



2023

20th Annual

SPARTAN
Southern Classic

October 14th, 2023

**Hosted by South Caldwell Spartan Bands
at South Caldwell High School
Hudson, NC**

SPARTAN *Southern Classic*

Dear Participants,

We are excited to welcome you to our 20th Annual Spartan Southern Classic Marching Band Competition. Much planning and anticipation has gone into our event this year to make this a successful competition for everyone involved. Our competition has grown throughout the years and we are honored that you have chosen to be our guests for a special anniversary year.

Congratulations on your dedication and commitment in preparation for your show this season. There is great work being done in band rooms across the region, and this is evident by your participation here today. Your directors, your parents, your teachers, and your friends all respect your commitment to music and know the sacrifices that you have made to come this far.

We trust that your visit to Spartan Country will prove to be both rewarding and educational as you begin to fine-tune your show. If you need assistance in any way today, simply ask a South Caldwell Band Booster for help; we will do our best to meet your needs. Again, thank you for your participation today, and best wishes throughout the 2023 marching season.

Sincerely,
Jason Childers
Director of Bands-SCHS
Classic Co-Chairs

Scott & Stephanie Raines
Spartan Southern

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FESTIVAL INFORMATION

Concession Stand

Located to the left on the home side as you enter the stadium

Restrooms

Located beside the concession stand

Lost & Found/Emergency Announcements

Press Box

Air-Grams \$5.00

Raffle Basket Tickets \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

Half & Half Tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

Ugliest Director Contest \$1.00

SPARTAN *Southern Classic* MENU

Hamburger..... \$6.00

Cheeseburger..... \$6.00

Hotdog..... \$3.00

BBQ Sandwich..... \$6.00

BBQ Sundae..... \$7.00

Baked Beans, BBQ, BBQ Sauce, Slaw, & Pickle

BBQ Nachos..... \$7.00

Chips, BBQ, BBQ Sauce, Cheese Sauce, Jalapenos

Nachos & Cheese..... \$3.00

4 oz Cheese Sauce..... \$1.00

Push Pop Candy..... \$1.00

Variety Chips..... \$1.00

Doritos, Lay's Plain, Lay's BBQ, Cheetos,
Takis (Fuego, Blue Heat, Intense Nacho)

Whole Dill Pickle..... \$1.00

Cow Tales, Charm's Blow

Pops, Air Heads..... 2 for \$1.00

Candy.....\$2.00

Drinks, 20 oz Pepsi

Products..... \$3.00

Treats & Desserts..... \$1.00

Hot Chocolate.....\$1.00

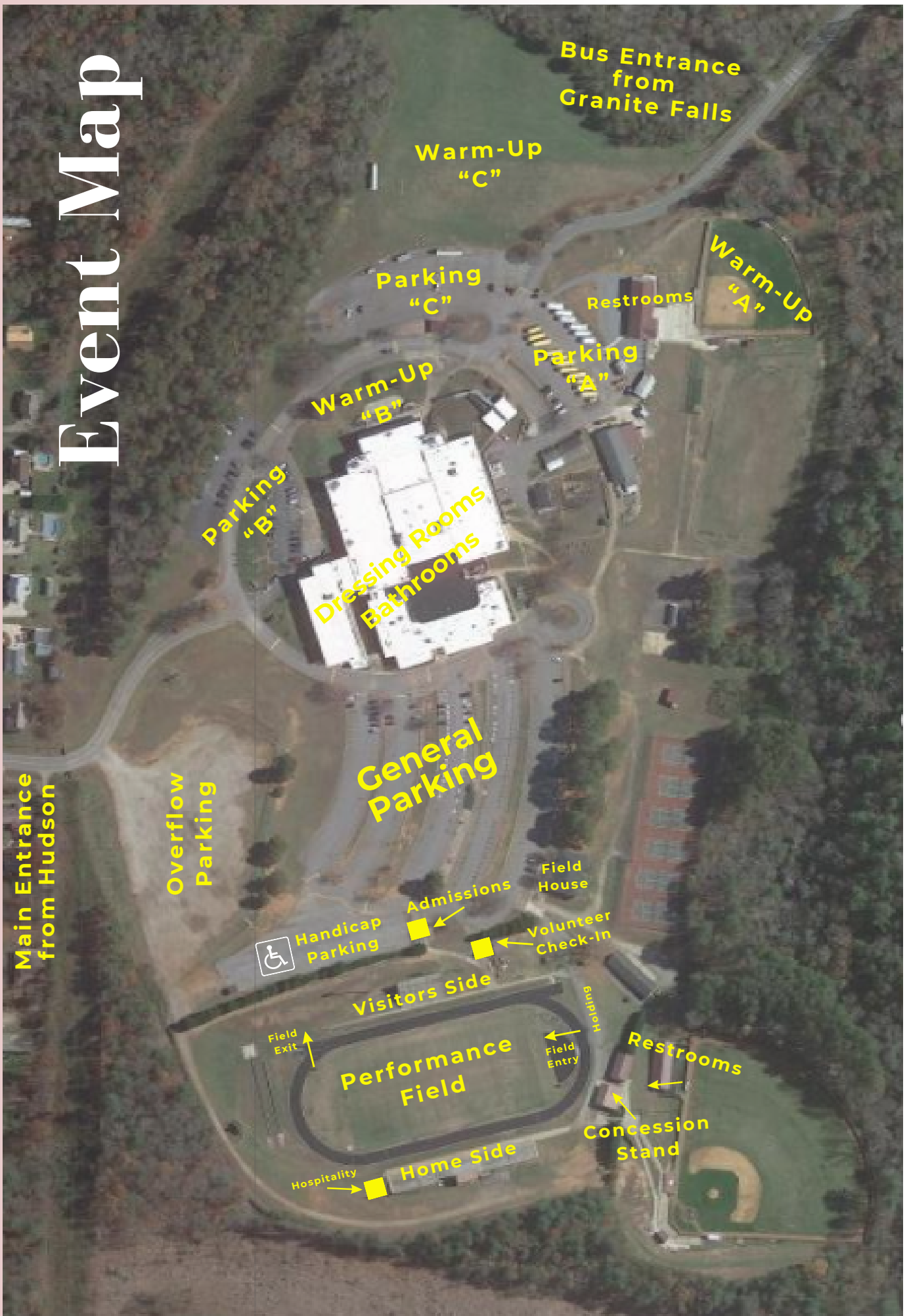
In a Mug.....\$2.00

Coffee..... \$1.00

In a Mug.....\$2.00

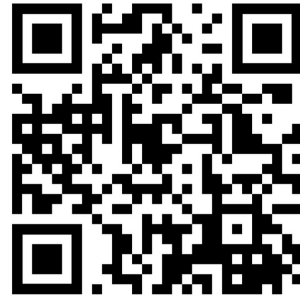
Pizza..... \$3.00

Event Map





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SCHEDULE

Gates Open	12:00pm
Welcome	1:00pm
National Anthem	1:05pm
<i>Arriana Eckard, SCHS</i>	

SHOWCASE

	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Avery High School	EXH	1:10pm
East Surry High School	1A	1:25pm
Ashe High School	1A	1:40pm
West Wilkes High School	1A	1:55pm
East Wilkes High School	1A	2:10pm
Maiden High School	1A	2:25pm
Providence Grove High School	1A	2:40pm

JM Robins High School	2A	3:15pm
North Iredell High School	2A	3:30pm
North Davidson High School	2A	3:45pm
Ledford High School	2A	4:00pm
East Forsyth High School	2A	4:15pm
Forbush High School	2A	4:30pm

Dinner Break

Draughn High School	3A	5:44pm
East Burke High School	2A	6:02pm
Cox Mill High School	3A	6:20pm

Northwest Guilford High School	4A	7:06pm
Newton-Conover High School	4A	7:24pm
East Davidson High School	4A	7:42pm
South Caldwell High School	EXH	8:00pm

Awards Ceremony	8:30pm
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SPARTAN *Southern Classic* ADJUDICATION

Chris Mayhew

Chris Mayhew is the Percussion Professor at Lenoir-Rhyne University where he runs the percussion studio, percussion ensemble, and marching percussion groups. Chris is also the music teacher at Happy Valley Elementary School where he teaches students from kindergarten through eighth grade. He is a recent graduate with a Masters of Music degree in Percussion Performance at the Hayes School of Music at Appalachian State University. This is his eighth year as the Director of Marching Percussion at Lenoir-Rhyne University and his sixth year as a public school teacher formerly at Lincolnton Middle School where he spent five years as the Band Director. Chris also currently serves as a delegate on the Percussive Arts Society's University Student Committee and is a Liaison for the Drum Set Committee.

Dr. Michael E. Matheny

Michael Matheny began as assistant band director of East Rutherford High School in 1973 while finishing his undergrad degree at Gardner Webb College. In 1974, Matheny served as director of the Burns High School Band, Lawndale North Carolina. While under his direction, the Burns band won numerous awards in both marching and concert competition. The band was invited by United States President Gerald Ford to perform for his visit to Charlotte North Carolina. Named band director of Wilkes Central High School, Wilkesboro, NC. in the Fall of 1977 Matheny served through 1986 until he entered educational administration as a school principal. While at Wilkes Central as band director, Matheny's bands performed in national competition with Marching Bands of America Contests and claimed third place in the prestigious Festival of States Marching Band Contest, St. Petersburg Florida in 1979 and once again in 1985. The Wilkes Central High School Marching Band represented North Carolina in the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade in New York City (Nov. 1982). Matheny has arranged music and marching field drill for various University, College and High School bands across America. He has served as clinician, guest conductor, an adjudicator for regional and National marching and concert band contests for the past 38 years. In 2002, Dr. Matheny was named the National Association of Secondary Schools Administrators "North Carolina Middle School Principal of the Year" at the call of the United States Department of Education in Washington, DC. Matheny retired from service as an administrator and principal in the North Carolina Public School System in 2004.

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Donald Peach

Mr. Donald Peach, former Director of Bands and Music Coordinator at Hickory High School, recently served for the second time as the Interim Associate Director of bands at Appalachian State University, where he was Director of the Marching Mountaineers and Symphony Band. He is a graduate of Mars Hill College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music Education. Mr. Peach was the Lincolnton High School Band Director from 1973 to 1994. During that time, his bands received numerous Superior and Excellent ratings and attended the 1985 Inaugural Parade in Washington, D.C. After formally retiring from public school teaching, he was an Educational Representative for Music & Arts Centers for six years. He rehearsed the Pride of the Mountains Marching Band at Western Carolina University during their camps for 14 years. Mr. Peach carries a flame of energy, fun, and dedication in all his roles. He has been past president of the Northwestern District Band Directors Association. He is a Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia member, the American School Band Director Association, and the North Carolina Music Educators Association. He has served as an adjudicator and presented various band clinics and workshops nationwide. Mr. Peach also served as the Curriculum Section Chair on the state task force that revised the music curriculum in North Carolina. In addition, he was the Assistant Director of the Spirit of America National Honors Band and Freedom Singers, which performed throughout Europe in the summer of 2001. He also enjoyed directing the orchestra for the Lincoln County Theatre Guild during their summer productions of Hello Dolly, The Sound of Music, Fiddler on the Roof, Oklahoma, and Music Man from 1981-1986. Mr. Peach is a member of The North Carolina Bandmasters Hall of Fame. Don informally mentors young band directors and is formally an Academic Music Supervisor for student teachers and practicum interns at Appalachian State University's Hayes School of Music.

He resides in Lincolnton with his wife, Anita, and remains active in his community. He has two children, Drew (a USMC veteran) and Anna, and a grandson, Braylon.

Tuck Tucker

Tuck Tucker is currently the Colorguard Director for Ronald W. Reagan High School in Pfafftown NC. He has been with this program successfully for many years in the past with both Winterguard and Fall guard programs. His passion for the activity began with his time with Drum Corps in his earlier years.

He started teaching Colorguard camps throughout Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia. Tuck has consulted and directed many colorguard programs with numerous schools across North Carolina, Virginia, and Georgia. He consults with both guard staff and band directors to help achieve their goal for an overall visual package. Tuck is from Winston Salem, NC and works full time for Pepsico.

SPARTAN *Southern Classic* ADJUDICATION

Andrew Jameson

Andrew Jameson is a graduate of Appalachian State University where he received his Bachelor of Music in Music Education. He received his Master's in Music Education from East Carolina University. Mr.

Jameson is in his 16th year of teaching, his third at Brevard High School where he serves as the conductor of the Wind Ensemble, Marching Band, and Jazz Ensemble. Before coming to Brevard High Mr. Jameson was the Director of Bands at Davie County High School in Mocksville, NC from 2008 to 2021. While at Davie High, the band received 15 Superior ratings at the NC State Music Performance Assessment. Under his direction, the DHS Wind Ensemble was awarded the "President's Cup" at the U.S. Army Band's National Concert Band Invitational in 2016. Mr. Jameson was selected as Davie High School Teacher of the Year in 2013-2014. Prior to his time at Davie High School, he served as the Director of Bands at Forbush High School in East Bend, North Carolina, and at Yadkinville School in Yadkinville, North Carolina. In addition to his duties at Brevard High School, Mr. Jameson serves as an adjudicator and clinician across North Carolina and is the host of "The Band Office" podcast. He is a past Chairman of the Northwest North Carolina Bandmasters Association. His professional affiliations include National Association for Music Educators, North Carolina Music Educators Association, American School Band Directors Association, National Band Association, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. Most importantly, Mr. Jameson loves spending all the time he can with his sons, Maddox and Ryland, and his wonderful wife, Karen.

Dr. Tim Brewer

Dr. Tim Brewer lives in Charlotte, NC. He holds a Bachelor's in Music Education from Berry College and a Master's in Music Education from Winthrop University, and an earned Doctorate in Counseling. He did additional graduate study at VanderCook College of Music. Dr. Brewer spent twenty years in education teaching middle school, high school, and adjunctly at UNC- Charlotte as the athletic band director. His bands received many Superior ratings and awards in concert and marching contests. In 1995, he was elected to the prestigious American School Band Directors Association. In addition to teaching, he specialized in writing and designing curriculum for instrumental music education. After his tenure as a teacher, he spent eighteen years as a representative for local, regional, and national music companies. Later in his career, he had a desire to become a counselor and went back and completed a Doctorate to achieve that goal. In 2017, he and his wife founded Judah Care Center, a counseling practice in Fort Mill, SC. Dr. Brewer is active as a public speaker for counseling and marriage conferences. He remains active and is sought after as an adjudicator, clinician, and judge for his first love, instrumental music.

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Mekel Rogers

Mekel Rogers has been involved in music education as a middle school band director and orchestra conductor since 1995. He is a Summa Cum Laude graduate of Appalachian State University, a charter member of the Carolina Crown Drum and Bugle Corps, and the founding conductor of the Union Symphony Youth Orchestra. Mekel is also active as a frequent guest clinician and adjudicator for both concert band and orchestral events. Mekel's music for concert band is published by the FJH Music Company and Alfred Music Publishing. Mekel's music for string orchestra is published by Grand Mesa Strings and TUX People's Music. Mekel's concert band and string orchestra compositions have received several Editors Choice Awards from the J. W. Pepper Music Company. Mekel's works have been performed at various district and state honor band events, music educator association conferences, adjudicated festivals, and the Midwest Clinic in Chicago. International performances include concert festivals in Canada, Japan, Australia, and the United Kingdom as well as world premieres in both London, England and Paris, France. Mekel was inducted into the American School Band Directors Association (ASBDA) in 2008 and is a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP).

Michelle Beekman

Michelle Beekman began working with drum majors during college, after three years of being drum major in high school. Years after graduating from Miami University (2001) with a degree in Elementary and Special Education, Michelle moved to North Carolina and began judging drum majors shortly after. Michelle is married and has two middle school children. Michelle has worked with the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System since 2004. She is currently working as a tutor with the WSFCS Virtual Academy.

SPARTAN *Southern Classic* Trophy Sponsors

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Overall Trophies

Pits Choice

Sponsorship By

Anonymous

In Honor/Memory Of

Rae Miller Greene & Dillion Greene

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Front Ensemble/Drumline Instructors

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Spartan Cup

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Band Students Everywhere

Grand Champion

Jason & Missy Childers

All Spartan Band Students

Class Rank Trophies

Exhibition Band

Exhibition Plaque

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*Ms. Walsh's Comprehensive
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Class 1-A

1st Place

*Low Brass Section
& Michael Walsh*

Memory of Richard Price

2nd & 3rd Place

*Vesco Toyota Lift
& Jordan Early*

Justus Shuford (Spartan Band Member)

4th Place

*Sandy Price &
Michael Walsh*

Memory of Mikeal Coffey

5th Place

*Sandy Price &
Michael Walsh*

Memory of Mary Crisp & Beverly Craig

6th Place

*Vesco Toyota Lift
& Jordan Early*

Justus Shuford (Spartan Band Member)

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Class Rank Trophies

Class 2-A

1st -6th Place

Sponsorship By

Amity Creek Farms

In Honor/Memory Of

Spartan Band Members

Class 3-A

1st Place

Mom, Dad, & Danika

Grayson Bumgarner (Spartan Band Member)

2nd Place

*Low Brass Section
& Michael Walsh*

Memory of Robin Price

3rd Place

*Vesco Toyota Lift
& Jordan Early*

Justus Shuford (Spartan Band Member)

Class 4-A

1st Place

*Robbie & Miranda
Denning*

Peyton Denning

2nd & 3rd Place

*Vesco Toyota Lift
& Jordan Early*

Justus Shuford (Spartan Band Member)

Caption Trophies

Music

4A (1st)

Phillips & Shannon Cable

*Kayleigh Lambert & Spartan Band
Members*

3A (3rd)

The King Family

Grayson King (Spartan Band Member)

2A (1st, 2nd, 3rd)

Dawn Dellinger

Jayna Dellinger & Spartan Band Members

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Caption Trophies

Marching

4A (1st)

Sponsorship By

Mom, Paw, Aunt Jackie

In Honor/Memory Of

Jake Holden Senior Trombone & Band President

Effect

4A (1st)

Moonlight Records

Abbey Bryant

Visual Ensemble (Guard)

4A (1st, 2nd, 3rd)

Sue Townsend

Parker Coffey & Haylee Osborne

Percussion

4A (1st, 2nd, 3rd)

*Rev David &
Traci Haltom*

Aaron Haltom & Spartan Drumline

3A (1st, 2nd, 3rd)

The Jernigan Family

Spartan Drumline & Brayden Jernigan

2A (1st)

*Darrell & Susan
Chandler*

Spartan Percussion Section

2A (2nd)

The Oliver Family

Memory of Jakari Phillips

2A (3rd)

Rio Phillips

Memory of Jakari Phillips

1A (1st)

*Daniel & Kacie
Prestwood*

Isaiah Prestwood

1A (2nd, 3rd)

*Darrell & Susan
Chandler*

Spartan Percussion Section

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Caption Trophies

Drum Major

4A (1st)

Sponsorship By

Mom & Dad

In Honor/Memory Of

Sarah Oliphant Spartan Drum Major

4A (2nd)

Jason & Jennifer Bryant

Raegan Frye Spartan Drum Major

3A (1st)

Umaw & Papa

Arriana Eckard Spartan Drum Major

*“We love you and are very proud of you!
Keep soaring and reaching for the stars.”*

3A (2nd)

Pace Atlantic LLC

Arriana Eckard Spartan Drum Major

2A (1st)

Pace Atlantic LLC

Arriana Eckard Spartan Drum Major

1A (1st)

Pace Atlantic LLC

Arriana Eckard Spartan Drum Major

Rating Plaques

1A

*Vesco Toyota Lift
& Jordan Early*

Justus Shuford Spartan Band Member

2A

Amity Creek Farms

Spartan Band Members

3A

Pace Atlantic LLC

Arriana Eckard Spartan Drum Major

AVERY HIGH SCHOOL



VIKING BAND

Newland, NC

Show Title:

Inguz: A New Beginning

Aaron Ayers, Drum Major

Jeff Hodges, Band Director

Madison Corbliss, Assistant Director

**EAST SURRY
HIGH SCHOOL**



**CARDINAL FLIGHT
MARCHING BAND**

Pilot Mountain, NC

Show Title:

Time After Time

Aaron Ayers, Drum Major

Matthew Trice, Band Director

**Band Staff: Kirsten Crosby, Gage Simmons, Nathan Cox,
Jourdian McCord, & Patrick Trice**

**ASHE COUNTY
HIGH SCHOOL**



**HUSKY VANGUARD
MARCHING BAND**

West Jefferson, NC

Show Title:

Bach From The Grave

Chastity Carpenter, Drum Major

Parker Dula, Band Director

**Band Staff: Katie Vines, Miguel Gaspar, Bella Schiavonne,
Mylah Ellis**

**WEST WILKES
HIGH SCHOOL**



BLACKHAWK BAND

Millers Creek NC

Show Title:

**Steampunk: Become the
Maching**

Eden Johnson, Drum Major

Matthew Dauer, Band Director

Band Staff: Matthew Taylor, Tyler Houck, Marsha Jennings

**EAST WILKES
HIGH SCHOOL**



**CARDINAL PRIDE
MARCHING BAND**

Ronda NC

Show Title:

Dragonfall

**Shelby Springfield &
Phebe Eller, Drum Majors**

Colin Whiteley, Band Director

Band Staff: Jonathan Sale, Destini Russel, & Carolyn Tritt

MAIDEN HIGH SCHOOL



BLUE DEVIL MARCHING BAND

Maiden, NC

Show Title:

**A Night on Broadway with the
Blue Devils**

Jenna Carlile, Drum Majors

Nickey Horner, Band Director

**Band Staff: Erin Bixby, Sal Triola, Kari Gibson,
Ted Neely, Joe Elliot**

**PROVIDENCE GROVE
HIGH SCHOOL**



**PATRIOT
MARCHING BAND**

Climax, NC

Show Title:

**In the Windy City: The Music
of Chicago**

Eden Johnson, Drum Major

Connor Beck, Band Director

John Walker, Assistant Director

Leah Drobkin, Band Staff

**JAY M ROBINSON
HIGH SCHOOL**



PRIDE OF ROBINSON

Concord, NC

Show Title:

Dear Clyde...

Sean Ngugi, Drum Major

Greg Dills, Band Director

Jerry Goodnight, Assistant Director

**Band Staff: Alyx Winters, Alaina Henning,
Natalie Gillin, Michelle Wilson**

SPARTAN
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**NORTH IREDELL
HIGH SCHOOL**



MARCHING RAIDERS

Olin, NC

Show Title:

Haunted

Salma Al-Omar, Drum Major

Charlie Brantley, Band Director

Band Staff: Sarah Montagnino

**NORTH DAVIDSON
HIGH SCHOOL**



**MARCHING BLACK
KNIGHTS**

Lexington, NC

Show Title:

Luminescence

**Emma Perryman &
James White, Drum Majors**

Norian Fordham, Band Director
Band Staff: Taylor Dellinger & Jody Durham

**LEDFORD SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOL**



PANTHER REGIMENT

Thomasville, NC

Show Title:

Orpheus in the Underworld

Jeremiah Stone &

Molly Nichols, Drum Majors

Angel Gonzalez, Band Director

Caleb Lanning, Assistant Director

**Band Staff: Holly Boucher, Kellan Crabtree, Jakob Stone,
Abby Barnes, Jade Rice**

**EAST FORSYTH
HIGH SCHOOL**



BLUE REGIMENT

Kernersville, NC

Show Title:

Big, Loud, and LIVE!

Kylie Downing, Drum Major

Alex Askew, Band Director

**Band Staff: Howie Ledford, Stephanie Wallace, Emma Brock,
Alyssa Riggin, Olivia Grocott, Amy Yin, Joshua Mithcell,
Joseph Barrett, Will Woods, Rick Sigler, Darrius Simone,
Aaron Spiegel, Jessi Askew**

**FORBUSH
HIGH SCHOOL**



MARCHING BAND

East Bend, NC

Show Title:

Under a Starry Night

Emery Brown &

Alana McCurdy, Drum Majors

Donald Dohm, Band Director

**Band Staff: Anna Peterson, Nate Litwin, Melissa Moxley,
Alexis Angle**

**JIMMY C DRAUGHN
HIGH SCHOOL**



**MARCHING WILDCAT
BAND**

Valdese, NC

Show Title:

Down a Country Road

Kailyn Leonard &

Ryley Bridges, Drum Majors

Avery Gifford, Band Director

Band Staff: Donna Simmons

**EAST BURKE
HIGH SCHOOL**



MARCHING CAVALIERS

Connelly Springs, NC

Show Title:

End of the Road

Emma Rollins, Jordan Dennie, &

Marc Denton, Drum Majors

Emily Golden-Bumgarner, Band Director

Avery Bumgarner, Assistant Director

Band Staff: Julee Payne-Miller, Luke Carswell, Gail Bordner

**COX MILL
HIGH SCHOOL**



SPIRIT OF COX MILL

Concord, NC

Show Title:

Medusa

Mason Tortorelli &

Elio Loranger, Drum Majors

Drew Carter, Band Director

Mike Toscano, Assistant Director

**Band Staff: Connor Ridgeway, Amelia Coger, Patrick Nguyen,
Terence Ervan, Olyvia Goins, Dan Gould, Anna Canup,
DeAnna Morris**

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NORTHWEST GUILFORD HIGH SCHOOL



MARCHING VIKING BAND

Greensboro, NC

Show Title:

Mixtape

Jaxon Gossett &

Luke Scheponik, Drum Majors

Brian McMath, Band Director

Drew Brooks, Assistant Director

Band Staff: Charlotte Davis, Anna Tamisica, Josh Thomas, Will Church, Sam Uhrlass, Ian Jones, Douglas Stevens, JJ Cranford, Taylor Meredith, Jordan Williams

**NEWTON-CONOVER
HIGH SCHOOL**



**RED DEVIL
MARCHING BAND**

Newton, NC

Show Title:

Separate Ways

Zoe Kaylor &

Hailey Collins, Drum Majors

Andy Escamilla, Band Director

Robbie Gonzales & Haskew Smith, Assistant Director

**Band Staff: Darin Marrow, Benjamin Carter, Lex Hummings,
Michael Haynes, Tim Phillips**

**EAST DAVIDSON
HIGH SCHOOL**



EDGE BAND

Thomasville, NC

Show Title:

Hashtag Every Kid

Caleb Leonard &

Lucas Gordon, Drum Majors

David Deese, Band Director

Band Staff: Christina Carter, Levi Mofte, Olivia Kinney

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SOUTH CALDWELL BAND BOOSTERS

Jason Childers, Director of Bands

Jon Stafford, Associate Director of Bands

We are super proud of all our students in each of our bands for your continued dedication and tireless efforts towards self-improvement.

Thank you for all of the volunteers that gave their time and talents today. This event is a huge undertaking and it would not be possible without YOU!

PARENTS

We need your support more than ever as we continue to grow. If you have a student in the band, that automatically makes you a “Band Booster.”

No registration required.

Band Boosters meetings are generally the first Monday of every month in the band room. Please join us!

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