

**MURPHYSBORO APPLE FESTIVAL**  
**BAND COMPETITIONS INFORMATION SHEET**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**APPLETIME GRAND PARADE**

**PARADE STARTING TIME: 11:00 AM.**

**WALNUT STREET CLOSURES: 10:00 AM.**

**ARRIVING IN MURPHYSBORO:** Please note that we have modified the arrival route for All Parade Bands.

**ALL PARADE BANDS SHOULD ARRIVE IN UNIFORM IF POSSIBLE.**

**ALL PARADE BANDS WILL REPORT FIRST TO THE BAND PREP AREA AT 19<sup>th</sup> & WALL STREETS.**

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO PARKING/UNLOADING ON 17<sup>TH</sup> OR 18<sup>TH</sup> STREET AS IN YEARS PAST.**

**IF ARRIVING ON WALNUT BEFORE 10:00AM:** Turn North (N) on **18<sup>th</sup> Street** (by Dairy Queen) . Proceed on 18<sup>th</sup> Street. It will curve to the left and become Logan Street. Turn Right on 19<sup>th</sup> Street and proceed to the designated Band Prep Area at 19<sup>th</sup> & Wall Streets. A host will greet you there.

**ARRIVING FROM THE WEST on Route 149:** Turn Left (N) on **22<sup>nd</sup> Street**. Turn Right (E) on Gartside Street. Turn Right (S) on 19<sup>th</sup> Street and proceed to the Band Prep Area at 19<sup>th</sup> & Wall Streets. A host will greet you there.

**ARRIVING FROM THE EAST on Route 13:** Turn Right (N) on **Rt 127 North**. Turn Left (SW) at the Light at 6<sup>th</sup> Street. (Penn Aluminum) Turn Right (E) on Illinois Avenue. Turn Left (S) at 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn Right (W) at Gartside Street. Turn Left (S) at 19<sup>th</sup> Street and proceed to the Band Prep Area at 19<sup>th</sup> & Wall Streets. A host will greet you there.

**ARRIVING FROM THE NORTH on Route 127:** Turn Right (SW) at the **Light at 6<sup>th</sup> Street**. (Penn Aluminum) Turn Right (E) on Illinois Avenue. Turn Left (S) at 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn Right (W) at Gartside Street. Turn Left (S) at 19<sup>th</sup> Street and proceed to the Band Prep Area at 19<sup>th</sup> & Wall Streets. A host will greet you there.

**BAND PREP AREA:** (There will be 2 porta-potties/restrooms available) Your Band will need to QUICKLY unload, get dressed if necessary, get their instrument and assemble as a group with your Staff in the adjacent concrete areas. Once assembled, you will be directed to proceed as a group on Wall Street for one block to Longfellow Park at 20<sup>th</sup> Street.

**- PLEASE DO NOT WARM-UP AT THE BAND PREP AREA -**

- **Support vehicles that will follow the band in the parade route will be lined up on Logan St. in parade order.**
- Busses dropping off students at the Band Prep Area will be directed north on 19th St. They should follow the designated map route to the parking area at St Andrew near the parade end. (See attached map) (Maps will be available at the Band Prep Area)

**ASSEMBLY AREA:** Upon your arrival to Longfellow Park, a host will greet you. Parade units should report to the assembly area by 10:30 a.m. if possible. A host will direct you to your designated warm-up area.

There will be 2 porta-potties/restrooms available at Longfellow Park.

Parade units will then be staged on 21<sup>st</sup> Street in the order they will merge into the overall parade lineup on Walnut Street. A host will advise you when it is your time to lineup on 21<sup>st</sup> Street. Please continue the tradition of parade excellence by playing frequently during the short parade route and not just in front of the judges.

**PARADE ROUTE:** Proceeds East on Walnut St. from 21<sup>st</sup> to around 7<sup>th</sup> Street. (15 blocks-approximately one mile). No turns!

**JUDGING AREA: Walnut St. at 13<sup>th</sup> Street crossing (Judges Stand is on the North side of the street)** Routines must be performed in a forward motion only. **Bands are NOT permitted to stop unless there is an unavoidable pause in the parade.** Should you miss playing in front of the judges, you may not regroup for a redo. We frequently have large gaps between parade units. Any efforts made by the bands to reduce the space will be greatly appreciated.

**RECORDED COMMENTS:** At the request of the judges, we will not provide recorded comments for the parade. They have been asked to provide plenty of written comments to justify their score.

**AWARDS:** ALL BAND PARADE AND FIELD SHOW AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE END OF THE EVENING FIELD SHOW COMPETITION. Parade score **WILL NOT** count towards a Grand Champion Award.

**\*ANY PARADE ONLY BANDS STUDENTS COMING TO WATCH DRUMS AT APPLETIME IN THE EVENING WILL NEED TO CHECK-IN AS A GROUP WITH A STAFF MEMBER AT THE DIRECTOR'S CHECK-IN TENT TO ACCESS SPECIAL \$3 TICKETS AND ARMBANDS.**

**CONTACT: Drums at Appletime Committee Email: [drumsatappletime@gmail.com](mailto:drumsatappletime@gmail.com)**

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Please feel free to contact us should you have ANY questions regarding the event.

*\*By participating in the Grand Parade, participants agree that the Murphysboro Apple Festival, Murphysboro Chamber of Commerce, and the Murphysboro High School and all of its employees and volunteers shall not be liable to the participant or to the third persons for personal injuries resulting from wither the use of its facilities, participation in the event, acts by other participants or spectators, or the presence of the participant's equipment on the premises.*

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**DRUMS AT APPLETIME®**

**PLACE:** Doc Bencini Field, Murphysboro High School, Murphysboro, Illinois.

**TIMES:**

- **Entry Gates and Concessions will open at 3:30 PM**
- Introductions and National Anthem will take place at 4:15 PM.
- Competition begins at 4:30 PM.

**ARRIVAL:** You will need to arrive via the 14<sup>th</sup> Street entrance to the High School at Blackwood Drive. (The N 16<sup>th</sup> Street entrance will be CLOSED) Upon arrival please report to the director check-in table located at the South end of the track to pick up your packet of information. You will receive armbands in your packet upon arrival for your students, staff, chaperones, and bus drivers. (See attached info sheet)

**CHANGING AREA:** If your students need to change into their uniforms, they may do so in the stadium restrooms only after the gates open. **Murphysboro High School will be accessible ONLY to directors and staff members. Students will NOT be allowed inside the high school for any reason.**

**RESTROOMS:** Restroom facilities are located at the Doc Bencini Field Stadium, and there will be various porta-potties located on the stadium grounds. **Murphysboro High School will be accessible ONLY to directors and staff members. Students will NOT be allowed inside the high school to change or use the bathroom.**

**FOOD:** Outstanding concessions will be available throughout the evening. Please support our band boosters Crimson Express & Co.! **If your band would like to eat early, please contact the Committee by Wednesday at [drumsatappletime@gmail.com](mailto:drumsatappletime@gmail.com). You must email us ahead of time if you are wanting to eat at our concession before the gates open at Drums.**

**EMS:** Both police and ambulance units will be on the grounds in case of any emergency. Please take note of where each is located upon your arrival.

**TICKET POLICY:** Only those individuals holding a general admission armband will be allowed to sit on the front sideline stadium seats. Students should sit in the back sideline bleachers. Please ask your students not to stand in front of the stadium seats.

- **Adult admission tickets are \$10.00, student admission (grades 6-12) is \$5.00, with ages 5 and under free.**

**TIMES:** All times are final for DRUMS AT APPLETIME

**WARM-UP:** A guide will escort you to your warm-up area. If your warm-up area is vacated earlier than the time assigned, feel free to begin your warm-ups early. Please have your band play facing away from the stadium.

**READY GATE:** Please be at the entry gate by your assigned time. You certainly may report earlier if you are uncomfortable with having only five minutes time between gate arrival and performance times.

**FEEDBACK FROM JUDGES:** Judges' comments will be available via a digital recording. All judge's comments will be emailed to you within 48-72 hours.

**\*THERE ARE TO BE NO STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL BUILDING AT ANY TIME! ALL STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND PATRONS NEED TO REMAIN IN THE STADIUM AREA ONLY!\*\*\***

**HOSPITALITY ROOM:** You and/or your staff may access the hospitality room, located in the high school, at any time during the event. There will be GREAT complimentary food and beverages for all staff, so please join us and relax. **REMEMBER: DIRECTORS, STAFF, AND BUS DRIVERS ONLY!** We will give you a special armband to enter the hospitality room. You must have on a special armband to access the hospitality room. (See attached sheet)

**A CHANGE IN REGARDS TO ENTRANCE: PLEASE ENTER IN THROUGH THE FRONT DOORS OF THE HIGH SCHOOL TO ACCESS THE HOSPITALITY ROOM!**

**RETREAT:** Drum majors only. Drum majors should meet at the band entry gate when announced.

**AWARDS:** ALL PARADE AND FIELD SHOW AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AFTER THE EVENING FIELD SHOW COMPETITION. Parade scores **WILL NOT** count towards a Grand Champion Award. Other awards include 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place in each Division, Outstanding Visual Performance, Outstanding Musical Performance, Outstanding Percussion, Outstanding Color Guard, Outstanding Drum Major, and the Tony Stevens Outstanding Soloist Award. Bands will be distributed among four divisions as needed to make a balanced competition.

**DRUMS AT APPLETIME PROGRAMS/T-SHIRTS/AIRGRAMS:** As with years past, programs and band airgrams will be available for purchase, along with Drums at Appletime T-shirts.

**NOTE: THERE IS A LIMIT ON BAND AIRGRAMS THIS YEAR. ALL BANDS ARE LIMITED TO 10 AIRGRAMS FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE!**

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