



Welcome to Crown Jewel 2011

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A few reminders...

- 1) Please fill out or turn in your announcer's script upon arrival at registration.
- 2) One or Two Guides will be assigned to each band. Your Guide is to stay with your band throughout the Prelims. If you have a question or need something they will take care of you throughout the prelims. We do not provide guides for the finals
- 3) Make sure that only those chaperones and support personnel "With official "Black Wrist Band" enter through the northwest band gate and that they are aware that they may not enter through the main gate. All others are to pay and enter at the main ticket gate. Everyone, except the directors will be required to have a wrist band or a ticket. Wrist bands will be provided to the directors at registration along with the 5 directors' passes. Bus Drivers will receive passes at the bus parking lot. Please refer to the complimentary pass and ticket policies as posted on the website.
- 4) Remember, that during the finals, all chaperones, support personnel, and others in your "official party" must sit on the north (visitors) side of the stadium. Directors only will be able to view their show from the press box area and only those with one of the 5 Official Staff / Director passes may sit on the home side as space allows.
- 5) There is no playing or practice allowed prior to entry into the warm up area. There is no playing allowed on the way to the stadium or leaving the field after a performance. Please **No Cadence or Drum Taps**.
- 6) Tailgating and Grilling is not allowed on school campus. By order of our risk management there can be no grilling or open fires on the campus. You are welcome to locate suitable areas off campus for this if you desire. Please refer to the campus and parking policies as posted on the website and last noted on our campus maps.
- 7) A band should move from warm up to the stadium 10 minutes before their scheduled performance time. This is built into the overall schedule and flow chart. Please refer to the schedule as posted on the website. A final schedule is included in your registration packet at check in. We are running on a very tight schedule, please plan accordingly.
- 8) At the conclusion of your band's performance, your band guide will meet your band on the track and escort you properly off the track and out of the stadium. You will proceed to the photo area in front of the school for pictures. Pictures are optional.

- 9) Bands are allowed into the stadium to observe prior to or after their performance, but they are not allowed to carry any equipment or instruments in with them. Bands and all adults in the “official” band party must enter and exit through the northwest band gate.

- 10) Busses will be parked as indicated on the campus maps provided. You should maintain contact with you bus drivers in case you need access to your busses during the day or should need to be picked up on the main campus. Bands may return to their busses in the parking lot at the Freshman Learning Center, but there are no restroom facilities available except in the stadium and in the Witt Gym.

- 11) Seating:
 - a) Prior to Lunch, bands may sit on the HOME side. Please pack your members with care. Putting one member per numbered place in sections A, B, C, F, and G only. Sections D and E are reserved for those with purchased tickets. After 3:00 pm, the VBHS Band will be seated in their section of the home stands located on the west end of the bleachers. Please plan for this area to be clear at that time.

 - b) After Lunch, if room permits, you may sit on the HOME side sections A,B,C,F, and G only. However, you may be asked to move to the visitor’s side if we run short of room. Please ask your students to respectfully accept these requests. We will try to accommodate everyone, however paying customers deserve the seats they are paying for.

 - c) At finals, we will not have room for the bands on the HOME side. All Bands and their “official” party will have to sit on the visitor’s (north) side. Bands not participating in the finals, but who wish to observe the finals may do so as our guest at no charge, but must also sit on the visitor’s side this includes all chaperones and official travel party.

- 12) Location of important areas:
 - a) Contest Registration (Hospitality)..... Witt Gym East Lobby
 - b) Judge’s Meeting and Meals.....Half Hour Inn
 - c) Restrooms.....See MRR, WRR & RR on Map
 - d) Concessions.....Behind Stands on Both Sides of the Stadium
 - e) Warm Up.....See Map and Schedule
 - f) First Aid Witt Gym East Lobby & Southwest Stadium Area
 - g) Band and Chaperone SeatingVisitors Side (North)

- 13) We have trailers and crews to help you move equipment, and props. Don’t have your parents overwork themselves. Our crews are here to help get you in place on time. Your equipment should arrive prior to your band through the Northwest Band Gate.

- 14) Awards Presentation: Please refer to the awards presentation charts and instructions that will be found on the website. These will also be included in your registration and welcome packet upon check in. It is important that these procedures be followed so that not only the dignity of the presentation be preserved but so that the presentation can proceed and conclude in a timely manner.

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- 15) Remember, if you have any problems or you need help ask your band guide. If they can not help they will find one of our parent staff. We want everything to go as smoothly as possible for you, your band, and the festival.

- 16) Air Grams: Please advise your supporters and boosters that “air grams” are not guaranteed to be announced right before your bands’ on field performance. While we will do the best that we can to announce them as requested, we often get more than can be announced between bands and cannot delay the festival timing due to air grams. We will make every effort possible to air them at some point prior to the announcement of ratings. In the rare event that an air gram is not announced at all during the festival, we apologize in advance, however, we are not able to refund payment for unannounced air grams as it is not at all practical to do so. Air grams are considered a non-refundable donation.

- 17) Video of Performances: You will receive one complimentary video (VBHS) of your performance. You may order a high quality DVD of your individual performance or a DVD of either pre-lims or finals through Dome Films. Information and order forms will be posted on the website and an order table will be set up in the stadium the day of the festival.

- 18) Good Luck and have a great day at our festival!