

Coweta Exhibition “Show Day”

Saturday October 17th 2020

2:00 PM	Arrive for health screenings
2:30 PM	Rehearsal in stadium
3:45 PM	Load the trailer
4:15 PM	Dinner meal in Main café then get into uniform
5:15 PM	Full Band meeting (Main Café) *masks required*
5:30 PM	Load Buses
6:00 PM	Arrive at East Coweta and unload Trailer
6:30 PM	Stretch and warmup
7:15 PM	Stop for the National Anthem presentation by East Coweta HS Band
7:30 PM	Northgate Performs then moves to seating to watch rest of show
8:00 PM	Newnan HS performance
8:30 PM	East Coweta HS performance
9:15 PM	Retrieve equipment, load trailer and reload buses
9:40 PM	Depart for Northgate
10:00 PM	Everyone responsible for unloading trailer, retrieving THEIR instrument and turning in uniforms
10:30 PM	Dismissed once all equipment and uniforms are stored appropriately

From the day we opened the doors at Northgate, the bands motto has been “Nothing Less Than The Best”. Because we haven’t had much of a “normal year”, we haven’t had the time to REALLY sit down and talk about exactly what that means in relation to our program and what you have the opportunity to learn by being a part of it.

There is a **STRONG** likelihood that we will not be able to compete this year. So what makes all the hours of work worth it?

For years we have talked with our members about the idea that the trophies, awards and championships are not what is REALLY important. It’s the growth you find along the way TO those events that are what makes it all worthwhile. In our society for so many, the lure of the shiny trophy, the title of “champion” means EVERYTHING to them. As we grow older and more mature, we can hopefully begin to see that the personal qualities and skills that we gain during the journey are the true rewards for us in this life. Does a trophy, make you a better person? Does a championship make a payment on your bills?

So now, in this most bizarre of seasons, our challenge is to discover if we have the maturity as people and as an organization to live up to the highest of our ideals. Will we rise to the level we are capable of simply for the love of performing and the satisfaction of fulfilling our own potential? That is entirely in your hands in the next few days. Will you do the work necessary to perform as well as we can Friday and Saturday evening? Will you work the details to insure that there is no question that if Saturday night were your last performance, you left your absolute best effort on the field?

We wish things were different for you. We wish that we were able to teach you these ideals as something to hold onto as you grow but have the opportunity for you to also receive the recognition that our society has taught you to value so dearly. Sadly, that is out of our hands at the moment.

So I ask of you, take stock of who you are. Take stock of what this program has stood for over the last quarter of a century and decide if you are willing and able to stand for the highest ideals of the program in ways that NONE of our previous members have been asked to. We cannot answer that question for you. It is truly in your hands.

I'll leave you with two things. One was in the letter we sent to the band last year before our first competition. The things we stand for are not new, but the question of striving to live out our motto in the deepest ways IS what is left to you.

“If we have OUR best run, then we have reached our goals for the weekend and we move forward from there. The competitive results are simply inconsequential in contrast to living up to our own potential. Do that and you will have set the tone for the rest of this season, and for some of you, the rest of your lives.”

Maybe now you'll understand the second in ways you never have before.

“Champions do not become champions when they win the event, but in the hours, weeks, months and years they spend preparing for it. The victorious performance itself is merely a demonstration of their championship character.”

See you Saturday,

AA, CS, JW and the entire Viking Band Staff.

“Do just once what others say you can't do and you will never pay attention to their limitations again”

James Cook