



2024

High School Marching Band Competition



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**Saturday, September 14th, 2024
4:30 PM – E.L. "Doc" Bencini Field
Murphysboro High School**

DRUMS AT APPLETIME 2024

NATIONAL ANTHEM & INTRODUCTIONS

4:15

WHITE DIVISION

Sparta High School	4:30
Nashville Community High School	5:00
Frankfort Community High School	5:15
East Prairie High School	5:30
Kelly High School	5:45
Pinckneyville Community High School	6:15
Anna-Jonesboro Community High School	6:30

RED DIVISION

Paducah Tilghman High School	6:45
Potosi High School	7:15
Centralia High School	7:30
Waterloo High School	7:45

SILVER DIVISION

Carbondale Community High School	4:45
Northwest High School	8:00
Marion High School	8:15
Cape Central High School	8:45

GOLD DIVISION

Francis Howell North High School	9:00
Marquette High School	9:15
Oakville High School	9:30
McCracken County High School	9:45

EXHIBITION

Murphysboro High School	10:00
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AWARDS CEREMONY (Drum Majors Only)

10:15



COORDINATORS' MESSAGE

Good Evening,

It is our distinct honor to welcome you to Murphysboro High School and to Drums at Appletime 2024. Tradition, musicianship, and collaboration will once again take center stage as the bands compete this afternoon and evening here at Doc Bencini Field. Due to the help of many dedicated and hardworking individuals, Drums at Appletime 2024 has once again become a reality. Crimson Express is proud to bring Drums at Appletime in its entirety to you tonight. We would also like to welcome any new schools that are joining us tonight for the first time!

At this time, we would like to extend a big Thank You to the Crimson Express & Company, the CE BANDS Parent Booster Organization for all of their volunteers that come together to help make this event possible. Murphysboro Apple Festival, Inc. and the Drums at Appletime Subcommittee, our Apple Festival sponsors, Crimson Express & Company, and our Crimson Express event sponsors are proud to help put on a show of this magnitude for you. Thank you to all of those individuals who serve in these great organizations. We would also like to thank the many businesses and community members who have supported us from the beginning. Through your contributions, you have shown that music, the arts, and youth activities are still a priority in this region.

Finally, we thank you for your attendance and your support for all of the participating bands and students. Your continuing support of these programs will ensure that music education continues in our schools for many years to come. We hope that you have a wonderful time and look forward to seeing all of you back next year!

Sincerely,

Nicholas Williams, Director, Crimson Express & CE BANDS

Murphysboro Apple Festival, Inc.

Kirk Caskey, Drums at Appletime Committee

Peggy Reiman, Drums at Appletime Committee

Nancy Caskey, Drums at Appletime Committee

Lisa Fletcher, Drums at Appletime Committee

Jayson Fletcher, Drums at Appletime Committee

Tanya Fletcher, Drums at Appletime Committee

Sarah Cunningham, Drums at Appletime Committee

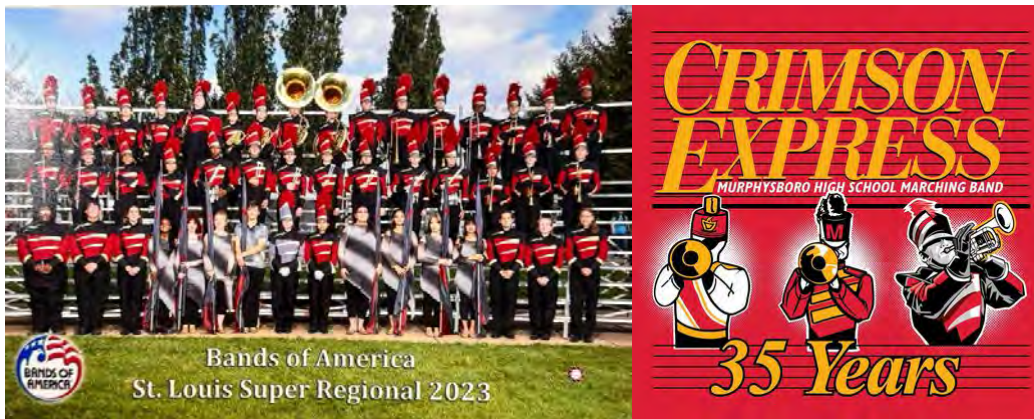
Nicholas Blew, Drums at Appletime Committee

Joe Fry, Drums at Appletime Committee

Sharon Fry, Drums at Appletime Committee

Jennie Snyder, Crimson Express and Co. Representative

MEET YOUR HOST



CRIMSON EXPRESS – Murphysboro High School Marching Band

Murphysboro High School is home of the Crimson Express Marching Band. Crimson Express is a unique and wonderful blend of students, staff, parents, and community members devoted to the sustained success of the program. Crimson Express was formed thirty-five years ago by founding director, Mark Mikulay. He quickly transformed the High School band program from a highly accomplished concert band, to a program thriving in all areas. Today the band program at Murphysboro High School strives for excellence in marching, concert, and jazz, offering a large number of musical experiences for its students. During its 35-year existence, the Crimson Express has performed in local, national, and international contests and festivals, winning countless awards and making it one of the communities most well-known and valuable assets. The Band has toured/performed in the following cities: Washington D.C., New York City, NY, Lynn/Boston, MA, Disney World/Orlando, FL, Chicago, IL, Memphis, TN, Traverse City, MI, Toronto, Canada, Calgary Alberta, Canada, Regina, Canada, Niagara Falls, Denver, CO, St. Louis, MO, Racine, WI, Mt. Rushmore, Drum Corps Midwest Championships in Dekalb, IL, BOA Grand Nationals in Indianapolis, IN, and various other local and regional locations.

The Crimson Express is under the direction of Nicholas Williams. Previous directors include Mark Mikulay (1990-2001), Justin Klarer (2002-2007), and Michael Moreland (2007-2020). Crimson Express would like to thank its wonderful Band Boosters organization; the Crimson Express & Co., without which many activities would not be possible. Crimson Express is under the direction of Nicholas Williams. Special staff include Michael Moreland-Assistant Director, Dustin Kelley-Battery, Alex Kelley, Kayla Roach, Raegan Ripley-Color Guard/Auxiliary, and Mackenzie Riedy-Front Ensemble. Their Fall 2024 production is entitled **JAZZ PROGRESSION**. The music is arranged by Assistant Director Michael Moreland. Drill is designed by Shannon Jeffreys. The band is led on the field by drum major Maddie Pulcher.

Crimson welcomes you this evening and hopes you have an enjoyable and rewarding experience. Good luck to all of tonight's participating bands, have a great competition season, and we will see you next year!



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MEET THE JUDGES

Music Execution-William Martin

Music General Effect-Mark Mikulay

Visual Execution-Juan Black

Visual General Effect-Shannon Jeffreys

Percussion-Chad Schaedler

Color Guard -Marc Moss

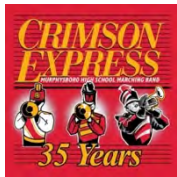
Drum Major-Lindsey Williams

TABULATORS

Monica May and Rob Yokom

ANNOUNCER

Will Stephens



CONCESSIONS



PLEASE VISIT OUR CONCESSION AREA

1/3lb Hamburgers

Pulled Pork Sandwich

Hotdogs

Pizza

Pickles

Candy

Chips

Applesauce

Soda

Water

Apple Cider

Food Trucks - *Fire and Ice*-Shaved Ice *Cloud 9*-Cotton Candy

**DRUMS AT APPLETIME 2024 FIELD SHOW COMPETITION
PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE**

3:30 PM GATES OPEN

4:15 PM THE NATIONAL ANTHEM & INTRODUCTIONS

4:30 PM – WHITE DIVISION

SPARTA HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BULLDOGS-Sparta, IL

Band Size: 15 School Size: 289

Director: Keith Shasteen

Staff: Hailey Ogilvie-Color Guard

Drum Major(s): Katie Vickery

Production: **Let's Get It Started!**

4:45 PM – SILVER DIVISION

CARBONDALE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING TERRIERS-Carbondale, IL

Band Size: 64 School Size: 939

Director: Gregory Townsend

Staff: Lorie Trexler-Drum Majors, Ashley Followell & Jeremy Followell-Winds, Miles Niehouse-Percussion, Jessica Clark-Color Guard, Harrison Benner-Technology, Deirdre Stokes-Administrative Assistant.

Drum Major(s): Calla Cheatwood, Brenden Gallegly, Gabe Otey

Production: **“WCTM On Air”**

5:00 PM – WHITE DIVISION

NASHVILLE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING HORNETS-Nashville, IL

Band Size: 69 School Size: 350

Director: Steve Browne Associate Director: Lucas Morgan

Staff: Shae Michele Goostree Assistant Marching Band Director/Color Guard Coach

Drum Major(s): Quentin Petdke, Grace Stein

Production: **Sun Tanned Santa**

5:15 PM – WHITE DIVISION

FRANKFORT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING REDBIRDS-West Frankfort, IL

Band Size: 32 School Size: 466

Director: Tristen Meinert

Drum Major(s): Mackenzie Nugent

Production: **Redbird Redemption**

5:30 PM – WHITE DIVISION

EAST PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING EAGLES-East Prairie, MO

Band Size: 28 School Size: 250

Director: Madison Jarrett Associate Director: Kylie Mitchell

Staff: Kandi Staples - Color guard and Auxiliary, Courtney Binger - Color guard

Drum Major(s): Dara Thomas

Production: **Groove, Glitz, and Grunge**

5:45 PM – WHITE DIVISION

KELLY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING HAWKS-Benton, MO

Band Size: 36

School Size: 300

Director: Ethan Bartlett

Associate Director: Melissa Seiler

Drum Major(s): Grace Murphy

6:00 PM – BREAK (15 Minutes)

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6:15 PM – WHITE DIVISION

PINCKNEYVILLE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING PANTHERS-Pinckneyville, IL

Band Size: 65

School Size: 350

Director: Amber Nichols

Asst Director: Ellen Filkins

Staff: Micaela Heine-Color Guard, Karen O'Brien-Percussion Caption Head, Jonas Huntley-Percussion Assistant

Drum Major(s): Iris Zheng (Jung)

Production: **Thriller**

6:30 PM – WHITE DIVISION

ANNA-JONESBORO COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING WILDCATS-Anna, IL

Band Size: 35

School Size: 500

Director: Rachel Norton

6:45 PM – RED DIVISION

PADUCAH TILGHMAN HIGH SCHOOL BLUE TORNADO MARCHING BAND-Paducah, KY

Band Size: 36

School Size: 800

Director: James Gregory

Staff: Justice Campbell, Liberty Guyette, Grainger Page, Chendan Wade, Kara Connell, Steven Page

Drum Major(s): Tessa Martin

Production: **Bee-Hive**

7:00 PM – BREAK (15 Minutes)

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7:15 PM – RED DIVISION

POTOSI HIGH SCHOOL TROJAN MARCHING BAND-Potosi, MO

Band Size: 102

School Size: 600

Director: Jordan Simms

Associate Director: Odell Jackson

Staff: Emily Cinciripini

Drum Major(s): Ethan McMahan, Ruby Gibson

7:30 PM – RED DIVISION

CENTRALIA HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING SHOWCASE-Centralia, IL

Band Size: 39

School Size: 800

Director: Stephanie Aarons-Dennison

Staff: Mikey Beal- Percussion; Kirstin Altom-Color Guard; Alex Rademacher-Visual; Reed Mays Marching Assistant

Drum Major(s): Xavier Wilmoth and Matthew Rau

Production: **Blackbird Set Free**

7:45 PM – RED DIVISION

WATERLOO HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BULLDOGS-Waterloo, IL

Band Size: 78

School Size: 850

Director: Zachary Smith

Associate Director: Brianna Gaskin

Staff: Austin Herald - Brass/Visual, Adam Unnerstall - Woodwinds, Joel Caskey - Battery, Alan Willingham - Guard, Sharilyn Willingham - Guard/Movement

Drum Major(s): Victoria Reams and Geraldine Blanchfield

Production: **Through the Storm**

8:00 PM – SILVER DIVISION

NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL THE SPIRIT OF NORTHWEST-Cedar Hill, MO

Band Size: 38

School Size: 1600

Director: Brett Dunsford

Associate Director: Nate Boxdorfer

Special Staff: Kate Hermann, Alicia Linder, Aly Boyer

Production: **Paint it Black**

8:15 PM – SILVER DIVISION

MARION HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING WILDCAT BAND-Marion, IL

Band Size: 100

School Size: 1200

Director: Joel Kirby

Asst. Director: Andrea Francis

Staff: Tonya Mathews-Color Guard, Connor Vine-Drumline

Drum Major(s): Charley Woodsum, Easton Rubright, Isabel Moore

Production: **Level Up**

8:30 PM – BREAK (15 Minutes)

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8:45 PM – SILVER DIVISION

CAPE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING TIGERS-Cape Girardeau, MO

Band Size: 81

School Size: 1138

Director: Josh LaMar

Associate Directors: Billy Keys, Michael Harr

Staff: Trisha Hensley - Color Guard

Drum Major(s): Cyrus Boxdorfer

Production: **Killer Queens Gambit**

9:00 PM – GOLD DIVISION

FRANCIS HOWELL NORTH HIGH SCHOOL KNIGHT PRIDE-St. Charles, MO

Band Size: 85

School Size: 1600

Director: Ryan Curtis

Associate Directors: Greg Hamilton, Luke Jurgensmeyer

Special Staff: Luke Christisen, Lauren Willerton-Guard, Nathaniel Hoyle/Mathew Brawner/Colin Adams/Amari Cunningham-Percussion

Drum Major(s): Lena Ford

Production: **The Pursuit of Sunshine**

9:15 PM – GOLD DIVISION

MARQUETTE HIGH SCHOOL MUSTANGS MARCHING BAND-Chesterfield, MO

Band Size: 64

School Size: 2200

Director: Christian Pierce

Associate Directors: Kaylin Knost, Andy Cook, Amanda Rawls

Special Staff: Katie Bagwell-Color Guard, Curtis Halbrook-Battery

Drum Major(s): Hanna Patterson

Production: **Movement I: Flameheart, Movement II: Liberi Fatali, Movement III: Benedictus, Movement IV: Stained Glass and Blinding Lights**

9:30 PM – GOLD DIVISION

OAKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING TIGERS-St. Louis, MO

Band Size: 90

School Size: 1700

Director: Vance Brakefield

Associate Directors: Theron Perkowski, Chris Ramey, Adam McCann

Special Staff: Josh Buettner-Percussion and Color Guard, with assistance from Zendaya Tice, Jay Schrieter, Mia Barragan, and Jason Mathis

Drum Major(s): Emma Burchett, Jonathan Self, and Carter Oetting

Production: **With Love**

9:45 PM - GOLD DIVISION

MCCRACKEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL MUSTANG MARCHING BAND-Paducah, KY

Band Size: 129

School Size: 1980

Director: John Lovell

Associate Director: Spencer Sullivan, Dr. Derek Jones

Staff: Jeremy Watood, Jenny Turner, Eli Case, Chris Mosher

Drum Major(s): Briley Smith, Ashtyn Thomas, and Aris Garcia

Production: **Villain**

10:00 PM – EXHIBITION

MURPHYSBORO HIGH SCHOOL CRIMSON EXPRESS-Murphysboro, IL

Band Size: 58

School Size: 585

Director: Nicholas Williams

Asst. Director: Michael Moreland

Staff: Dustin Kelley-Battery, Alex Kelley, Kayla Roach, Raegan Ripley-Color Guard/Auxiliary, Mackenzie Riedy-Front Ensemble

Drum Major(s): Maddie Pulcher

Production: **JAZZ PROGRESSION**

10:15 PM AWARDS CEREMONY (DRUM MAJORS ONLY)





AUDIENCE JUDGING FORM

<i>CAPTION</i>	<i>WHITE/RED DIVISIONS</i>	<i>SILVER DIVISION</i>	<i>GOLD DIVISION</i>
Outstanding Drum Major			
Outstanding Auxiliary			
Outstanding Percussion			
Outstanding Music Performance			
Outstanding Visual Performance			

TONY STEVENS AWARD

<i>Band</i>	<i>Soloist (Best soloist regardless of Division)</i>

DIVISION PLACEMENT

<i>WHITE DIVISION</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>My Score</i>	<i>Judges Score</i>	<i>Place</i>
Sparta High School Marching Bulldogs	4:30			
Nashville Community High School Marching Hornets	5:00			
Frankfort Community High School Marching Redbirds	5:15			
East Prairie High School Marching Eagles	5:30			
Kelly High School Marching Hawks	5:45			
Pinckneyville Community High School Marching Panthers	6:15			
Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Marching Wildcats	6:30			

RED DIVISION	Time	My Score	Judges Score	Place
Paducah Tilghman High School Blue Tornado Marching Band	6:45			
Potosi High School Trojan Marching Band	7:15			
Centralia High School Marching Showcase	7:30			
Waterloo High School Marching Bulldogs	7:45			

SILVER DIVISION	Time	My Score	Judges Score	Place
Carbondale Community High School Marching Terriers	4:45			
Northwest High School The Spirit of Northwest	8:00			
Marion High School Wildcat Band	8:15			
Cape Central High School Marching Tigers	8:45			

GOLD DIVISION	Time	My Score	Judges Score	Place
Francis Howell North High School Knight Pride	9:00			
Marquette High School Marching Mustangs Marching Band	9:15			
Oakville High School Marching Tigers	9:30			
McCracken County High School Mustang Marching Band	9:45			

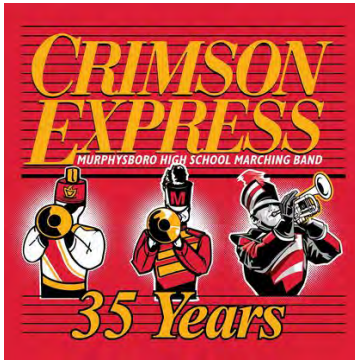
MARION NASH GRAND CHAMPION AWARD (REGARDLESS OF DIVISION)	OVERALL FIELD SHOW COMPOSITE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR NEXT YEAR'S

***MURPHYSBORO APPLE FESTIVAL AND
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Saturday, September 13th, 2025





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