



MEPA General Meeting

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

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Welcome Parents!

Call Meeting to Order



If you have not joined the Eagle Regiment Band App, please scan the QR code below to join and stay informed.

Also be sure to subscribe to the calendars on our website
<https://www.stonemandouglasband.com/calendar>


2023-2024 Eagle Regiment
Welcome! Join us to stay connected!



Upcoming Events



September 30, 2023
South Region



Falcon Sound Invitational
Flanagan HS

October 14, 2023
South Region



Lancer Jamboree
John I. Leonard HS

9/29 Football game

9/30 Falcon Sound Invitational at Flanagan HS

10/3 ER Picture Day

10/7 Camp Day

10/14 Lancer Jamboree at John I. Leonard HS

10/19 Football Game

10/20-10/23 Bands of America Orlando

10/25 Fall Concert

10/28 FBA District Marching MPA



Volunteer Spots Available



FOOTBALL



VOLUNTEERS



OCTOBER



VOLUNTEERS



COMPETITION



CHAPERONES





BANDS of AMERICA

Orlando Regional Championship



October 20 – October 22

Departing MSD on Friday morning
Performing in Prelims on Saturday
morning at 9:45 am and evening
Finals to be determined

Enjoying a fun day at Universal
Islands of Adventure together and
departing Orlando on Sunday
afternoon



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Students will...

- Travel by coach bus departing on Friday morning.
- Pack 1 standard size luggage plus their ER duffle bag.
- Refer to the packing list for all items needed each day.
- **Bring packed lunch for Friday. There will not be a stop for food so please bring your lunch.**
- Be assigned to chaperones corresponding with their room assignments. We will have 12 chaperones.
- Stay 2 nights at the Embassy Suites International Drive and Convention Center.
- Be provided with and review the rules and procedures for students prior to the trip including staying in groups of 3 or more while in the hotel, the mall, the stadium and at Universal Islands of Adventure.



Parents will need...

- To complete and turn in Medication Authorization Forms:
 - Authorization for Medication/Treatment Prescription or Over-the-Counter (OTC) Medication Form
 - Authorization for Selected Over-The-Counter (OTC) Medication with Parental Approval Form (Gr 9-12)

HOTEL RULES

1. Be considerate at all times, especially in the hotel.

- Be particularly careful about loud noises in the mornings and evenings. Please close doors quietly. Door slamming causes disturbances to others. Don't speak loudly! TV volume should be kept to a low level.
- Instruments are NOT to be played in your rooms.
- WALK in hallways. No running! Be considerate of others when using the elevators.

2. BOYS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN GIRLS' ROOMS AND GIRLS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN BOYS' ROOMS, even if a chaperone is present. Avoid the appearance of any wrongdoing in this area by staying completely away from rooms of the opposite sex. Additionally, students in same gender relationships are also not allowed to be in each other's rooms.

3. Parents, siblings and alumni are not allowed in student rooms.

4. Be sure to be in your room at or before the designated curfew time. After room check, you may NOT leave your room for ANY reason until wake-up time the next morning. THE DOOR IS TO REMAIN SHUT AND LOCKED!

5. Outside phone calls are not allowed from the rooms. Do not take your phone off the hook. We may need to reach you.

6. Ordering room service or any other outside service is prohibited. Parents may not purchase food for child's room.

7. Be very careful with hotel property, especially in your rooms. If anything is damaged or missing, you will be charged.

8. Your room will be inspected for check out by your chaperone. Be ready and be on time!

- Pack your bags.
- Place all used towels in the bathtub. Garbage in garbage cans (ask for an extra garbage bag if needed).
- Linens on the bed prior to room check. IT IS NOT THE CHAPERONE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO PICK UP YOUR ROOM.

SCHOOL BOARD RULES ARE IN EFFECT FOR THE DURATION OF ANY TRIP.

All rules apply just as if you were on the school campus. While on a trip, we are constantly in public view and your conduct must reflect the highest standards. EVERYTHING you do is a direct reflection on the band. In this setting, you're not acting as an individual, but as a representative of the MSD band. Infractions of conduct mentioned above are grounds for severe disciplinary action including suspension or dismissal from Stoneman Douglas High School and/or the band program.

T R I P P R O C E D U R E S

PLEASE COOPERATE TO ENSURE A SAFE & FUN TRIP FOR EVERYONE!

1. **BE AT THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME!** Know your schedule.
2. **Never go anywhere alone!** Stay in a group of three or more at all times.
3. **Nutrition is important for peak performance.** Sweets and large amounts of caffeine should not be consumed the night before the performance. Eat a good breakfast.
4. **Be very courteous at all times.** You are a class act, so be sure that your behavior reflects this at all times. Good manners are contagious.
5. **Dress appropriately.** Appearance must be neat at all times when in uniform or while under observation as representatives of the band program and school.
6. **Do not leave the hotel or any place we visit without director's permission.**
7. **NO P.D.A. – Public Display of Affection.** To do so would demonstrate a lack of respect and understanding that you are on a school-sanctioned activity.
8. **Proper language is to be used AT ALL TIMES.**
9. **NO music should be played on buses without headphones.** Be considerate of others who are trying to sleep.
10. **Courtesy in restaurants.** Speak quietly and clean up your area when finished.
11. **The use or possession of any alcoholic beverage, tobacco, or drugs is absolutely forbidden at all times.** Violation will result in dismissal. The presence of such substance will incriminate all in the room.
12. **All prescription medications must be in the original container with the dosage specified on the front and a completed medical form.**

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In the event of an emergency, such as the declaration of a "code red" security status during the event, the following procedures will be followed:

All students will report to the designated emergency meeting location (see below) at the venue they are in, and await instructions from teachers/chaperones.

- Lunch, Dinner, or Rest Stops - Buses
- Competition sites - Buses
- Hotel - Lobby
- Universal - Main entrance

All students shall have cell phones on, but WILL NOT place calls. Instead, they shall await a call from chaperones with the next set of instructions.

Students and chaperones will proceed back to the hotel and meet in the lobby. No student shall enter his/her own room or a chaperone room until instructed to do so.

Once in the hotel, the following actions will be carried out:

- Chaperones will keep students in one area.
- Chaperones will begin contacting parents to confirm that students are safe and inform them to await further instructions.
- Band Director will contact school administration for the course of action to be followed. School administration will be contacted at home or cell phone numbers after school hours.

If it is deemed necessary to immediately return home, Band Director will begin arrangements for transportation back to Stoneman Douglas High School. Parents will be contacted and given a detailed plan of arrangements. School administration shall assist in answering parent concerns until students arrive home safely.



BANDS of AMERICA

Orlando Regional Championship



Camping World Stadium 1 Citrus Bowl Place, Orlando, FL 32805

Purchase tickets online or at ticket booth.

<https://www.ticketmaster.com/artist/834336?venueId=278605>

Stoneman Douglas H.S. performs in prelims at 9:45 am.

- Arrive early! This is a large event and venue.
- Spectator parking will be \$10.
- NOTE – there are other large-scale events in Orlando on the same day that may cause traffic delays.
- There is a clear bag policy.

If you cannot attend in person, livestreamed on BOALIVE.TV, powered by BOX5 Media. <https://box5tv.com/bands-of-america/>

6:00 AM	Box Office Opens
6:30 AM	STADIUM GATES OPEN
7:00 AM	Preliminary Competition Begins
9:00 AM	BREAK
9:30 AM	Preliminary Competition Resumes
11:45 AM	LUNCH
12:30 PM	Preliminary Competition Resumes
2:30 PM	BREAK
3:00 PM	Preliminary Competition Resumes
4:45 PM	Preliminary Competition Ends
5:00 PM	PRESENTATION OF AWARDS All Competing Band Drum Majors
5:30 PM	Finalist Directors Meeting Stadium Cleared Dinner Break
6:30 PM	GATES OPEN
7:00 PM	National Anthem Special On-Field Welcome
7:15 PM	Class Exhibition (If Needed)
7:30 PM	First Performing Finalist Band
10:30 PM	Finals Competition Ends Class Exhibition (If Needed)
10:45 PM	FINALE – PRESENTATION OF AWARDS



Field Crew



As we prepare for competitions, we will need volunteers for field crew.

For questions, please contact Mariana Raimondo at Fieldcrew@eagler regiment.com.



FLA Live Arena Fundraising



Parents, family and student (18 & up) may sign up to volunteer together in a concession stand at FLA Live Arena in return FLA Live will make a donation to the Marching Eagles Parent Association of 10% of the total number of concession stand sales.

Funds are then directly applied to the operational budget of the MSD band program and **50 points (equivalent to \$50)** issued to each volunteer's band account for every shift. Refer to points policy. **Two or three times a year, tips are averaged, divided and applied as points to each volunteer's band account per the number of shifts each worked.**

How to get involved...

Sign up on the Sign Up Genius for available events. Please note the on call spots are often used when FLA Live gives us a second stand.

All volunteers must complete online training:
Florida food handler course (valid for 3 years)

Responsible vendor alcohol new hire course - for staff (tri annual training every 4 months)





Membership Dues



The Membership Dues for the 2023 Season are \$1,175.00 per Student.

Final payment is due on October 15th!

Spot Deposit This reserves each student's performance spot on the field.	May 15th, 2023	\$175
PAYMENT #1	JUNE 15th, 2023	\$200
PAYMENT #2	JULY 15th, 2023	\$200
PAYMENT #3	AUGUST 15th, 2023	\$200
PAYMENT #4	SEPTEMBER 15th, 2023	\$200
PAYMENT #5	OCTOBER 15th, 2023	\$200

Membership dues do not include the mandatory NYC Macy's trip.

Final payment for the Macy's trip is due on October 5th!



Color Guard



WINTER Schedule

2024

26 JAN	MSD PREVIEW NIGHT <i>Stoneman Douglas High School, Parkland, FL</i>
27 JAN	SFWGA PREMIERE NIGHT <i>TBD</i>
10 FEB	SFWGA CONTEST <i>TBD</i>
17 FEB	SFWGA CONTEST <i>TBD</i>
01-02 MAR	WGI ORLANDO REGIONAL <i>Dr. Phillips High School, Orlando, FL</i>
9 MAR	SFWGA CONTEST <i>TBD</i>
23-24 MAR	WGI MIAMI REGIONAL <i>G. Holmes Braddock High School, Miami, FL</i>
30 MAR	SFWGA PRELIMS <i>TBD</i>
06 APR	SFWGA CHAMPIONSHIPS <i>Wastco Center, University of Miami</i>
10-14 APR	WGI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS <i>University of Dayton Arena, Dayton, Oh</i>

World Guard Audition Dates will be in October. Be sure to watch www.eagleregiment.com for details

A Guard MS visits and kick off rehearsals will start the 3rd week of October. Be sure to watch www.eagleregiment.com for details

The Winter Guards are looking for Field Crew Dads & Moms to assist with prop building and transporting to shows. If interested, please contact Mariana Raimondo at Fieldcrew@eagleregiment.com.

WG Chaperone info will be released at the Winter Guard Parent meeting in November.

For questions, please contact **Mimi Advani** at MSDcolorguard@eagleregiment.com

Tentative competition dates for the Winter Guards. These are subject to change.



Indoor Percussion



Join us for the Indoor Percussion interest meeting on October 26, 2023, at 7pm.

Date	Event	Location
27 JAN	MSD PREVIEW NIGHT	Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, Parkland, FL
3 FEB	FFCC PREMIER NIGHT	TBD
17 FEB	FFCC CONTEST	TBD
17 FEB	WGI ORLANDO REGIONAL	Cypress Creek High School, Orlando, FL
9 MAR	FFCC CONTEST	TBD
9 APR	FFCC STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS	Daytona Beach Convention Center, Daytona Beach, FL
17-21 APR	WIG CHAMPIONSHIPS	Dayton, OH

MSDi typically completes in 3 FFCC Contests, above are the dates FFCC has released, locations will be finalized at a later date.

For questions, please contact John Campbell at MSDpercussion@eagler regiment.com.



NYC Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Q&A REVIEW & REMIND



TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM AIRPORT NOT INCLUDED

Band members and Fans will meet at the Ft Lauderdale Airport. There will not be transportation from MSD to the airport for departure or airport to MSD for arrival.

ITINERARY

- ❖ Band members will follow the band itinerary.
- ❖ Parents and family travelers will follow the “FAN” itinerary.
 - **Full Package** means your **trip includes your flight and transportation from Newark Liberty International to the DoubleTree New York Times Square.**
 - **Land Package** means your trip **does not** include your flight or transportation from Newark Liberty International to the DoubleTree New York Times Square.
- ❖ Band members and Full and Land package fans will be together for the dinner cruise, the Back to the Future Broadway show and the Radio City Christmas Spectacular.

HOTEL

- ❖ Band members will stay at the Hotel Edison in rooms of 4 students (Quad occupancy).
- ❖ Full & Land Fans will stay at the DoubleTree New York Times Square.



NYC Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade



FLIGHTS FOR BAND MEMBERS

- ❖ United Airlines from Ft Lauderdale International to Newark Liberty International Airport.
- ❖ There are 2 flights:
 - One departing at 6:30 am; Flight 1537 airport arrival time will be 4:00 am.
 - Second departing at 8:00 am; Flight 1848 airport arrival time will be 6:00 am.
 - One arrival at 9:37 pm; Flight 1637
 - Second arrival at 11:28 pm; Flight 2645
 - Refer to the flight list to confirm your departure and arrival flight.
- ❖ Students will remain with their chaperone group as we follow the itinerary.
- ❖ **Everyone 18 years old and older needs a Government-issued ID.**
- ❖ Everyone may have 1 checked bag, 1 carry-on and 1 under the seat personal bag.



NYC Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- May travelers register now? Unfortunately, registration is closed and dinner cruise is at capacity.
- May parents sign out their child at the end of the trip? Yes, you may sign out your child at the end of the trip after the Radio City Christmas Spectacular Show. Flights cannot be changed in anyway for a group so if you sign out your child you will need to book a return flight independently.
- Attire for the Thanksgiving Dinner Cruise? Please plan for Smart/Business Casual including pants, khakis, jeans no holes, no sweatpants and no leggings.
- Will it be cold? NYC weather for Nov based on previous years statistical data is 40-50 degrees.
- Will there be Grandstand tickets? At this time, we have not received definite info on tickets. Plan to find a good spot along the parade route.



NYC Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade



At least one parent per student must attend for a review all trip and travel information.



Thank you for joining us!



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