREFULLY upon arrival tonight; we might have a normal warmup, or a short warmup, or no warm up, or, in the worst case scenario, no show.

6:40 THE BEST PERFORMANCE OF YOUR LIFE (THUS FAR)!!! Time to show off a little! Work hard and show their home crowd how we do it down in the Ville. Hopefully, we can watch their show from the home stands at halftime. Don't forget to be a great audience! Remember to be back with 1 minute remaining in the third quarter - watch the clock and be back on time.

9:20 Game ends (victoriously). Put your stuff away neatly - yes, we are unloading tonight!

10:22 Arrival at SHS. See previous note.

BONUS NOTE: When we get back from games or shows, it's usually late. Please try to keep your voices down as you exit the property. Your neighbors thank you in advance!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23 - SHOW DAY!!!!

12:10 If possible, please come a few minutes early to set up the props. Thank you!

12:30 Rehearsal begins! Don't forget your PHD.

3:30 Rehearsal ends. Load trucks and trailer. SHSMBAPIZZA (and salad) today! Enjoy! Relax!

5:00 Change into uni. Some will need more time, some less. Be sure you're ready to.....

5:25 ...BBBB! We roll at 5:30 for the short trip to Ridge.

6:00 Arrival. By now, you know how this works. There is one small change for today - the buses are dropping us off in one location and then moving to a different location on campus. Not a big deal, but be sure you have everything you need as you exit the bus.

7:15 At gate.

7:30 THE BEST PERFORMANCE OF YOUR LIFE (THUS FAR)!!!!!! If you think about that sentence (TBPOYLTF), it implies two very important points: 1) each show is a *performance*. While on the field, you create that performance. Work hard on all the things we have tried to fix, yes, but enjoy the moment as well! And 2) the importance of the words “thus far”. Each show, you reset the bar for your individual and collective performance. Every performance should be better than the previous performance, because you’ve had time to fix things and make them better. You have to work harder each week to perform your best show thus far. Following our amazing performance, we’ll put everything away properly and head back to the stadium (by twos) to hit the snack shack and respectfully and quietly watch some bands. (A quick reminder about post-performance show behavior: please don’t talk while the bands are performing, Move to your seats in between bands. Be careful with food. Listen to your section leaders/DMs. Above all, be respectful to the performers. Remember that you are in uniform. Be absolutely sure that I am proud of your behavior).

9:30 Awards Ceremony! Be sure to cheer your captains and DMs as they represent us on the field. When the ceremony ends, wait for your DMs/captains, and march back to the buses in twos. Yes, there is a critique tonight, so please be patient. Staff will be back as soon as we possibly can.

10:51 Arrival at SHS. Yes, we are unloading everything and putting it away properly tonight! As with last night, please be quiet as we unload and leave campus. Thank you! One more week to go!!

BONUS NOTE #2: We have a home game next week. There will likely be playoff games after that. A schedule will be forthcoming as soon as playoffs are decided. Our last rehearsal of the season will be Thursday the 28th (we will obviously practice on 10/30 before heading to Old Bridge for States).

Sneak peek into next week: Final rehearsals Tues 10/26 and Thu 10/28; H vs Summit 10/29, US Bands NJ State Championships Saturday 10/30 at Old Bridge HS.

RIDGE MARCHING MADNESS COMPETITION

5:00	Hackettstown	1A
5:15	Oceanside	1A
5:30	Linden	1A
5:45	DelVal	1A
6:00	Passaic Valley	1A
6:15	Bernards	1A
6:30	Hanover Park	2A
6:45	intermission	
7:30	SOMERVILLE	4A
7:45	Pequonnock Township	4A
8:00	New Providence	4A
8:15	Hunterdon Central	5A
8:30	Immaculata	2O
8:45	Edison	4O
9:00	Hillsborough	4O
9:15	Ridge	exhibition
9:30	Awards Ceremony	