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Greetings Directors!

On behalf of the Spring Independent School District and our Performing and Visual Arts Department, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the UIL Region 33 Marching Band Contest to be held on Saturday, October 17th at Planet Ford Stadium (23802 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX 77373). The performance schedule and the contest maps are available on the UIL Region 33 Music webpage (*https://uilregion33.com/*).

Buses & Equipment Trucks will enter the stadium from Cypresswood Heights Dr. (see contest map).

1. As you approach the stadium on Cypresswood this will be a double turn lane at a traffic light for all buses and equipment trucks.
2. Parking workers will greet you to assist with parking the trucks and buses in our north
3. Cars and all other personal vehicles must enter from the main stadium/marquee entrance.
4. For your convenience, trucks and buses will be parked in the same lot unless overflow is needed.
5. Spring ISD parent volunteers are scheduled to be in place by 7:00 AM to assist with parking. Please do not plan to arrive prior to 7:00 AM.

Student Band Monitors will meet your band approximately **30 min** prior to your warm-up time.

1. Band monitors will assist in locating restrooms on the visitors side of the stadium and lead you to your outdoor warm-up area, field entrance, field exit, and back to your buses following your performance.
2. Please ask your band monitor or an Spring ISD band staff member for assistance if you have any questions throughout the day.

Important Information:

1. Please allow 10 minutes to move from bus and equipment parking to the outdoor warm-up area. This year there will be three warm-up areas to mimic area and the announcement to take the field for pre-placement and/or warm-up will be 5 minutes prior to your scheduled performance time.
2. Do not play while outside the warm-up area as wind and percussion instruments are audible from inside the stadium and the press box where the adjudicators are located.
3. Front Ensemble will have a designated warm up (in close proximity to the front ensemble entrance) and may do so only during their official warm-up time (see contest map).
4. The current UIL Constitution & Contest Rules for this event will be in effect. Please take time to carefully review all rules in preparation for this event. An online version of this document can be accessed at http://www.uiltexas.org/policy/constitutuion.
5. The UIL contest office is located on the 2nd floor of the press box. No directors or student participants are allowed on the first floor of the press box for any reason.

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6. If you choose to have a staff member or parent record a single video of your marching band performance for educational purposes, you may do so from any available location in the home side seating area. Individuals **may not** record from the press box.
7. Directors may pick up their comment sheets and adjudicator recorded comments in the UIL contest office on the 2nd floor of the press box approximately 15 minutes after their band's performance.
8. If you choose to bring your band back into the stadium to watch, please enter as a group with your entire traveling party at the main ticket gate on the home side.

Spectator and Chaperone Information:

1. Spectator parking is free and accessible from the main Planet Ford entrance off of Cypresswood (there is no light at this entrance, there is a large marquis**). There is a $5 admission fee for the UIL Region 33 Marching Contest.** The admission gate is located in the middle of the home side of the stadium. No Re-Entry.
2. Food trucks and concessions will be available.
3. 10 chaperone wristbands per band will be provided to each participating head band director by your student monitor. Chaperones must have wristbands from you to enter free of charge. Parents that assist with front ensemble percussion, props, or other equipment do not need a pass to enter at field level for the band's performance but must have a wristband to enter the stadium concourse and seating areas as spectators. It is recommended that a director or band parent purchase additional passes and distribute them as needed.
4. Bus drivers, principals, and fine arts administrators will be admitted with their school district ID badge.

Best wishes to you and your students for a smooth and successful marching event. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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