

BWAC Marching Band Extravaganza 2011

Director and Student Instructions

(Please share pertinent information with your students)

Depart Armada – 3:00PM

Arrival – 4:00 PM (IN UNIFORM)

Port Huron High School & Memorial Stadium are on 24th Street. On the north side of the stadium is Farley Street.

When you arrive, you can pull into the parking lot that parallels 24th Street. There are several places to enter this lot. Students can be dropped off in front of the main gate and may enter the stadium there.

If staying, busses can exit the north end of the parking lot; turn right on Farley Street, travel a few hundred feet and turn right into a gravel parking lot that parallels Farley. They should park in this gravel lot, along the field edge of the lot.

Equipment trucks can unload in front of the stadium, or move to the rear (east) side of the stadium. There is an entrance off Farley that will get you to the rear of the stadium. A drive runs parallel to the back stands, trucks & trailers park here.

Upon arrival, students should take cases to each band's designated area behind the end zone. There are small gates at either end to enter the field area from the spectator area. Leave cases and instruments here, and then move to their **plotted coordinate on the field (from Mr. Gras' e-mail)**

4:05 PM (approx) – Rehearsal

Since everyone is assigned a coordinate, getting there should not be difficult (**Directors: please give your students their coordinates in advance and have them practice at least once where that is before you get here**)

Once the massed band form has been completed, Color guard and percussion sections will move to sectionals in the location indicated during orientation.

Winds will remain on the field and warm-up and begin rehearsal with Mr. Steve Loveday.

The color guard and the percussion will return to the field for full-ensemble rehearsal.

5:15 PM (approx) – Run Through

At approximately 5:30 PM, we will bring all sections together to work on complete run-throughs. This portion of rehearsal will include getting on and off the field.

5:45 PM – Dinner Break

Each Band will provide dinner for their band members. You can have your students bring their own dinner or have your boosters provide something. Please eat in the area you have your cases. We will be opening the stadium to the public during this time so we want to leave the area by the entrance gate open.

Please be careful to keep trash contained and disposed of in the proper receptacles. Do not leave trash anywhere. We do not want our audience to arrive to a “trashed” stadium.

Your students also need to make sure they are in full uniform by 6:20. You are to arrive in full uniform, but students can take off their coats, hats, etc. during the rehearsal time.

6:20 PM – Bands Move to the Stands

Students should finish dinner, be in full uniform and be moving to their assigned position in the stands at this time. Capac will be moving backfield to begin the evening performances. Yale can be in the end-zone by their instruments “on deck” to perform next.

6:25 PM – National Anthem

The Capac Band will perform first. They will enter the field at 6:25 PM to set-up for the National Anthem. All bands should be seated in their designated sections by this time.

6:30 PM – The Show Begins

Please remain seated as much as possible during each band’s performance. When moving in the bleachers, use the outside isles as much as possible so as not to disturb other audience members. Remember, we must be the example of what a great audience is. Be attentive and responsive to each band as they perform. They deserve your undivided attention.

Directors, your band should begin to exit the bleachers and enter the field area off the end zone on your designate end when the band ahead of you is taking the field. As one band exits, the next may begin to enter. You may take a couple of minutes to warm up, but we want to keep the show moving. Scheduled times that were given are just approximations. We would like to stay ahead of that schedule if possible. The earlier we are done, the earlier everyone gets home.

After your performance, please attempt to return your band to the bleachers before the next band begins their show. There will be time later to discuss your band’s performance.

Concessions are being run by Dan Griffith’s Port Huron High School Band Boosters. Please encourage your students to support them.

Performance order

6:30 pm	Capac
6:45 pm	Yale
7:00 pm	Imlay City
7:15 pm	Algonac
7:30 pm	Richmond
7:45 pm	Almont
8:00 pm	Armada
8:15 pm	Croswell-Lexington
8:45 pm	Massed Band

Depart Port Huron – 9:00PM

Back in Armada – 9:45PM