

Dear Members of the Band Family,

I wanted to take a chance to thank all of you for the wonderful weekend we just experienced. Seeing the great group of alumni, the packed stands on Sunday, and two great performances by the band was so much fun! None of this would have happened without the hard work of the current band members and the unbelievable support and dedication from the parents that coordinated and implemented Sunday just perfectly. MIP XX was memorable for sure and I have been getting nothing but compliments for the past 24 hours. The tremendous success is a credit to all involved.

Moving ahead, there are still some major events left in the season. We all know that Syracuse is the culmination of the entire season. On Sunday, 10/29, at 1:43 pm the band will take the field at the Carrier Dome. By now, 90% of the medical forms are complete, and the final details are being put into place. You can expect a final dome schedule and packet around 10/21. For now, plan to come and make sure you have a place to stay! 53 Bands in one day, equals a lot of hotel rooms for performers and parents.

On November 7, we will be having our year end event. This year we are going to restructure the event to make it more student focused and provide everyone with a better opportunity to see the presentation. With that in mind, we will be having dinner for the student members of the band only beginning at 6:00 pm in the Cafeteria. This will be provided by the band and there is no potluck portion this year. The parents and families are welcome to join us beginning at 6:45 in Memorial Hall. During this portion of the event we will continue our traditional senior presentations, watching of the video, and season ending awards. The entire evening should be completed by 7:45 pm. Hope we all find this new format more comfortable and more conducive to the group viewing experience.

With 5 Competitive Performances left, we would love to have a great crowd cheering us on to the finish. Below are the most current performance times for the remaining shows:

10/14 - Verona HS – 4:35 pm
10/21 – Wayne Hills HS – 9:30 pm
10/22 - Kingston NY (Dietz Stadium) – 1:00 pm
10/28 – Phoenix NY – 12:30 pm
10/29 – Carrier Dome – 1:43 pm

On behalf of the staff and students, Thanks again for all continued support and hope to see you all in Syracuse!

Mr. Marks