

# FINAL NOTES FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY:

## FRIDAY NOTES:

2:50 – 6:00 Full Ensemble Rehearsal

6:00 dinner provided

7:15 pre-game performance in **street clothes** – **dress warm**...will be cold!!

After the marching band's halftime performance, students are invited to stay and play as part of the pep band.

**\*\*PLEASE** do not wait until Saturday to get your uniform clean and in order, including those shoes!

## SATURDAY NOTES:

**1. If you're not able to make it to Ford Field, but would still like to watch a live broadcast of the competition, here is an option:**

The link below allows you to start signing up for the MCBA webcast offered by Mr. Video Productions. Looks like it is \$9.99.

[http://streaming.mrvideoonline.com/ppv\\_manager.php?id=4e022454505027ee6bbb2a65c67e2afb](http://streaming.mrvideoonline.com/ppv_manager.php?id=4e022454505027ee6bbb2a65c67e2afb)

It will also be posted on the MCBA website on the Mr Video link:

[www.themcba.org](http://www.themcba.org) → Championship → Mr. Video Productions

**2. Remember...** tickets are **CASH ONLY AT FORD FIELD!!** See attached Info packet for more details on competition.

**3. Please check the traffic alert** on the Lions website before heading down: Ford Field has advised us that there may be still more streets blocked due to construction and more detours. ie: Woodward Avenue is torn up in some areas due to the construction of the new RAPID RAIL SYSTEM.

<http://www.detroitlions.com/gameday/traffic-alert.html>

**4. Don't forget:**

- Impeccable uniforms
- Shiny instruments
- Positive attitude

**DO YOUR BEST, AND FORGET THE REST...GO BAND!!!**

# 2014 MCBA State Finals Information

## WLC Vikings perform @ 2:00 pm / awards 3:00 pm

### 1. Tickets & Seating:

All ticket sales are sold the day of event at the Ford Field gates only

They accept **CASH ONLY!** Ticket Prices:      Adults - \$18.00  
   Students & Seniors - \$14.00  
   Under 5 Free

\*\*Tickets are good for all flights...entire day runs 8:15 am – 10:00 pm-ish if you want to get your money's worth! Our flight begins at 12:00. Like always, we will be trying to sit as a group as close to the 50 yard line as possible (general seating). We will likely run into a lot of fans exiting the stands as we are entering. Be patient, and keep an eye on your little ones!

Details at [www.themcba.org](http://www.themcba.org)

### 2. Other money spending opportunities:

MCBA Patch (new design for 2014 is blue rectangle, \$5.00). You can pick one of these up for your student's Varsity Jacket (or hoodie, or whatever) if you'd like. They will receive a rocker patch (free) from Mr. Rogers with the year on it for each season we participate in the Finals.

MCBA State Finals T-shirts, sweatshirts, and pins are available to purchase. (the same ones we did a pre-order for)

MCBA Pins available for \$10.

Mr. Video will be taking orders for DVD's of the Finals. These can also be ordered online after the event, and **Karen Hill, WL marching band parent, will be placing a group order as well, at a substantial discount.**

Jolesch Photography will be taking orders for photos that are taken during our performance. These can also be ordered online after the event.

### 3. Spirit Signs – bus route for placing signs on the road:

We have had a fun tradition in the past where we make spirit signs and place them on the road along the bus route the team will be taking to the State Finals. The kids really enjoy seeing them along the way to pump them up! Signs can be made out of cardboard, foam core, or whatever your imagination comes up with! **Please** only encouraging, positive sentiments!

You are responsible for placing the signs and removing them. Be sure to place your signs prior to the busses leaving, so the kids can enjoy them. All signs **MUST** be removed by the time we arrive home Saturday night.

The busses will leave the school and go east on Oakley Park to Welch where they will head south (right turn) down to 14 Mile Road where they will head east and enter M5 at 14 Mile. This route is the safest for our busses and students.

In addition, this year, we thought it would be fun to cheer as a group as the busses drive by. So, if you would like to join us, meet at the “old” railroad tracks on Welch Rd between Pontiac Trail and Maple Rd shortly before the busses leave WLC. (more specific time when we find out our performance time)

#### **4. Parking and navigating Ford Field:**

Parking: \$6.00 at the Ford Field Parking Ramp on St. Antoine St., across from gate G. Also available in lots #4 or #5. The parking lots closer to gate A are MUCH HIGHER priced (and are not Ford Field property). If you park in the Ford Field Parking Deck or lots, you can purchase tickets and enter at GATE G. If you do so, championship shirts, patches, Blu-ray/DVS's, and more will be on your right, just inside the entry.

Entering Ford Field: Spectators must enter through Gates A or G. Tickets booths open at 7:00 am and are also located at Gates A and G. Gates open at 7:15 am. Handicapped persons must provide their own wheelchairs. Ford Field wheelchairs are for emergency use only.

Following the the NFL policy,

***Ford Field will allow only*** the following types of bags:

- Bags that are clear plastic, vinyl or PVC and do not exceed 12” x 6” x 12.” (Official NFL team logo clear plastic tote bags are available through club merchandise outlets or at [nflshop.com](http://nflshop.com)), or:
- One-gallon clear plastic freezer bag (Ziploc bag or similar).
- Small clutch bags, approximately the size of a hand, with or without a handle or strap, may be carried into the stadium along with one of the clear bag options.
- An exception will be made for medically necessary items after proper inspection at a gate designated for this purpose.

Prohibited items include, but are not limited to: purses larger than a clutch bag, diaper bags, coolers, briefcases, backpacks, fanny packs, cinch bags, luggage of any kind, seat cushions, computer bags and camera bags or any bag larger than the permissible size.

Bottle Caps: Ford Field requires workers to remove all bottle caps before selling drinks. So, if you plan on purchasing a water bottle or pop at the event, you might want to throw a few bottle caps in your pocket.

Event Volunteers: The MCBA workforce is made up of parent volunteers. These volunteer parents do not make policy. Any concerns about the day should be brought to Mr. Rogers' attention at the appropriate time and he will look into those concerns for you.

Videotaping & Photography: **Videotaping is strictly prohibited. No flash photography.** Cameras (professional) or cameras with lenses over five inches long and/or 50mm and above are prohibited according to the Ford Field website.

For more Ford Field information go to [www.fordfield.com](http://www.fordfield.com)

#### **5. Spectators:**

**Please remember to be respectful and gracious spectators TO ALL PERFORMERS! Let's represent WLC in the MOST POSITIVE MANNER POSSIBLE!**

**In an effort to promote good sportsmanship, we would ask that our parents and fans, as representatives of the school and as role models for our students, consider the following:**

Do not leave or enter the stand during a performance unless it is an emergency. Please refrain from speaking or keep your voices very low during all performances! Show all bands the same respect and support you would like our band to receive.

It is a good idea to give a standing ovation to every band after their performance.

When possible, wear your WLC marching band gear.

If you have rally towels, please use them when WLC is entering and exiting the field and not during performance or awards.

Please do not say anything critical of any group or band in public.

Please recognize effort. We tell the kids all the time that we are going to give it our all and that we want to win, but if we do not win we have nothing to hang our heads or be bitter about. **It has been a tremendous season no matter what the outcome is on November 1. We have so much to be proud of.** Likewise, we need to realize that if we do win we do not want to be perceived as rubbing it in. So we will clap for ourselves and show our initial reaction of pride, but we do not want to get carried away in public. We can save that for our party the following Saturday!

We are going to **Do Our Best!!!** We are going to **Forget the Rest!!!**

#### **6. After States Party:**

On Saturday, November 8, 2014, 5:00 – 9:00 pm @ the Richardson Center, across from WLC, we will be holding our annual After-States Party. Please refer to the website for details and RSVP

Families and alumni invited. Light food will be provided,  
***please bring the following & notice we have changed the list from last year:***

**Freshmen:** Go to [www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E45AEA92DA64-afterstates/](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E45AEA92DA64-afterstates/) to sign up for item

**Sophomores:** individual snack-size bags of munchies

**Juniors:** cookies

**Seniors:** water

Outdoor party...please dress for the weather and bring lawn chairs!

# **GO BAND!!!**

# **State Finals Schedule Saturday Nov 1, 2014**

**WE ARE GOING TO BE EXCELLENT! THAT IS WHY WE ARE GOING AND WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO!!!**

- 6:30 Mr. Rogers, Drum Majors and Pit Members Arrive
- 6:45 Staff Meeting. Students Arrive
- 7:00 Team Meeting
- 7:10 Transition
- 7:15 Warm-Ups
- 7:55 Transition
- 8:00 Stretch Outside
- 8:10 IMPACTS, HOT SPOTS
- 9:00 Run Through (NO PROPS)
- 9:15 Load, Eat, Clean, Prep. (Normal cleaning assignments)
  - 9:15 Load
  - 9:25 Eat
  - 9:55 Clean
  - 10:05 Dress
  - 10:20 On Bus
  - 10:30 Roll Out
- 10:30 Roll Out
- 11:15 Arrive at Ford Field, Offload on Brush Street. Enter Ford Field through main gate.
- 11:30 Use bathrooms
- 11:45 Stretch, Visual Warm Up. Normal Area far end of building
- 12:15 Offload the instruments onto Beacon Street
- 12:30 Outdoor Music Warm-Up
  - 12:30 Sections
  - 12:46 Move to Ensemble
  - 12:48 Ensemble
  - 1:00 Conclude outdoor warm-up
- 1:00-1:15 Transition to Indoor Warm-Up
- 1:15-1:40 Indoor Warm-Up
  - 1:15 Get horns up to room temperature. Fine tune. Electronically assisted.
  - 1:30 Quiet Time. Mr. Rogers speaks
  - 1:40 Indoor Warm-Up over
- 1:40 Vacate Warm-Up Room
- 1:45-2:00 Move on to Field
- 2:00 Rock out some PAR 5!!!
- 2:15 Clear field of all props. Use auxiliary tunnel to store while taking pictures.
- 2:20 Pictures
- 2:45 Watch Plymouth from stands. Drum Majors and Guard Captains assemble in tunnel for awards.
- 3:00 Awards
- 3:30 Load Buses and Trucks
- 4:00 Depart for Home
- 4:45 Home! Put horns away, Celebrate!!! Watch Video!!!
- 5:30 Dismiss