

November 30, 2009

Jefferson City Christmas Parade!

Dear 6th, 7th & 8th gr. Band Students & Parents,

The Interparish Grade School Band will be marching in the annual *J.C. Christmas Parade* scheduled for this Saturday, December 5 at 4:30pm. Those students participating in this performance are to meet in the St. Peter band room by 3:00pm. They are to wear full-length KHAKI slacks (please allow room for tucking-in the uniform top) and comfortable gym shoes over layers of clothing in order to stay warm. This year the forecast states that it should be in the 30's and 40's both for Thursday's rehearsal and Saturday's parade. Be prepared!!! The Band Boosters are providing the uniform tops and white gloves. In addition to the normal uniform, students may also wear colorful caps or "Santa-type" hats if they have them, and moderately decorate their instruments, as long as it does not interfere with their performing. With the later start time and impending darkness, all students need to know their music very well. Practice, practice, practice!!!

Parents: I am requesting that you do your best to take charge of your children as soon as we finish the parade for safety sake. The number of entries is great enough that the students could feasibly enjoy watching some of it after marching the parade themselves. In addition, we could use one or two parents to help out in distributing and collecting uniforms as well as walking along side the band during the parade. I thank you ahead of time for your cooperation.

A few last reminders: Please make sure you have your instruments, music, lyres, flip folders, etc. where they need to be, when they need to be! A few of you know firsthand what I am talking about. Besides the marching rehearsals today and Thursday, we also have after-school rehearsals on December 2, 7 & 8 for each grade's band to prepare our Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 9. You will receive another letter soon with more specific information on the concert. *All students do receive a letter grade for these rehearsals and performances, so only a signed note with a valid conflict or illness will excuse them from participating.* **Above all**, please pray for the continued recovery of Spencer Sone who was seriously injured in an accident last week. Thank you for your continued support!

Musically yours,

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