

Friday, August 30th, 2024

Dear Director,

Thank you for your participation in the **Murphysboro Apple Festival!** The utmost care has been taken to ensure that both the **Grand Parade and field competition** will be organized, and run smoothly. Please read the enclosed information carefully and do not hesitate to contact me should you need assistance. I look forward to seeing you and your band here in Murphysboro. Best of luck as you make your final preparations for your respective events.

Parade Only Directors:

Even though you are only entered in the parade competition, please understand that you are more than welcome to stay for our marching band competition, Drums at Appletime. The gates will open at 3:30 and the show begins at 4:15 PM with introductions, and then with the first competitive performance starting at 4:30 PM. If you would like to stay for the show, Crimson Express and Company is offering you student and staff tickets at only \$3.00 each. If you decide to take advantage of this opportunity, please let the volunteers working our “director check-in” know who you are and how many tickets you will need. **The tickets must be purchased as a group.** Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Good luck with your final preparations!

Directors' Note Concerning Drums at Appletime Judges Comments:

Our judges will be using audio recorders to record their comments during the performances. We will be using Competition Suite for the competition this year. So we anticipate that the judge's comments will be available shortly after each performance. You will need to access them via the Competition Suite Commentary app which is available for free online.

We will be using the email you registered with online to contact you regarding Competition Suite and your judge’s comments. *If you would like for us to use another email, please let me know by the Friday before the competition.*
You can contact me at: nwilliams@mhs.org.

Sincerely,

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