

## COMPETITION INFORMATION

If you are asking yourself – What is this competition stuff? Here are a few facts about competitions you might find helpful:

- Every year the band competes at 3 or 4 regional competitions, usually held/hosted by different high schools. The band is graded on several areas, marching music, guard and others. Bands compete in different levels depending on the size of the band. The winner of the overall competition is the Grand Champion – hard to get but very coveted.
- Competition season usually starts the last week of September and ends the first week of November.
- At Porter Ridge our last competition of the season is hosting our own competition – the Pirate's Cove Classic.
- Competitions are always on Saturday.
- Competition times vary, some are day time (like ours), some are evening.
- **All parents are invited to attend and even encouraged. The louder we cheer for our band the better the judges like it.** Some competitions even have spirit awards.
- Students are usually called (call time) to be at the school a few hours before they leave for the competition.
- Competition day schedules will be posted on the web site (this is where you find the time students are to report to school and the time the bus leaves for the competition).
- When possible, the actual competition schedule will also be posted (this is the performance times during the competition).
- Most competitions function as fundraiser for the host school (like ours).
- Concessions are available at all competitions.
- The band boosters provide water and drinks for the trip to and from the competition.
- The band boosters also provide a snack for students after practice while we are still at the school.
- If the competition falls during a meal period (lunch or dinner) the students are able to purchase food at the concession stand.

If you have any questions you can contact Mr. Faires or Mrs. Tomberlin at the school. Or you can contact any of the Booster officers.

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