



WARSAW COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
WINTER PERCUSSION INVITATIONAL
MARCH 6th

Dear IPA Participant Director,

Thank you for participating in the Warsaw Winter Percussion Invitational! We hope your stay with us will be a pleasant and educational experience! Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me (contact information below).

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Directions to Warsaw Community High School:

From the North:

Take State Road 15 South. 15 becomes Detroit Street in town. Turn right onto Winona Avenue and the left onto Buffalo Street (just continue following the signs for 15 South). The school will be on your right after you pass the Marsh Supermarket, go up a slight incline, and follow a "dog leg" to the right.

From the West:

Take US 30 East to State Road 15 and follow the directions coming from the North.

From the West (Alternate Directions):

Take SR 25 to Warsaw. In Warsaw, turn right onto SR 15 South. Follow 15 S to the school.

From the East:

Take US 30 West to State Road 15 and follow the directions coming from the North.

From the South:

Take State Road 15 North to Warsaw. Shortly after going straight through the stoplight at the Rozella Road intersection, turn left into the main entrance of the school.

If you are coming from Indianapolis, I recommend US 31 N to 24 E to SR 15 North (take the 115 bypass just before Wabash to shave off about 10 minutes). 37 to 13 to 15 is another option.

Spectator Entrance

Spectators will enter the school parking lot from Rozella Road and park in the south lot. Spectators will enter the building through the auditorium lobby. Admission is \$5. Children ages 5 and under are free.

Check In

Units will enter through the main entrance off of State Road 15. Check-in will be at the Main Entrance to the school (Door #1). Busses will drop unit members off at check-in and proceed to bus parking on the south-west side of the school. Performers plus 8 prop crew members will be stamped at check-in. Additional crew members may also be paid for (\$5 each) at check-in.

PLEASE TURN IN YOUR IPA ISSUED mp3 PLAYER AT CHECK-IN!

Directors may pick up information packets and order a video recording of their unit's performance (\$10) at this time as well. Checks may be made out to the Warsaw Band Boosters. From this point, your unit guide will escort you to your homeroom and through your unloading, transit, warm-up, performance, and loading procedures.

Please review the IPA homeroom policy with your students. **Make sure an adult is always present when students are in the homerooms. No food or drink is allowed in these rooms, and all desks and other items must not be disturbed.** Homerooms will remain locked when not in use. If you need in the homeroom at any time, please inform the check-in table. They will have the key. We are very fortunate that our teachers are allowing us to use their rooms today, so please be respectful of their property.

Restrooms

Restrooms can be located near all areas being used today – check-in, homerooms, loading, warm-up, concession/ performance area, etc. Feel free to use the restrooms near the homeroom area for changing into uniforms as needed.

Equipment Unloading

We have two unloading areas. Units warming up in Warm Up "A" (auxiliary gym) will unload at Door #2, near the check-in area. Warm Up "B" will use the loading dock area near the band room, located on the south-west side of the school. Warm Up "B" is our band room. It has a flat floor and is large enough for you to incorporate some movement into your warm up if desired. Please plan on unloading no earlier than one hour prior to your warm-up time.

Weather permitting, you may unload and set up in the bus/ truck parking area and warm up outside. However, please do not hinder the flow of traffic or the ability of other vehicles to park. You MUST be ready to enter the building and join the contest flow at your designated transit time!

Parking

After unloading, buses and trucks will park in Lot D (the marching band practice field on the south-west side of the school - near the baseball diamond). Directors – please park your vehicles with your buses if you drive separately. Spectator parking is located in Lot C (the front of the Performing Arts Center entrance on the south-east side of the school).

Loading

Following the performance, units will exit the gym and immediately out into the equipment vehicle parking lot. Vehicles can be pulled up close to the school following the unit's performance. If the weather is agreeable, vehicles may remain parked and equipment can be rolled right out to them.

Awards

Unit captains will line up outside the performance entrance at the conclusion of the PSO class. Captains will enter the gym in performance order.

Judges/ mp3 Player Pick-up/ Critique

Your adjudication panel will be:

- Brent Montgomery – Performance
- Kevin Miles – GE/ Artistry
- Chris Hartowicz – Visual
- Jennifer Harasim – T & P

Mp3 Players may be picked up at the announcer's table and will be available approximately 20 minutes after your unit's performance concludes. The announcer's table is located in the Northwest corner of the gym, on the upper deck (above the Performer Entrance). Critique will be held in the Judge's Hospitality Room, located near the Directors' Hospitality Room. Please wait in Director's Hospitality until your unit is called.

First Aid

An EMT & other medical personnel will be on duty throughout the day. If you are in need of medical attention, locate the nearest contest worker. All stations will have walkie-talkies.

Hospitality Rooms

The Directors' Hospitality will be located in our FACS department near Warm Up A; Drivers' Hospitality will be in our Media Center Conference Rooms (R127 and R129) near the homerooms and concession area. See contest maps or look for signs.

Security

Please instruct your students to go nowhere other than designated contest locations today. Our school is very large. They can easily get lost if they wander off of the designated flow. Dozens of security cameras are affixed throughout the building and parking lots, so any problems will be detected and reported.

Miscellaneous

Enclosed, you will find:

- Maps to the school
- Maps of the school w' Contest Flow Chart
- Gym Lay-Out
- Contest Schedule
- Concessions Menu

Our boosters have worked hard to plan a large and varied menu for you. Please consider having your unit eat their lunch or dinner at our concessions.

If there is anything else you need, please do not hesitate to contact me. We are looking forward to seeing you!

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