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The End...

We are one week away from the 2008-2009 Marching Spartans Final Performance. Memorial Day will be the last time this ensemble will be together as a group. This will be the last time we play "Divine Comedy" as one. Think about that for a second...look back to the first time we met last June, or for some look back to the first time you were part of this ensemble. It has been a long year, one with great success. We turned a corner this season and we have ALL learned many things throughout the year. Take what you have learned with you in everything you do. Marching Band is not just about music, marching, spinning, and performing. There is so much more to this organization. For some of you, this will be your last performance with the Marching Spartans whether it has been one season or six; you have been an integral part of the ensemble. Thank you for what you have given to each other, the staff, and the future of the Marching Spartans.

Remember how important our performances next Monday are to the many Veterans who have given so much to this country. BE PREPARED, memorize the music, and be reacquainted with proper marching technique. Keep working on warm-ups, Divine Comedy, and the parade music (Trooper Salute, My Country Tis' of Thee, America the Beautiful, Nearer My God to Thee).

Please prepare yourselves for the heat of Memorial Day by:

- Drinking lots of fluids to keep hydration levels up (start today)
- Get plenty of rest and eat healthy over the weekend
- Bring bug spray and sunscreen

How is your recruiting going? Each remaining member needs to bring in one new member! Reflect back on this and other years in marching band, and look towards your non-marching band friends. Ask the questions: "Why aren't you in marching band? Do you realize how much fun it is? Yeah it's TONS of work, but the benefits outweigh the work tenfold." This is YOUR band help it grow.

"With Pride"
In Everything We Do
Remember the curve...Achieve the Goals

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5/20/09 – OOMPA MEETING 7:00PM
 5/21/09 – PARADE REHEARSAL 2:30PM – 4:30PM
 5/25/09 – MEMORIAL DAY PARADES
 7:15 – ARRIVE/BREAKFAST/PACK/DEPART/WARM-UP
 9:00 – ASHBURNHAM PARADE BEGINS
 10:30 – DEPART FOR WESTMINSTER (ESTIMATED)
 11:00 – WESTMINSTER PARADE BEGINS (ESTIMATED)
 12:30 – PARADE ENDS/PACK/DEPART (ESTIMATED)
 1:00 – ARRIVE/UN-PACK/CLEAN-UP (ESTIMATED)
 6/9/09 – 2009-2010 MEMBERSHIP MEETING
 6/16/09 – MUSIC DRILL REHEARSAL WW/BRASS
 6/18/08 – MUSIC DRILL REHEARSAL GUARD/PERC.
 6/23/09 – MUSIC DRILL REHEARSAL WW/BRASS
 6/25/09 – MUSIC DRILL REHEARSAL GUARD/PERC.
 6/30/09 – MUSIC DRILL REHEARSAL WW/BRASS
 7/2/09 – MUSIC DRILL REHEARSAL GUARD/PERC.
 7/14/09 – SUMMER REHEARSALS BEGIN
 8/8/09 – HYANNIS SOUND CONCERT – FUNDRAISER
 8/9/09– 8/14/09 – BAND CAMP

OOMPA Meeting/Disney Trip Update Info

The last OOMPA meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday May 20, 2009 in the Oakmont Cafeteria. Elections will be held, as well as Memorial Day reminders, etc... Disney payment #4 is due on May 25, 2009.

Percussion/Colorguard Clinics

Percussion clinics are being held on Wednesdays for the next few weeks. Colorguard clinics are being held on Thursdays. All clinics run 6:00pm – 8:30pm. Anyone interested in performing in these sections next year MUST attend the weekly clinics.

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