**Polk County Middle School Honor Band**

National Anthem Performance – Saturday 10/22/16

Denison Stadium Winter Haven, FL

Parents and Students,

This is a reminder that the Polk County Middle School Honor band will be performing on Saturday 10/22/16 at Denison Stadium in Winter Haven. See below for details:

**3:30PM Meet at front sideline at Denison Stadium**

**4:00PM Rehearsal of the National Anthem**

**5:00PM Performance of National Anthem**

**5:10PM Dismissal to band directors and parents.**

What to wear?

* Band T-shirt and blue jeans. Sneakers must be worn on the football field.

What to bring?

* Instrument, music (if necessary), sunglasses
  + Leave instrument cases in parent’s vehicle. **TUBA Players** bring cases.
  + All percussionists should bring their snare drum and stand. Tape your music to the snare drum head.
  + **If you are using music, you will need a lyre and flip folder to hold your music. There will be no music stands on the football field.**

Where to go?

* We will be accessing the stadium through the gate off of 5th ST. SE/AVE B. SE. A map has been provided to your band director and should be attached to this letter.

What to expect?

* Students will be rehearsing the Star Spangled Banner from 3:30-5:00PM. It is **NOT** recommended that you enter in the stadium for rehearsal as other preparations for Marching MPA will be taking place at this time. There are lots of shops and restaurants in downtown Winter Haven that would be worth visiting. Downtown Winter Haven is a 5 minute drive from the stadium. Be in the stadium at 4:45PM to ensure a good seat for the performance. All student participants will have complementary entry to Marching MPA. **Parents and siblings should expect to purchase tickets for entry into the stadium. Ticket prices are $8.00 for adults and $5.00 for children.** Following the performance of the National Anthem, students will be dismissed to their band directors. At this point, students will be under the supervision of their parents or band directors. You are encouraged to stay for the rest of the performances by the high school marching bands.

What if there is rain?

* If there is rain, we will not perform and the event will be cancelled. This decision will be made by all of the band directors present at the event. Even if rain is in the forecast, students should report to the Denison stadium track at 3:45 pm as the weather may clear up our performance time. **Everyone should bring instrument cases if there is rain in the forecast.**
* In the event of rain, please have your cell phones on so students can communicate with you about the status the event.
* Students will be taken to the covered bus loop at Denison Middle School for pick up if it rains.
* Band Directors will be located in the bus loop at Denison Middle School to supervise student pick-up. If your child needs to use a phone or locate you they are to report to the bus loop.

I look forward to a great performance on the 22nd. See you then.

Sincerely,

Bryan O’steen

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Florida Bandmasters Association