

***M.S.B.O.A. District 8***  
**Marching Band Report**  
**May 5, 2008**

Dear Colleagues:

Thank you to the participants of the 2007 Marching Band Festival. I apologize that you have not received the plaques for your trophies yet. They will be mailed out by the end of the week.

As the year draws to an end, it's time to think about marching band again! The 2008 M.S.B.O.A. Marching Band Festival will be held on **Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008**, at Mountie Stadium at Northwest High School. Applications and director information will be mailed out in mid-August, with an application and registration fee deadline of September 24<sup>th</sup>.

This is a fantastic event in our district that showcases the fine work our directors do for the first several weeks of the school year. Some of the great things about this festival are:

1. It always draws a large audience of supportive parents, interested spectators, and students from all the performing bands.
2. It can work as a goal for your marching band as you prepare your marching show.
3. Feedback from three adjudicators are always in good taste, respectful, and insightful.
4. It's location at Northwest High School (the northern most school in Jackson County) makes it easily accessible and a relatively close drive to all schools in the district.

I received a couple of very helpful suggestions about the closing ceremony. This year we will likely have a mid-evening ceremony for the class C or D bands that do not wish to stay for the entire day! Also, we will have a yearly rotation of drumlines that will play a cadence as bands enter and leave the stadium. We will also be bringing in a new announcer this year.

I would again like to thank Sandy Atkins for her help putting together the 2007 Marching Band Festival, and I look forward to seeking her help as we plan this next fall's festival. Northwest High School is proud to have the opportunity to host the 2008 Festival, and we look forward to receiving applications later this summer.

Best wishes to you and your students during the final weeks of the school year.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan M. Mangiavellano, District 8 Marching Band Chair  
(517)569-2247, ext. 441  
bmangiavellano@gmail.nsd.k12.mi.us