

Saturday Christmas Parade and Freeze Fest

Saturday, November 17, 2018

Sturgeon Bay High School Band

Band room opens at 7:30 a.m.

Please come in full dress uniform. We will get hats out in the morning. Arrive by 8:30 a.m.

Use whatever rational measures you must to keep warm. Underarmour or underclothing is strongly recommended (or long underwear) as well as turtlenecks, scarves, double socks, etc. **The only stipulation is that it fit under your band uniform jacket. Everyone will be issued gloves as they board busses. They need to be returned immediately following the parade on the front table.**

SHOES MUST BE ALL BLACK...THINK DISNEY MAGIC BLACK!!!

WOODWINDS—You are playing. We may need to install warmers to keep the horns going, but that is no big deal.

BRASS—EVERY BRASS PLAYER should put hand warmers on both sides of their valve casings and on both sides of the slide. Put them on by 9:00 a.m. so that they activate before we get out there. I need a few people to arrive early to open and shake hand warmers (7:30).

ALL PLAYERS MUST KEEP WARM AIR GOING THROUGH YOUR HORN AT ALL TIMES – even when not playing. It will keep you from freezing up on the lips or in the action of the horn. Blow all of your breath out through the horn slowly so you are not all playing at all times, but keeping the horn warm. Make sure you put warm air through the horn especially while resting or while the cadence is going. Try to keep the valves and slides moving during rests too. **IF A TROMBONE SLIDE SIEZES** during the parade get my attention and I will help you fix it with synthetic oil if I can. If all else fails, sing!! Fake it ‘til ya make it.

PERCUSSION—Wear gloves. You are going to hold down the fort with a cadence and a song. One of “Du Gok” and then our tune. Never bury the

band's sound during the tune. **Please keep good time.** Three clicks at the end of each song before starting the cadence. Don't rush beat 4.
BUS LEAVES BAND ROOM AT 9:10 a.m. Make sure you are there.
EVERYONE CHECKS IN AT THE BAND ROOM if I don't already know you are meeting at the boat launch and we will go to the boat launch together on the buses.

Hunters: Blaze orange. Make sure you have your horn and flip folder with you on Friday when you leave school. Your ride should drop you off at the Sawyer boat launch. Have your ride meet you at the parking lot of Bellin Health at 10:30 so you can get back to hunting ASAP. Text me a photo of your deer if you can't make it!!! 493-2290

After the parade is over, return to the buses promptly so we can return to the school. Be cautious with horns and drums at the end so that things don't start snapping because they are cold. Let's avoid big repair bills if possible. Caution loading and unloading the bus after we march is super important.

When we are back in the band room, put all of your instruments away. Hang your uniforms up properly **and take them home.** Get your hats in their boxes and back on the shelves in the proper places prior to leaving. Hot chocolate for all back at the band room once your uniform is off and hung up. Everyone help put the band room back together upon our return.

KNOW HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE YOUR DEDICATION TO THIS PROGRAM AND TO OUR COMMUNITY!!! THANK YOU FOR WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE GREATER GOOD!

Good luck to hunters who cannot make it to the parade hunting out of town. Your alternate assignment will be to have you introduce tunes at the winter concert. You will have to research the background of the tune and write an introduction for the piece I assign you. I will help you. It isn't a huge deal, I promise!!

LET'S HAVE FUN and SOUND GREAT!!!

Pride, communication, responsibility – All In!!