



PUGET SOUND FESTIVAL OF BANDS

Cascade High School Band and Color Guard Boosters
801 East Casino Road – Everett, WA 98203

October 7, 2019

Dear Marching Band Director,

Welcome to the **2019, 32nd Annual Puget Sound Festival of Bands**, hosted by the Cascade High School Band and Color Guard Boosters. This event will be held on October 26, 2019 at the Everett Memorial Stadium. We are looking forward to an exciting competition this year. Opening ceremonies begin at approximately 9:15 AM followed by the first performance at 9:45 AM. Finals will begin with the National Anthem at 4:00 PM, followed by the first Finals performance at 4:15PM and closing with a Presentation of Awards at approximately 8:20 PM.

When you arrive at check-in, PLEASE have your students remain on the bus. Your student's hands will be stamped. A parking attendant will direct you to a designated parking spot and you will be given a detailed schedule for your band's day including warm times, locations, and step off times.

Before your scheduled warm-up time, a Band-Host Volunteer will meet you and escort you to your scheduled warm-up area. They will also escort you to the gate in time for your scheduled step off.

Crossing to warm-up areas is ONLY allowed at 38th & Broadway. The Everett Police Department will be flagging the intersection the entire day.

We are hosting 15 bands. The preliminary performance is based on a 15-minute time interval. This year we have decided instead of keeping 3 bands from performing in finals we will have everyone perform again. Each finals performance is based on a 13-minute time interval. It is imperative that you are aware of your warm-up, step off and performance times. Late bands will only be accommodated if circumstances are unforeseen.

We will be verifying the class of all competing bands. We will take a count of performing band members when the band arrives. Any bands that are registered incorrectly will be moved to the correct class for scoring only if they should be moved up a class. If registered in a higher class then number of performers, your band will remain in that category as registered. You may not request to move down a classification after October 10, 2019. Verification of proper classification took place before the Prelims Schedule was released.

In addition to this letter, you will be receiving the performance schedule, the procedural guidelines, and directions to the check-in area, as well as parking information, and ticket prices to share with families. When you arrive, you will receive a Director's Packet which will include maps, procedural guidelines, and bus and equipment truck passes. It is important that you and your staff are familiar with the rules, policies and procedures for the day.

The Cascade Bands and Color Guard Boosters and the **2019 Puget Sound Festival of Bands** Committee hope you enjoy the competition and your visit to the Everett area. Best wishes for an outstanding performance!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Mark Staley
Cascade High School
Director of Wind Bands

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2019 Puget Sound Festival of Bands Chair