



PUGET SOUND FESTIVAL OF BANDS

Cascade High School Band and Color Guard Boosters

September 30, 2026

Dear Marching Band Directors,

Welcome to the **38th Annual Puget Sound Festival of Bands**, hosted by the Cascade High School Band and Color Guard Boosters. This event will be held on October 24, 2026 at Everett Memorial Stadium. We are looking forward to an exciting competition this year. Opening ceremonies begin at 9:15AM followed by the first performance at 9:30AM. Finals will begin with the National Anthem at 4:30PM, followed by the first Finals performance at 4:45PM and closing with a presentation of awards at approximately 9:30PM.

When you arrive at check-in, PLEASE have your students remain on the bus. The Director must check in at **BAND HOST TABLE** and receive a Director's Packet. A band host will meet your buses when parked and **HAND STAMP EVERY BAND MEMBER**, verifying competition classification. A parking attendant will direct you to a designated parking spot and you'll be given a detailed schedule for your band's day including warm-up times, locations, and step off times.

At your scheduled warm-up time, a Band-Host Volunteer will meet you and escort you to the gate in time for your scheduled step off. Every performer will have a HAND STAMP. Every non-performer such as: volunteer, prop pusher, spectator, etc. must have a wrist band on to enter the stadium at any entrance.

Crossing to warm-up areas is ONLY allowed at 38th & Broadway. Everett Police Department will be flagging the intersection the entire day for all Bands, Staff and spectators' safety.

We are hosting 16 bands. The preliminary performance allowance is 15 minutes. All bands will perform in the Finals Competition. Each final performance allowance is 15 minutes. It is imperative that you are aware of your warm-up, step off and performance allowance times.

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. **Bands competing in a higher classification must submit their request in writing or already be in that classification on the Preliminary Competition Schedule by October 9th based on the Registration Form submitted.** Bands cannot compete in a lower classification.

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, ticket and pictures 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 **2026 Puget Sound Festival of Bands Committees** 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 Sound Director of Bands

Cam-Tu Vo & Quinn Thomas, Puget Sound Festival of Bands Co-Chairs