

*Eureka High School Winterguard*  
**Eureka MCCA Winterguard and Winter Drum Line Festival**  
**February 6, 2010**

Welcome to Eureka High School for our 9<sup>th</sup> annual Winterguard and Winter Drum Line Festival. We are looking forward to having you on campus.

**Eureka High School**  
**4525 Highway 109**  
**Eureka, Missouri 63025**  
EHS Band Office: (636) 733-8888, x. 43065 before Festival Day  
John Arata: (314) 471-1625 or aratajohn@rockwood.k12.mo.us

**Maps** are attached to this e-mail.

**Start Times**

Middle school and regional winterguard performances will begin at 1:00.

Percussion performances will begin at 3:50.

Scholastic winterguard performances will begin at 6:55.

**Admission** - \$7

**ACT Testing**

You'll notice that the start time is a bit later than other shows to accommodate the ACT testing. If any of your students wish to take the ACT test at Eureka High School, there may be some stand-by seats available. Contact Eureka High School's College Guidance Counselor, Jeff Buckman, at (636) 733-8888, x. 33133.

**Performer Check-In and Storage** will be in the commons.

Go to the American flag upon arriving on campus. The entrance is right behind the flag on the circle drive. Groups in the circle drive should be actively loading or unloading. Do not park and leave vehicles unattended in the circle drive to keep the check-in running smoothly. If the circle drive is too tight for your bus, please feel free to stop in the fire lane and unload. Naturally, don't park in the fire lane.

Be prepared to declare your number of marching members. Penalties will be assessed for false declarations. Marching members, 7 staff plus the director will be admitted at no charge. Directors are expected to take care of their bus drivers, staff, etc. with the 7 comp tickets as no extra passes will be provided for these individuals. Units must check-in one hour prior to performance time. Turn in your unit fact sheet at that time.

**Bus Parking** will be away from the building at the direction of our parking lot volunteers to accommodate spectator parking closer to the building.

**Vertical Timing Line**

Performers enter from the backfield corner on the audience's right and exit to the audience's left.

**Cassette Tapes for Judges** are provided by MCCA.

### **Soundtrack**

A cassette tape, variable speed deck, and CD deck will be provided for your use, or you may utilize your own deck and plug it into the system provided. Bring music tapes/CDs to the sound table prior to your performance. It is suggested that a representative of your guard stay with the sound engineer during your unit's performance.

**Sound Testing** will begin at noon and during breaks (at the discretion of the announcer).

### **Warm-Up Area**

Both body and equipment warm-ups will be in half of Gymnasium B. Your location is indicated on the warm-up schedule attached to this e-mail and shown on the attached map. Both body and equipment will be in the same location with no movement between the two. If you require assistance with timing, please ask the timer in the gym. Please exit the warm-up area promptly when requested by our timing volunteers.

### **Footwear and Equipment Protection**

All equipment tips on rifles, flag poles, and sabers must be padded and taped. Any props must be protected so as not to damage the floor. Soft-soled shoes need no added protection. Hard-soled shoes must be taped.

### **Dressing Facilities**

Please use the restrooms adjacent to the commons, but do not exit into the math hallway from these restrooms. Vacate these facilities as quickly as possible. Please contact John Arata (314.471.1625) before festival day if you need another accommodation.

Do not leave items in the dressing areas. MCCGA and Eureka High School are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

### **Large Equipment/Props**

A holding area for your floors/backdrops will be available one hour prior to your performance. No long-term storage area will be provided. This location is marked on the campus map attached to this e-mail. If you require large equipment entrance, request "**the outside entrance to the aerobics room**" to our parking lot volunteers. This is the closest entrance to the performance gymnasium. Within the one hour time frame, equipment may stay in the aerobics room and you will walk past the aerobics room entrance on your way to the performance gym. **Warning** – the inside aerobics room entrance features a ramp with a low ceiling on the way out. It is only about a 6 ½ foot high clearance. You have tall props that must stay tall as they move, this may not work. Contact John Arata (314.471.1625) before festival day if you need another accommodation.

### **Video Taping**

As outlined in the MCCGA Rule Book, video taping will be allowed at all circuit shows with the exception of the MCCGA Championships. The designated video area will be for one representative from each unit. After taping your unit, your representative will be expected to immediately vacate the video area. Units, spectators, etc. will not be allowed to leave their video equipment in the video area during the course of the festival.

**Floor Folding** will be in the south lot outside of the performance gym. There are steps, so as you snake the floor out either watch your step, or walk down the small grassy slopes to the lot level.

**Concessions** will be provided in the new gym lobby.

**Score Sheet and Judge's Tapes** may be picked up at the tabulation table after your unit's performance.

### **Retreat**

Middle school and regional winterguard retreat will be at 3:25. Captains should report to the performers' entrance by 3:20.

Percussion retreat for all classes will be at 6:25. Captains should report to the performers' entrance by 6:20.

Scholastic winterguard retreat will be at 9:45. Captains should report to the performers' entrance by 9:40.

### **Critique**

Judges Critique will begin following each respective retreat. Critiques will be held in room 503, located between the warm-up gym and the performance gym as indicated on the attached campus map. Ask any Eureka student for the "Driver's Ed" room.

Sign up for critique at unit check-in.

### **MSHSAA Sanctioning**

This festival has been sanctioned through the MSHSAA thanks to the work of the MCCGA executive board.

### **A Note Regarding Safety of Students**

It is requested that each director have dialogue regarding students' personal safety on the day of the festival. The cafeteria/commons area is designated for equipment storage. It is adjacent to the theaters and the language arts wings as well as the main hallways. The ACT is being taken, and there are other activities in these locations. None of our participants or spectators should be in these areas.

*Approved locations* for our groups: Gymnasium complex, south parking lot for floor folding, cafeteria/commons for equipment storage.

*Off limits* to participants and spectators: theaters and theater lobby, academic hallways (if you see lockers, don't go there), athletic fields, stadium complex.

### **Contact information**

Festival Director – Maxine Sullivan, Chad Schaedler  
Site Coordinator, Festival Announcer – John Arata (314.471.1625)  
Festival Day accommodations – Sandy Mendelson

We are pleased to be your hosts and intend to provide as much assistance as we can to allow you to be free to teach. Good luck today!