

Dear Newton Band Students and Parents,

Once again I'm thrilled to be writing this letter to provide details for OMEA State Finals! This season has been an exciting year of growth and I'm very proud of the band, and I hope you all share that feeling with me. Perhaps more than any other year the challenges that had to be overcome by the ensemble were vast, and yet when it came time to "put up or shut up," the band said "ONE!" with authority.

As the season comes to an end we have one last performance, OMEA State Finals on October 31 at University of Dayton Welcome Stadium. This performance will be the culmination of our hard work over the last 3 ½ months, and I cannot stress enough how important it is for everyone to be in good health. Please take care of yourself all week, drink plenty of water, and get *lots of sleep*. **Don't forget that we have the Halloween parade on Sunday as well. The parade will begin at 5:00pm and students will need to dress in costume upon returning from state finals.**

Our OMEA Finals performance is at 1:45pm, followed by awards at 3:00. Parking is \$5 per car, and tickets are \$8 adults, \$5 students/seniors, under 5 are free. I want to thank everyone for a great season and for helping out, especially Gary Bean and Kristina Peele for taking on the role of "Pit Boss" and directing The Crew. Also in our "parent Hall of Fame" this year for helping on 3 or more days: Mary & Harry Vannus, Andrew Schmackers, Brian Resides, and Jerry & Marcie Bowerman. Our success depends on the involvement of parents, and we couldn't do it without everyone who signed up to help throughout the season! I look forward to seeing everyone at State Finals on Sunday, and as always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Musically Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kevin Taylor

Director of Bands, Newton

Note: Our FINAL rehearsal is Friday from 10am-12pm for final preparation for state contest.

Please find schedule for Sunday and stadium address on back of this letter.

Newton Marching Band

October 31, 2021

OMEA STATE FINALS Schedule

University of Dayton, Welcome Stadium

Rehearse/Polish/Clean/Load

Friday 10am-12pm

Sunday:

Report	11:20am
Depart	11:30
Arrive & Dress	12:10
Warm-up	12:45
Perform	1:45
Awards	3:00
Return to Newton	3:55
Halloween Parade	5:00



Great finish to the season week 7, let's keep that momentum going! Continue to work on your softer softs (upper voices), and louder louds (low voices). Crescendo together and keep the pyramid in balance. Key visual words: spatial awareness, ribcage, toes.

Entrance: From side 1 front

Exit: To side 1 front

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Dayton, OH