



September 19, 2021

Hello!

Please read through the following information for this week. There are some adjustments to our rehearsal schedule due to conflicts that are beyond our control. Information for our first competition on Saturday is also included.

- **Schedule for the week of 9/20/2021**
  - Monday 9/20
    - After school rehearsal for all members 3:30-5:45
  - Tuesday 9/21
    - Rehearsal from 4:30-7:30 on the band lot
  - Wednesday 9/22
    - no rehearsal
  - Thursday 9/23
    - No rehearsal due to open house
  - Friday 9/24
    - After school rehearsal for all members 3:30-5:45
    - No game.
  - Saturday 9/25
    - Capital City Marching Contest!! (Highlights of the day's schedule are below, and more detailed information will be sent tomorrow, there are a few details we are waiting on from the show host before we pass them on to you.)
- As noted above, **Tuesday's rehearsal** will be on the band lot rather than at the stadium. This is due to junior high football games being played on both fields at the stadium on Tuesday. Because of this, we are also moving the rehearsal an hour earlier because the lighting on our lot isn't that great. We don't want to move any earlier than that because we have many students in other after-school activities on Tuesdays and don't want to create additional conflicts for them. This adjustment is for this week only.
- To allow parents to attend Thursday's virtual open house, we are moving the Thursday rehearsal to Friday. Even if we stopped rehearsal early on Thursday, it would not give everyone time to get home (or wherever you need to be to have internet) in time to be on Zoom by 5:00pm.
- **Thank you** to everyone who volunteered Friday night. We were still a few short, but it was much better than the first game. The next home game is homecoming, which usually means a larger crowd. Please start making plans now to be available to help that night. The sign-up will be out soon. Sign-up to volunteer for Saturday's contest will also



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be out very soon. I encourage as many parents as possible to attend our competitions to see what all the hard work is really about. Whether they tell you or not, the kids want you there.

- **Our first contest is Saturday!!** I'll be sending a separate email tomorrow with more details for the day, but here are the highlights.
  - The contest site is Austin ISD's Burger Athletic Complex
  - We will meet at our stadium at 7:00am that morning to do our run through before we leave.
  - Our prelims performance time is 2:00pm.
  - We will go to lunch after our performance. This meal will be provided by the boosters.
  - Finals begins at 7:00pm.
  - The contest ends at 10:00pm
  - We should be home around 1:30am.
  - Tomorrow, I'll send a detailed itinerary as well as additional information from the host for parents and spectators.

We have a lot of work to do this week and every minute of rehearsal will be critical to our success on Saturday. We hope to finish the show, add some choreography, and our uniforms should arrive this week! It's a big week and we are looking forward to our return to competition! Please let me know if you have any questions.

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