



Grant Music Boosters

PO Box 546, Grant, MI 49327 (231) 834-8917

2017 Grant Band Invitational
Marching Band Competition

September 15, 2017

Hello directors:

I am looking forward to seeing you and your band as the Grant Music Boosters host the 5th Annual Grant Band invitational. Enclosed are the procedures and schedules necessary for your October 7 performance. Thank you for your support in our fifth year.

PARKING & CHECK IN

The traffic flow pattern that we initiated last year worked well and we ask that you let your drivers know the entrances. We will have plenty of signs set up to help guide your bands in. The signs will say "Band Event" and have arrows to direct the spectators and busses/trucks.

We ask that directors, busses, and equipment trucks enter from Commerce St. (between Dollar General and the Wesco Station on M-37) and then turn left on Elder (end of Commerce St.) to receive parking instructions. If the busses or trucks try to enter from State Rd. they will be forced to turn around in the High School parking lot and return to M-37 and enter from Commerce St.

All busses, bands and directors are to check in on the east side of the Primary Center. You will see the table and greeters near the building entrance. Director parking will be in the Primary Center parking lot, busses will be parking on the west side of the Primary Center and Elementary School, the equipment trucks will park on Elder Ave. (We've arranged to block off the whole street for our use).

As has been practiced in the past, spectators will be entering from State Rd (only traffic signal in town) and using the main parking lot as labeled on the enclosed maps.

Changing rooms are available on request. Please e-mail me NO LATER than October 2 for this request.

Your warm up space is outside and I did my best to put bands where they will best fit with the size of ensemble. You will have 45 minutes of warm up and it will take 5 minutes to get from the trucks to the warm up area. There is a separate warm up area for the pit and guard. Please note that NO blocks or electronics are allowed to be used as this is in close proximity to the

performance field. Please remember the NEW MCBA rule of warm up spaces and the penalty that will be assessed should you not follow warm up protocol.

If you need electrical power for your performance, there will be an extension cord at the front of the field near the 50-yard line. Please note that if you choose to utilize this power source, you do so at your own risk.

Directors will receive a website to view their performance video in high definition.

Students will have their hands marked upon arrival. Bus drivers, chaperones, and equipment persons should get their hand marked at check-in. A bus driver's lounge is available in the Middle School library.

Concessions will be available through the evening and will be priced at the event.

The tabulator will be in the press box at the top of stands on the home side.

Should we need to have an indoor stand still competition, it will be held in the Grant Middle School gym. The entrance is located across the parking lot from the athletic field and will be well marked.

I hope the Grant Band Invitational will be an enjoyable and educational experience for you and your students. I do request that if there are any questions with the invitational, please do not hesitate to contact me. As this being our fifth year, we will continue to do our best to have this experience one of the best of your MCBA season tour in hopes you continue to join us each year!

See you all on October 7!



Invitational Chairman
President, Grant Music Boosters
charlie@grantmusicboosters.org
231-834-8917