

BATTLE OF THE BANDS!
Concord High Marching Band and Auxiliary Unit Itinerary
Saturday, September 18th, 2021

8:00AM Helping Ms. Rosales and parents paint next Saturday's route w/March-A-Thon fliers
- Listen to Ms. Rosales and our boosters for instructions. Get this done ASAP so that we may jump into our rehearsal to get ready for the day. More hands...

8:45AM Arrive back at school; instruments/equipment out

9:00AM Section warm-ups in the quad

9:15AM Walk over to Dave Brubeck Park together

9:30AM Run-throughs of the performance. Here's how everything will go tonight...

- Percussion cadence into the park, procession of the bands (bringing the PARTY IN)
- 1. **Fight Song** (Student with the most CONCORD HYPE gets Poptarts)
 - Order: Alhambra, Deer Valley, Northgate, College Park (be hyped for other groups!)
- 2. Aaron&Yoshi start, then percussion for 8 bars, then **Talk Nerdy** (first note!!!)
 - Order: Alhambra, Deer Valley, Northgate, College Park (be hyped for other groups!)
- 3. Yoshi starts, then percussion for 8 bars, then **September** (basses up one bar before!)
 - After each band has played 3 songs, percussion starts the opening of the group cadence; Concord breaks the entire event into sections for bonding time
 - EVERY PERCUSSIONIST GETS A SOLO! This will take time, and that's the point. Percussion will be in a giant drum circle, and Cameron will facilitate soloists to take center stage and play mind-melting rudiments. Maybe Cameron will facilitate some 'drum battles' between some players from different schools.
- 4. Yoshi starts, then percussion for 8 bars, then **Uptown Funk** (basses up one bar before!)
 - Order: Alhambra, Deer Valley, Northgate, College Park (be hyped for other groups!)
- 5. Start right at the top of **Can't Hold Us** (time for Jai Sconson to level up)
 - After the final band has played their 5th song, Lejano will get on the microphone to say some Thank You's. At this point, all students are getting in their formation for the final performance
- 6. Finale: **BORN THIS WAY** (Lejano will conduct; please make sure to keep your eyes on me at the end for the ritardando)

10:30AM SENIOR SPEECHES ON THE BLACKTOP (have your tissue boxes ready)
Molly is a senior? Timothy is a senior? :(Lejano is cryin' while he's typing this itinerary...

11:30AM Back to the band room, pack it up, and head to the park for LUNCH!

12:00PM Instrumental Music Program Family Picnic!

- Eat, meet, greet, volleyball, soccer, whatever. Have fun. But no breaking fingers with tetherball and no breaking ankles on skateboards... Or Lejano will snap.
- Make sure to grab your PROGRAM SHIRT (this is what you are wearing tonight)

2:00PM Home! Power nap. Put on program shirt and ALL OUT GREEN AND GOLD
Lejano and instructors will be hanging at the band room. You're welcome to hang at the school during this time if you would like. Take a nap. Meditate. Get in the zone. Autozone.

I want to see 60 banana suits with program shirts over them... Triangle, Jay, make it happen.

3:15PM Meet in the quad, with instruments/equipment. Be ready to say HELLO to the band/colorguard members from other schools!

- Percussionists: you are taking the percussion to the "far quad" for rehearsal
- Auxiliaries: you are taking the guard members to the blacktop for rehearsal
- Brass and Winds: stay in the quad; direct other students to get instruments out and warm-up with sections from their school. Tell brass players we have PLENTY OF TIME until performance, don't overdo the warm-up or blow out your chops. Just be ready for a 4PM full-ensemble rehearsal.

****Direct students to keep their belongings in the following areas****

Deer Valley/Alhambra/Northgate: Concord's Band Room

College Park: Concord's Choir Room

Concord: Stage

3:30PM Percussion and Guard rehearsals begin

3:45PM Brass and Winds take out instruments; warm-up and tune

4:00PM ALL STUDENTS MEET IN QUAD for run-down of evening and finale rehearsal

4:30PM Bathroom break! (there won't be time during the show)

4:45PM LINE-UP!

Order of the bands is: Concord, Alhambra, Deer Valley, Northgate, College Park

5:00PM Procession into the park, Lejano welcomes everyone, and the BATTLE BEGINS

5:40PM-ish BATTLE BREAK. Percussion cadence/solo time; section bonding time!

6:15PM-ish BATTLE CONTINUES

6:45PM-ish BORN THIS WAY (Screaming so passionately @F that Alberto cries)

7:00PM-ish BATTLE ENDS!

- Mingle for a bit. Hang out with the other band/colorguard kids. Call Nation's and tell them that 240 band kids are about to TURN UP!!! (And also clean up after themselves, because we have fun but stay classy San Diego. Is that reference outdated now?)

7:15PM-ish Help Lejano and the boosters clean up after the event. More hands...

7:30PM DISMISSED!

Congratulations! You got through Concord's FIRST EVER BATTLE OF THE BANDS!

You're freaking awesome. You deserve a good night's rest...

Who am I kidding? Go to Nation's with 200 friends and may the Battle of the Bands COMMENCE! Syrup Chugging Contest, you better take Deer Valley DOWN! Chicken Nugget Eating Contest, Alhambra ain't got nothin' on you! ("But Mr. Lejano, Nation's doesn't have chicken nuggets!" ...Yeah but be real. You're a broke high schooler and can't afford Nation's, so you're going to buy from McDonald's across the street to save money, and bring it over to Nation's to chill with friends. I know you. I was literally doing the same thing 10 years ago. Be discreet though, or else Nation's might not like us. And that would ruin like, tradition and stuff if Concord got kicked out. Imagine a world where Concord did NOT go to Nation's after band stuff! That would be pretty terrible... But also imagine a world where Thanos was a good guy, because T'Challa convinced him that mass genocide was not the answer. RIP to the greatest superhero ever, Chadwick Boseman. Love that guy. Okay, I'm digressing. Go watch Shang-Chi. And "What If" episode 2. And the entire Loki series. I don't know if new students know this, but I've got an unhealthy obsession with the Marvel Cinematic Universe... Why is Gamora? Okay I'm done.

Oh yeah, my money is on Tyler Cook for the syrup chug/chicken nug contest, because he's just good at everything.. Or maybe Sarah Escalante comes out the cuts and dominates. We'll see. Digression again... I don't even know if that's a word. English.

Well, have fun maybe, drink some Pepto. Or eat spinach, because fiber. Fiber makes you poop. See you Monday.

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