



Joseph P. Grasso Marching Band Festival

Newtown High School

12 Berkshire Road

Sandy Hook, CT 06482

Saturday, September 29th, 2018



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**Schedule (Performance times are subject to change)**

Performance	Class	Unit/Director	Location
5:50 PM	**All times approximate and subject to change**		
5:55 PM	NATIONAL ANTHEM		
6:00 PM	Group I A	New Fairfield High School Deanna Rivers	New Fairfield CT
6:15 PM	Group I A	Danbury High School Elizabeth Dandeneau	Danbury CT
6:30 PM	Group III A	O.H. Platt High School Lucian Guilmette	Meriden CT
6:45 PM	INTERMISSION		
7:15 PM	Group IV A	Brien McMahon High School Ron Secchi	Norwalk CT
7:30 PM	Group III Open	Robert E. Fitch High School Andrew Lefebvre	Groton CT
7:45 PM	Group III Open	Bethel High School (CT) Manny Arboleda	Bethel CT
8:00 PM	Group IV Open	Newtown High School Kurt Eckhardt	Sandy Hook CT
8:30 PM	AWARDS		

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**Adjudicators**

Position	Name
Fall 0.1 Chief Adjudicator	Art Cornell (Altamont, NY)
Fall 1.1 - Individual Music 1	Gretchen Shyne (Selkirk, NY)
Fall 2.1 - Ensemble Music 1	Mike Guertin (Agawam, MA)
Fall 3.1 - Visual 1	Joel Dube (Danvers, MA)
Fall 4.1 - Overall Effect	Art Cornell (Altamont, NY)

Staff

Position	Name
1.1 - Event Coordinator 1	Bill Flaker (Manchester, CT)
2.1 - Assistant Event Coordinator 1	Linda Flaker (Manchester, CT)
3.1 - Tabulator 1	

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**Directions**

FROM ROUTE I-84:

Take Exit 11 and turn right at the end of the ramp. At the next traffic light turn left on to Route 34. The Newtown High School is on the left. Follow the signs in the driveway.

FROM ROUTE 25

Turn on to Mile Hill Road. Turn left at the third traffic light on to Route 34. The Newtown High School is on the left. Follow the signs in the driveway.

Venue Notes

Kennedy (JFK) 84 Miles, 100 Minutes Southeast
Hartford Airport (BDL) 61 Miles, 70 minutes Northeast
Newark Airport (EWK) 92 Miles, one hour and forty minutes south



IMPORTANT EVENT INFORMATION

Parking: Buses will park in the back of the school along the F-Wing. The volunteers will park in the back of the school by the backfields. Spectators will park in the front of the school in the main parking lot.

Restrooms: Upon arrival, band members may use the restrooms inside the school, right where they exit their buses. Volunteers and spectators may use the restrooms at the stadium or in the school's main lobby.

Member Re-Entry: Arriving bands will stop at a welcome station at the front lobby of the school. They will receive a welcome packet and all performers will have their hands stamped while remaining on the bus. This will provide them access to the stadium after their performance, through the main spectator gate.

Tickets: General admission is \$10, seniors and children tickets are \$5. Tickets can be purchased at the main gate.

Warm Up: Bands will warm up in the backfield lots of the school, near where students disembark from their buses. Pit will have a separate area near the front of the school. All buses and trucks will be met upon entrance to school grounds and directed where to go by volunteers. There will be guides to lead bands from location to location.

Field Surface: The field is artificial turf, and will have high school hashes present.

Power on field: A power source will be located at the 50-yard line.

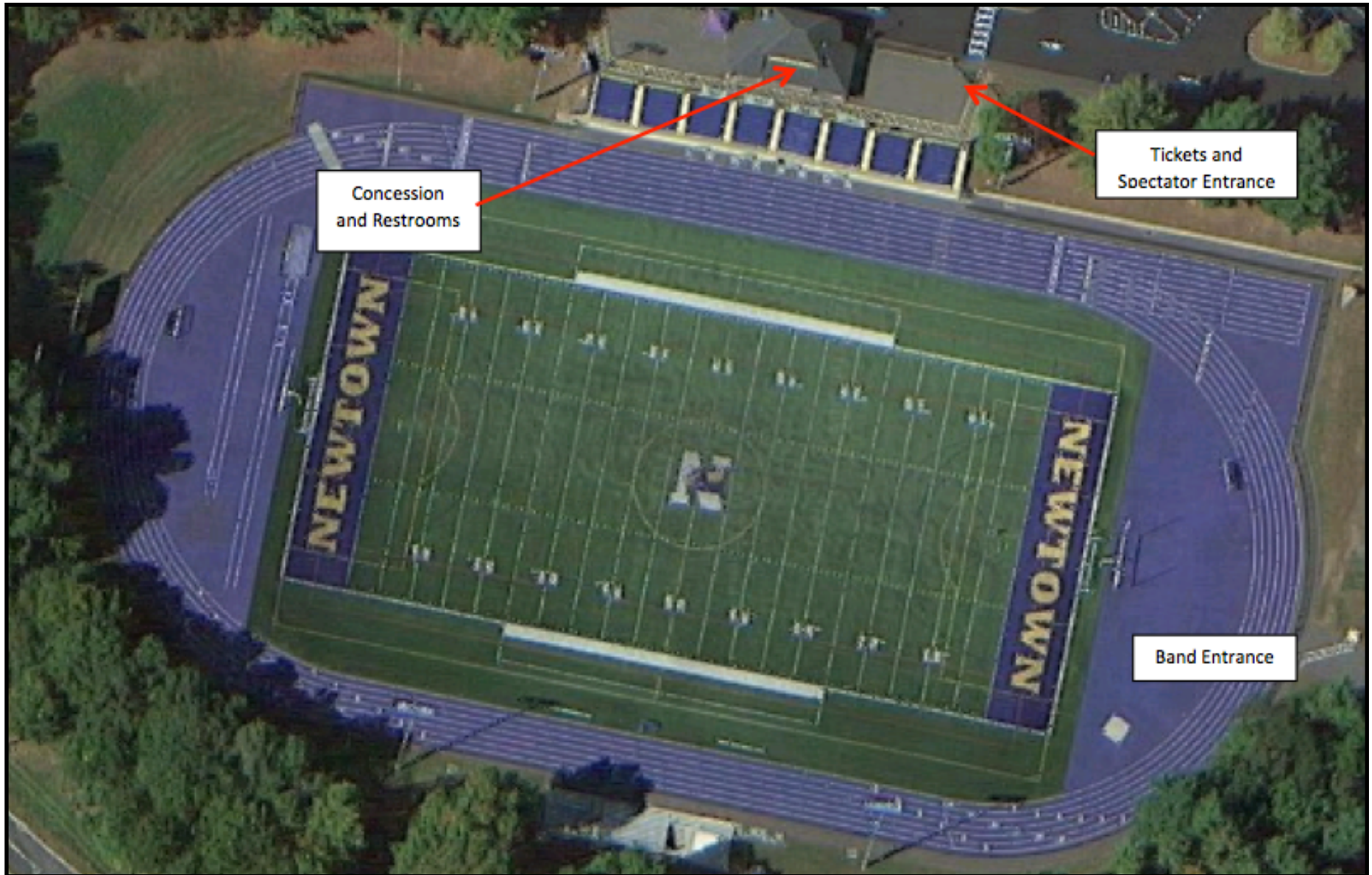
Competition Suite: Adjudicator commentary for all USBands ensembles can be located in Competition Suite shortly after the conclusion of each ensemble's performance. Directors may grant access to the ensemble's portal with staff/instructors, and may request help from USBands representatives to resolve any issues accessing Competition Suite.

Retreat/Critique: Retreat will be drum majors only; report to same field entrance gate where they entered to perform. Can report at the end of performance by host school. There will be recognition of seniors after the performance and prior to awards. The critique will take place in the adjudicators' room.

Awards: Trophies will be given out.

Concessions: Concessions will be located at the stadium

Credentials/Access: Spectators pay and enter through one gate only. Only performing units, pit crews, band staff can enter the field entrance gate. Only staff credentials allowed in hospitality room. Only adjudicators and invited staff allowed in adjudicators' room. Host school volunteers have full access to all areas.

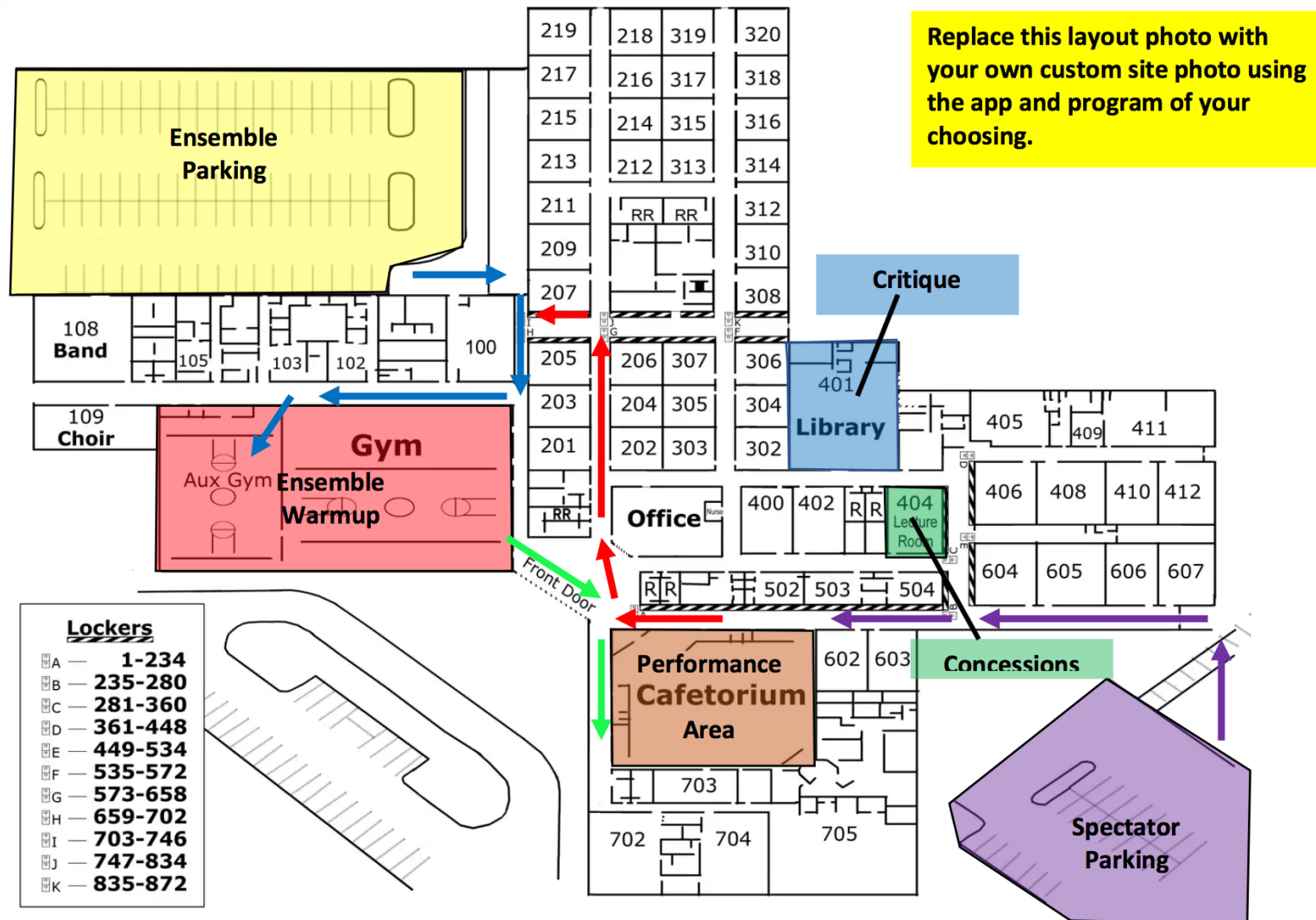




ENSEMBLE FLOW MAP



SEVERE WEATHER MAP



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Tickets: Tickets can be purchased in the main lobby of the high school.

Unloading Area: Bands can unload equipment at the main lobby of the high school. Volunteers will provide guidance.

Warm-Up: Bands will be warming up in the high school auditorium, just off the main lobby.

Performance Location: Performances will take place in the high school gym, just off the main lobby.

Power: There will be a power source in the front and center of the performance area, on the spectator side.

Retreat/Critique: Retreat will be drum majors only, report to performance entrance door (where they entered when they performed) after the conclusion of host school performance. Critique will be in the adjudicators' room.

Concessions: Bake sale items (pastries, candy, soft drinks, water, etc.) will be in the main lobby near the gym. Concession items (hot and cold items, sandwiches, salads, hot and cold drinks, etc.) will be in the cafetorium. Signage will be provided to guide attendees.

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