

# Lancer Lines

## Commitment, Pride, Excellence

### October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

#### Greece Schedule – Saturday 10/21

10:00AM Arrive at Eastridge to set up for practice

10:30AM Practice begins

2:30PM Practice ends

***We will get dressed before we leave for Greece, please have on uniform appropriate undergarments (this includes long white socks). Keep your jackets hung in your uniform bag on the bus.***

4:30PM Departure for Greece Athena HS – Bus 1 is Woodwinds & Drumline, Bus 2 is Brass & Pit, Bus 3 is Guard

5:00PM Arrival

5:30PM Warm-up begins

6:45PM Departure for stadium (pit leaves at 6:40)

6:55PM Staging (pit stages at 6:50)

7:05PM Performance (we are the last band)

***Yadi, Avi, Emma, Tyler H, & Tyler M will stand for retreat. I am not sure of timing for retreat, I will provide instructions at the show so that you know what the expectations are after our performance.***

8:30PM Estimated departure for Eastridge

9:00PM Estimated arrival home

Reminder to please come prepared! Bring water (large jug), and wear/bring appropriate clothing (check the weather).

#### Uniform Care

We have noticed that uniforms are not being taken care of properly. When you arrive on Saturday, the expectation is that your uniform is clean, pants folded neatly, and jackets hung on the hanger EPFM provided. Please do not use a plastic/thin wire hanger, the weight of the jackets cannot handle this style.

Please remember that you MUST wear long white socks with the white uniform pants. This past weekend, we had SEVEN students wearing the incorrect socks. The entire band needs to look the same and socks are an important component of our uniforms.

In addition to the uniform, plumes must also be taken care of responsibly. We found half of them on the wet ground after the Victor show and this is simply unacceptable.

Please, no food or drink except for water while in uniform. I want to remind everyone that the uniform is valued at over \$250 and that all members signed a contract committing to take care of them.

### Greece – presale tickets/address

Presale tickets for Greece are available for \$10/each, they will be for sale at the following times:

- Wednesday evening at drop off
- Saturday morning at drop off

We need exact change for presale tickets. Tickets at the gate on Saturday will be \$12.

Greece Athena HS address: 800 Long Pond Rd, Rochester, NY 14612

### Washington D.C. Trip

The permission slip and itinerary are attached. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Hoffman (jhoffman@eastiron.org). Permission slip and payment due on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Looking Ahead to Dome Weekend

Dome weekend is Saturday 10/28 and Sunday 10/29. There are many traditions that weekend including our annual “Trunk ‘r’ Treat” on Saturday and Dome Day Breakfast on Sunday. See attached fliers for details.

Tickets for the Championships are on sale now and can be purchased at either of the following links:

<https://am.ticketmaster.com/syracuse/NYSFieldBandChampionships> or [cuse.com/dome](https://am.ticketmaster.com/syracuse.com/dome)

### Victor Performance

Congrats on another fine performance in Victor! Our division (SS1) is very competitive, and we’re right in the thick of it!

I have one simple word of advice for you as we move through the last two weeks of the season, **practice**. I’m not talking about practicing when we’re together on weeknights, I’m talking about the work you put in when we’re not together. Mr. Cooper provided some excellent practice tips on the Band App:

- 1) Schedule when you’re going to practice.
- 2) Time yourself, set a timer for 25 minutes and practice until the timer goes off.
- 3) Have a plan, warm up first and focus on one small chunk at a time.
- 4) Focus on the hard stuff you have a hard time performing.
- 5) Have some problem-solving strategies like practicing with a metronome or practicing with a recording.

The biggest takeaway from speaking with the judges this weekend is that we need to clean the show and eliminate individual mistakes. This can be achieved by simply practicing! The judges all agree that our show is outstanding, now let’s put the work in and take it to the next level!

### Reminder

Next week, we rehearse on Tuesday and **THURSDAY!**