

Week 1 of YCHS Cougar Band & Cougarettes Competitive Season – BOILING SPRINGS!

The show: “TIN” - We still have many things to do: cleaning drill, working for a more overall UNIFORM look, adding visual effects, and adding musical effects. We will have our hands full for the season in making a great deal of changes and additions. All students need to pass off the show – we need for everyone to know their part so they may contribute positively to this experience.

Crews & Parents: Many thanks so far for everything you’ve done: feeding us, building props, and donating time and supplies. We have had an influx of rookie parents to get involved this year, and the veteran parents have mentioned many times how grateful they are to have such a great crew! Let’s work together to create a positive and professional environment for our students!

Attendance: Attendance is mandatory at all scheduled rehearsals, sectionals, and performances which take place outside of school time. The calendar for the fall is always published and given to members in May for planning. Excessive absences and tardies could result in demotion, loss of performance time, or dismissal from the program.

When Absences May Occur:

- *In case of sudden illnesses, please email or call the directors so that we know the location of your student.*
 - *We are accountable for all students when there are scheduled events.*
- **When tardy or absent from a practice, a signed written statement is required for documentation.**

Reference:

- Visit SC Band Link website at www.bandlink.org. You will find contest schedules and results!
- *We ask that all students and parents please **view or review the information** entitled “**Audience Etiquette.**” There are some “dos” and “don’ts” when attending/competing in a marching band competition. Please **NEVER** “bad mouth” any other band program....you never know who could be watching or listening..... We would like to show and share with everyone that when York Comprehensive HS arrives – a band with class (and classy band parents) arrives!
- *Please note that any parent who wishes to sign their student off of the bus from a competition (following the awards ceremony) must submit their request IN WRITING to Mr. Brooks each week BY FRIDAY. No sign-outs will be accepted on Saturday. Please be aware that if your student has Saturday cleanup duties and have signed off of the bus, they must still return to the school to complete those duties.*

Helpful Tips When Attending a Band Competition:

All parents should attend your student’s performance. There is nothing better than to look up from the field as you are performing and see a crowd cheering for you – especially your own parents!

1. **Get there early!** It’s always a good idea to see ALL of the bands at least in our class. The later it is in the day, the more crowded the stadium becomes. The best seats for these events are on the 50 Yard Line, just under the press box.
2. **Sit with the group!** It won’t take long for you to figure out that some parents from other bands get there early to stake their claim for seating all of their fans. Your cheering will be much more effective if you sit as a group and cheer together instead of being spread out all over the stadium.
3. **Wear your colors!** If you have YCHS Cougar Band attire this is the perfect time to wear it. Our students want to see a sea of gray, black, and white in the crowd!
4. **Make some noise!** Our students will feel very encouraged and may even perform better if they hear the crowd roar when they come on the field, after the DM salute, in between parts of the show, and right after the show. We do ask that you please DO NOT bring or use any type of noise makers, however.
5. **Make Posters!** Make and use posters to show your support. They can be general-for the whole band, for individuals, or be themed for our show.

Particulars for these events:

- There will be an area designated for all persons with video cameras near the press box – not on top, or inside.
- Grilling on school property is NOT permitted
- Ticket prices: \$10 Adults / \$5 Students
- You are more than welcome to be a part of our motorcade as we depart from the school on Saturday. Please be aware that although you follow us, you will still need to purchase a ticket at the gate, and you will have to park in Spectator Parking.
- ✓ All woodwind & brass students will need to purchase at least 1 pair of black performance gloves before Friday (\$5/pair).
- ✓ All students need to have one tub of Wet Wipes before Friday.
- ✓ **STUDENT REMINDER: No food or drink (other than water) allowed while in uniform** during games and competitions, unless instructed by Directors. Parents, please help us try to be consistent with this! We need to keep our uniforms CLEAN!
- ✓ RevStep = our marching shoes
- ✓ Fans, parents, family and others who are not on crew for a particular competition SHOULD NOT be back at the bus, warm up, or other staging areas. These areas tend to get very crowded, and we are going to need all the room we can have, as well as keeping distractions to a minimum.

YCHS Bands “WIS” (Weekly Information Sheet) 9/16/19 – 9/21/19

Monday

- Final Uniform Fittings – IN CLASS
- 4-6pm Sectionals: Percussion, Cougarettes, Horn Line
- Woodwinds & Brass: Black Performance Gloves available for purchase (\$5.00/pr.); You need at least ONE PAIR of performance gloves.

Tuesday

- 4pm-7pm MB - **Wear Shakos & Marching Shoes to this rehearsal**

Wednesday

- Weekly Pass-Offs – IN CLASS
- Homework Day

Thursday

- 4pm-7pm MB - **Wear Shakos & Marching Shoes to this rehearsal**

Friday

- 5:45pm Call Time (Away Game Procedure)
- 6:00pm Depart for Rock Hill District Three Stadium
 - **Rock Hill Football Game AWAY – SUMMER UNIFORMS!**
 - Horn Line & Battery – WHITE logo T, Black Gym Shorts, White Athletic Shoes w/ White Ankle Socks
- 6:00pm – 9:30pm: Cougarettes – Friday Spin Camp
- 6:00pm – 9:30pm: Front Ensemble – Friday Sectional Camp
- Students will be dismissed from YCHS Band Room immediately following equipment unloading and clean-up duties.

Saturday

- **BOILING SPRINGS FESTIVAL OF BANDS**
 - **Students must eat a good Breakfast and Lunch before coming to the school on Saturday. (Brass/Percussion can bring their lunch)**

SATURDAY	COMPETITION	@ BOILING SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL
10:30am	Brass/Percussion Call Time	Brass in Cafeteria – polishing horns; Percussion in Band Room – loading equipment
11:30am	CALL TIME / Rehearsal – FULL BAND (Must be in the block with everything you need by 11:30am)	YCHS BAND ROOM in Block, then go to YCHS STADIUM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WEAR: Rehearsal clothes (NOT Show Shirt and NOT Uniform Compression Shorts) w/ “RevStep” Show Shoes – dress for the weather • EVERYONE BRING: Water Jug, instrument/equipment, SHOW SHIRT, deodorant, Wet Wipes, clean underwear and other undergarments, also: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Horn Line & Percussion - LONG BLACK SOCKS, “RevStep” Show Shoes, Black Compression Shorts (or other tighter-fitting short) for under uniform, Ladies: Arrive w/ hair French Braided, Men with Longer hair should arrive with hair tacked back. (Hair should NOT be seen while wearing shakos.) ○ Cougarettes – Arrive w/ “Show” Hair; BRING: warm-ups, white socks, show shoes, body tights, clean/proper “Show” undergarments, BOTH costumes, hair spray, bobby pins, “Show” make-up supplies
2:00pm	Load Props & Guard Equipment	YCHS Stadium
2:00pm	Guard Costuming in Cafeteria	YCHS Cafeteria
2:30pm	Pit Crew Loading (departing between 3:10pm-3:30pm)	YCHS Stadium; Pit Crew Arrival goal at BSHS is 4:10pm
2:45pm	Band Dress in Uniform	
3:40pm	Inspection/Load Buses	
4:00pm	Buses Depart from YCHS	DINNER ON BUS @ approx. 4:55pm: *provided
5:15pm	Buses Arrive at Boiling Springs HS	Following arrival: Restrooms, equipment, uniforms, lineup for warm-up
6:45pm	Depart for warm-up	Band, staff, and chaperones only
7:00pm	Warm-Up	Warm-Up Area “B”
7:45pm	Band Staging Time	Students will pick up staged props “on the go,” in route to stadium from warm up
7:55pm	Gate Time	
8:00pm	“TIN” YCHS Cougar Band Competition Performance	
8:15pm	Return to Buses – FAST!!	QUICKLY Pack Instruments in cases; Uniform coats/gauntlets/capes in garment bags: Shakos in cases; Immediately return to stadium (Visitor Stands) for Gold Division Awards Ceremony; Leadership Team #1 remain in full uniform for Awards Ceremony
9:15pm	GOLD DIVISION AWARDS CEREMONY	ALL YCHS Band members will stand at “FOCUS” in the visitor stands during PRELIMS Awards. During our class awards, ALL YCHS Band members will stand at “ATTENTION” (Do not cheer or break attention when your band is called). (FOCUS and ATTENTION both mean NO MOVING and NO TALKING.) YCHS Band members will not break “ATTENTION” or “FOCUS” until the Leadership Team has presented their awards to the band.
10:15pm	Depart from Boiling Springs HS	
11:30pm	Arrive back @ YCHS	Unload, uniform turn-in, clean-up duties. Please have your ride waiting for you.