

Dear Newton Band Students and Parents,

After a full and rewarding marching band season, I'm excited to be writing this letter to provide details for 2024 OMEA State Finals! This season has been an incredibly fun and rewarding one, and I hope you had a chance to experience it with the students, staff, and myself.

As the season comes to an end we have one last performance, **OMEA State Finals on Sunday, October 27 at Piqua High School's** football stadium. This performance will be the culmination of hundreds of hours of rehearsal and practice since July, and I cannot stress enough how important it is for everyone to be in good health. Please take care of yourself all week, wash your hands, eat good quality meals, drink plenty of water, and get *lots... of... sleep!*

Our OMEA Finals performance is at 7:30pm, followed by awards at 8:00. Prices haven't been notified yet but will probably be similar to 2023 in which parking was \$5 per car, and tickets are \$10 adults, \$7 students/seniors, children under 5 are free. I want to thank everyone for a great season and for helping out, especially Ryan & Becky Christman, Mike Flora, Mike Waller, Don Clark, and Kristina Peele for helping on our Pit Crew once again! Also welcome to first-time "parent Hall of Fame" inductees Christina Stone and Rob Davey for being part of the full-time Pit Crew as well! Our success very much 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. **Don't forget that we have the Halloween parade on Thursday evening 10/31 as well. The parade will begin at 8:00pm, students will need to report at 7:00 for rehearsal, and generally dress up in fun costumes that are march-able and play-able.**

Musically Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "K" and "T".

Kevin Taylor  
Director of Bands, Newton

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

**P.S.** We will be celebrating our successful season with a team lunch at Golden Corral on Monday, October 28 followed by 2 hours of unlimited-attractions at Scene 75 in Vandalia. We ask that each participant contribute \$10, the balance will then be paid for by our Music Boosters. Thank you!

Newton Marching Band  
October 27, 2024  
OMEA STATE FINALS Schedule  
Piqua High School: 1 Indian Trail, Piqua, OH

Rehearse/Polish/Clean/Load Pit equip. **Friday** 3pm-4:30pm

**Sunday:**

Report, load winds	4:10
Depart	4:30
Arrive & Eat Concession	5:00
Dress & Lot-Hype	5:45
Warm-up	6:25
<b>Perform</b>	<b>7:30</b>
Awards	8:00
Return to Newton	8:40



Thoughts: **space** awareness—are you seeing equal spacing in your field of vision? **Lines**—are you lining up sternum-to-spine? **Dynamics**—are actively shaping phrases and leaning into the releases? **Intonation**—playing with warm air/open throat? **Impact**—are you creating both a musical impact and a visual impact through putting energy into your sound and your body?

*Entrance:* From side 1

*Exit:* To side 2 front, then around

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1 Indian Trail  
Piqua, OH 45356