



Owen Valley Patriot Band and Guard

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**2019 ISSMA All Band Award
Recipient**

**2018 ISSMA Marching Band
State Finalist**

**2018 Winter Percussion State
Finalist - 5th place**

**2018 Winter Guard State
Finalist - 3rd place**

Concert Band

Marching Band

Pep Band

Jazz Band

Winter Guard

Winter Percussion

Owen Valley Patriot Band & Guard Members and Families,

Saturday, October 3rd will be the date that we will record the Patriot Band & Guard for our official submission to ISSMA. In a recent decision by ISSMA, it was decided that they will offer a virtual competition option in place of their regular Regionals, Semi-State and State Finals competition in person. Earning a “Gold” rating at ISSMA competition is a crucial step in earning the “All Band Award”, which is normally only earned by about 70 schools across the entire state of Indiana! To simulate a regular competition day the best that we can, we have put together a schedule that closely mirrors what the Band & Guard would usually do on a competition day!

It is CRITICAL that all members be at this event. There has been an event on the schedule (the Cataract Bean Festival) on this day since early July. It is almost guaranteed that there will be a couple of students who are missing because of quarantine reasons. We all know how important it is to have each and every spot filled on the field, whether for sound or for guard aesthetics!

Parents WILL be able to attend our final performance of the evening! This will be many of you’s first chance to see the show in person from the football stands and not from the track. Every other row of the home bleachers will be closed off due to health department mandates. We ask that you please sit socially distanced, with exceptions for family groups/units. Spectators will be asked to wear a mask when in the stadium. Thank you!

Band boosters will be looking to provide lunch to the students in a similar style to what we normally do at a competition site. We already have plenty of water thanks to many of you! If you would like to donate items for lunch, please keep an eye out on the band booster facebook page for updates on how you can help!

On the back of this paper is a tentative schedule for the day!

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8:00 am to Noon - Rehearsal

Noon to 1:00 pm - Lunch (Provided for students)

1:00 to 2:00 - Simulated Bus Ride/Group Activities

2:00 to 2:45 - Simulation of Watching other groups (old OV shows, DCI shows, etc.)

2:45 to 3:45 - Collective Band Activities

3:45 to 4:15 Students will get changed into their uniforms (full marching band uniform)

4:30 to 5:45 Warmup (Physical and Music in similar style to ISSMA competitions)

6:00 Performance at the Football Stadium

If you have any questions about the event, please email either of the band directors and we will get back to you in a timely manner. We look forward to putting on an amazing performance for you! Don't forget to show up and be loud when cheering on the Patriot Band & Guard!

Respectfully,

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