

**Dear Marching Griffin Parent:**

The end of the season is upon us and some exciting and memorable times are still ahead! We are so proud of each of our students. They have worked incredibly hard and their efforts are paying off in some outstanding performances.

We are writing to keep you informed about some important performance details and schedule alterations over the next few weeks. Please help your child stay on top of his/her schoolwork so that the end of this competitive season is enjoyable and fulfilling.

Week of October 31 through November 5

Indianapolis – Bands of America Regional Championship

Monday – Normal rehearsal from 4:00-6:00 PM, followed by announcements

Tuesday – off

Wednesday – Rehearsal at East from 3:00-5:00, then Rain Date Performance at LW Marching Band Showcase, Central Campus at 7:00 PM. Join us if you can.

Thursday – National Honor Society Induction night (inductees will join us at about 7:30 after ceremony). Marching basics at 5:45, followed by sectional rehearsals for all others from 6:30-7:30, then full band rehearsal until 8:45 – normal conclusion.

Friday – Because of conflicts the night before, we will rehearse from 2:00-4:00 PM in the stadium, then depart at 5:00 PM for Indianapolis.

Saturday – Prelims performance at 9:30 AM at Lucas Oil Stadium, followed by rehearsal. If MG advance to Finals, they begin at 7:30 PM.

Sunday – return from Indianapolis

Week of November 7 through 12

Indianapolis – Bands of America Grand National Championship

Monday – Rehearsal from 4:00-7:00 PM (our last rehearsal before leaving)

Tuesday – off

Wednesday – Depart at 5:00 PM for Indianapolis.

Thursday – Morning rehearsal in Indianapolis, Prelims performance at 3:30.

Friday – Percussion performs in morning at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention in Indianapolis, followed by full band indoor rehearsal at the Indianapolis Convention Center. At about 9:00 PM, LWE finds out whether or not we advance for Semi-Finals.

Saturday – Likely morning rehearsal, followed by possible Semi-Finals performance. Finalists are announced at about 5:00 PM. LWE will attend Finals whether or not we are performing.

Sunday – return from Indianapolis

Keep these things in mind regarding these BOA events:

- Your child can have his/her cell phone on the trips. We encourage you to keep in touch with him/her so that you can be informed about the latest updates on performances times, whether the group advances to the next round, etc.
- Medications – if your child will be taking any medication during the trips, we will need it turned in by the end of the day on Wednesday, November 2. The best-case scenario would be that you provide us with enough meds for both trips and keep what you need for your child while he/she is at home in between trips. If you are not able to work this out, we will need a second set of meds from you for Nationals the following week. All medications needs to have doctor's authorization and be handed to us in original packaging in a Ziploc bag with your child's name clearly printed on the bag.
- We are staying at Camp Camby both weekends. This is a very clean and well-maintained camp, similar to band camp. Students will need to bring bed linens/sleeping bags, towels, toiletries, etc.
- Most meals will be included. Students will need to have money for a couple of lunches and a couple of dinners when we are not at camp. If you send your child with at least \$20 the first weekend, and \$35 the second weekend, he/she should be fine. We also recommend sending some money for souvenirs, especially at Grand Nationals.
- We highly encourage you to come support the kids. You may want to purchase tickets ahead of time by visiting [www.musicforall.org](http://www.musicforall.org), clicking on 'store', then finding your way to the ticket ordering page.
- BOA does not allow any videotaping of performances. In fact, they will check your bags as you enter the stadium to see if you are carrying any video equipment. You can, however, take still shots of the band in performance.
- Grand Nationals attracts nearly 100 marching bands from across the United States. It is impossible to predict exactly how LWE will fare competitively, so we are excited for every additional performance that the kids earn at this event as well as the regional championship the week before.
- Tickets – we strongly recommend ordering tickets ahead of time online at [www.musicforall.org](http://www.musicforall.org).

Please see that attached itineraries for more specific times and information. Don't hesitate to email us if you have questions. We hope you and your child truly enjoy the end of this already successful 2011 marching band season!

Regards,

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