

Winter Guard and Percussion Show

The 2010 Norwalk Winter Guard and Percussion show will be Saturday, February 27. The percussion competition begins at approximately 2 PM with the guard show following at around 5 PM. Awards are usually between 9:30 and 10:00 PM. Last year, we had 12 percussion groups and 30 guard groups! There are large pieces of percussion and guard equipment and props to move around the school and into the gym. The entire gym floor is filled with guards and their flags, weapons, props and floors or with percussion groups with all of their large percussion equipment, props and floors. When the Norwalk Percussion, AA Guard and O Guard hit the floor, there is a deafening roar in the gym. It is a sight to see!

Like Cavalcade, this is a big fundraiser for the band program. We need the whole band family to participate and volunteer so our show can run smoothly. Even if your child does not participate in Guard or Percussion, this show will still benefit every band student because the funds raised will go into the general band account. And, it' s INSIDE!! Every band student that is not performing that night is required to work as an escort for the show. Sign-ups for that will be done by Mr. Smith in class.

At the January parent meeting, each chairperson for the show will give a brief description of their job and answer questions. We will have a table set up at the back of that meeting for parents to sign up for various jobs. WE CANNOT DO THIS WITHOUT YOU! We ask that you sign up in January. If we do not get an adequate amount of volunteer sign-ups, we will need to do phone recruiting which takes away from our time to plan and prep for our show (as well as our jobs and families).

The entire band family is asked to donate baked goods for the show. Just like Cavalcade, they must be individually wrapped. Any questions on that will go to the Baked Good Chair, Christine Tomascak.

Every Guard and Percussion student is asked to donate two cases of soda and one case of water. You will drop that off the Friday afternoon/night before the show while we are setting up. You may leave them in the lobby and we will transport them downstairs for you. Please do not drop anything off while school is still in session.

We do have some chair positions open for next year. We would like you to train this year with the current chair; so let me know ASAP if you are interested. They are: Food court - 2 co-chairs, 50/50 - 1 chair, Ads - 1-2 chairs, Candy grams - 1 chair, and Logistics - 1-2 chairs.

For those of you that are eager to sign up right away (and I know there are many of you), I have included the jobs and chairs and their e-mails on this handout. If there is a job you know you want, e-mail the chair right away before it is taken by someone else! Freshman and sophomore parents, now is the time to jump in. It is a GREAT group to be a part of!! Thank you!!

50/50 and Ads Chair - Mike Chuba - aldefchu@aol.com

Volunteers will sell 50/50 tickets in the stands.

Admissions/front door Chair - Kelly Eckert - koe1090@aol.com

Volunteers will collect admission and stamp hands.

Announcers - Bill Buchner and Steve Rudolf

Baked Goods Chair - Christine Tomascak - chrismt@optonline.net

Volunteers will sell baked goods.

Candygrams/Program book sales Chair - Karen Giannitti - kpg928@aol.com

Volunteers will sell candy grams and have them delivered to guard and percussion groups' homerooms via candy gram runners. Sells program books to visitors.

Electrician - Needed

Equipment Chair - Rich Powers - rlcdp@optonline.net

Organize flow of props and floors in hallway outside gym and ensure timely flow of equipment into the gym for the show.

Escort Chairs - Jodi Sanchioni - jsanchioni@yahoo.com and Diana Koukides - dkoukides@thebankoffairfield.com

Volunteers keep groups running on time through warm-up rooms and to show. Student escorts (and some parents) stay with a group and keep them on time from area to area.

Food stand Chair - Kali Dimarco - kali1@optonline.net

Volunteers sell food and beverages from cafeteria.

Judges Room Chair - Claudette Quadrini - cquad@optonline.net

Claudette is our hostess to the judges which includes feeding them all day.

Logistics Chair - Dave Mola - mola005@aol.com

Volunteers keep the flow in parking lot organized by parking visitors and buses in designated areas.

Memorabilia Chair - Jill Griffin Wells - Jillgriffin@cdwg.com

Creating and selling show souvenirs. Jill also puts together program books and organizes photographer sessions for program book.

Runners Chair - Don Eckert - eckertd@optonline.net

Coordinates student runners that pick up tapes and scorecards from judges.

Security and Gym doors Chairs- Chuck Goulart - GOULARTC@aol.com and Deb Conti - mmcd2428@aol.com

Doors - monitors gym doors so no one enters during a performance and checks hand stamps to enter gym. Security guards doors and areas of school that are closed. Security also helps visitors with directions.

Seniors Chair - Liz Powers - powersliz@optonline.net

Senior recognition.

Trophies Chair - Kathy Papp - smllwondrs@aol.com

Purchases trophies and certificates.

SITE MAINTENANCE - Every chair is responsible for cleaning up their own area. However, we ask everyone if they can help to clean up at the end of the night. Last year, there were only 6 of us to put away tables, chairs, volleyball nets and to clean gym and hallways. If you are picking up your child or finishing your volunteer job, please ask around to see what can be done to help before leaving for the night - thanks!!

Thank you to all my wonderful chairs for all their hard work and dedication! Thank you to all the student and parent volunteers that will make this show possible! A special thank you to Mrs. Smith for always volunteering as an escort and staying to help with clean up! Let's continue in the tradition of the Norwalk High School Marching Bears and make this a show to be proud of!! Thank you!

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