

Wakefield Public Schools

Visual & Performing Arts Department

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Dear NESBA Band Directors,

The Wakefield Music Boosters are excited to welcome you to Wakefield for the 2026 NESBA Marching Band Show. Below is the informational packet for the day including the schedule, maps, concessions menu, and invoice.

For those of you who are veterans of coming to Wakefield for marching band competitions, we are getting a new school building so construction has yet again changed a lot of what you are used to. Please check the maps carefully as parking and warmup areas have changed.

We ask that you please carpool your staff as much as possible to allow for maximum parking for spectators.

If you are in the first half of the show, please ask your parents to leave the stadium (and their parking spots) as quickly as possible after the awards so we can clear the parking lots for the second half of the show. We also ask for you to clear the truck and bus parking as quickly as possible as well.

As always, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached during the day at 607-349-0223 by call or text if you need anything. Looking forward to seeing you all on October 24th!!

Sincerely,



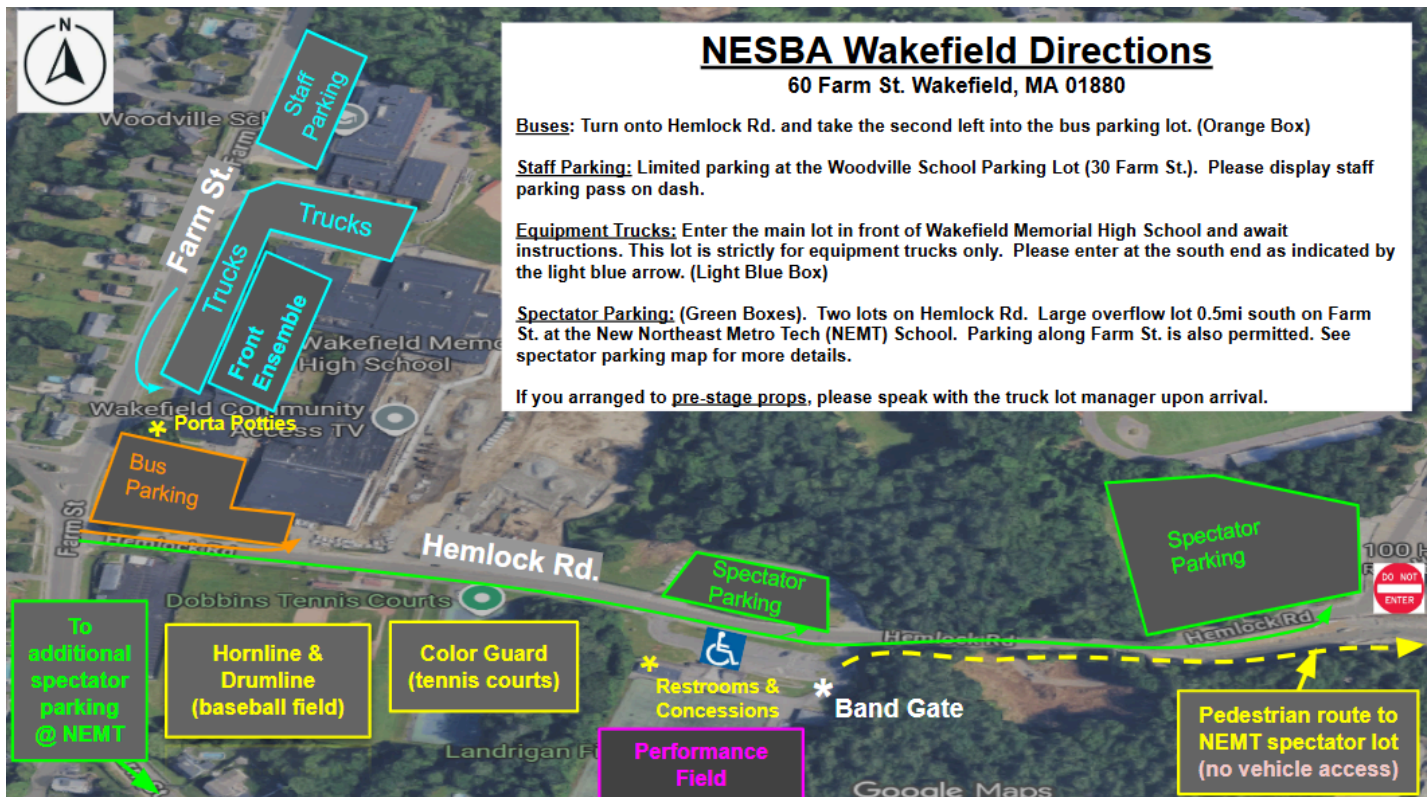
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K-12 Director of Visual & Performing Arts
Director, Wakefield Warrior Marching Band



We are delighted that your marching band is participating in NESBA Wakefield on October 24, 2026, with performances beginning at 3:00 p.m. We are happy to once again host this event and these talented performers.

- Our priority is **participant safety** so we ask for your help adhering to our schedule and event logistics.
- The schedule, as of **10/6/26**, including warm up times and locations is included below. Any changes will be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

NESBA Wakefield 2026 Schedule								
Band	Div	Arrival	Warm Up Area I	Warm Up Area II	Warm Up Area III	Depart for Gate	Be at Gate	Perform
Dracut	I	1:36	2:06-2:45			2:45	2:55	3:00
Shepherd Hill	I	1:49		2:19-2:58		2:58	3:08	3:13
Ayer Shirley	I	2:02			2:32-3:11	3:11	3:21	3:26
Joseph Case	I	2:15	2:45-3:24			3:24	3:34	3:39
Westford Academy	II	2:28		2:58-3:37		3:37	3:47	3:52
Fitchburg	II	2:41			3:11-3:50	3:50	4:00	4:05
Reading	II	2:54	3:24-4:03			4:03	4:13	4:18
Bedford	III	3:07		3:37-4:16		4:16	4:26	4:31
Andover	III	3:20			3:50-4:29	4:29	4:39	4:44
North Andover	III	3:33	4:03-4:42			4:42	4:52	4:57
Woburn	III	3:46		4:16-4:55		4:55	5:05	5:10
Salem MA	III	3:59			4:29-5:08	5:08	5:18	5:23
Intermission and Awards 1st Half 5:36 PM								
Leominster	IV	4:52	5:22-6:01			6:01	6:11	6:16
Methuen	IV	5:05		5:35-6:14		6:14	6:24	6:29
Melrose	IV	5:18			5:48-6:27	6:27	6:37	6:42
Oakmont-Overlook	IV	5:31	6:01-6:40			6:40	6:50	6:55
Millbury	IV	5:44		6:14-6:53		6:53	7:03	7:08
North Reading	IV	5:57			6:27-7:06	7:06	7:16	7:21
Quincy/N Quincy	V	6:10	6:40-7:19			7:19	7:29	7:34
Mansfield	V	6:23		6:53-7:32		7:32	7:42	7:47
Wakefield	V	6:36			7:06-7:45	7:45	7:55	8:00
Boston University	Exh	6:49	7:19-7:58			7:58	8:08	8:13
UMASS Lowell	Exh	7:04		7:34-8:13		8:13	8:23	8:28
Awards 2nd Half 8:43 PM								
Critique will take place in the end zone closest to the entrance of the stadium.								



ARRIVAL:

1. Student Drop Off and Bus Parking – (Orange Box)

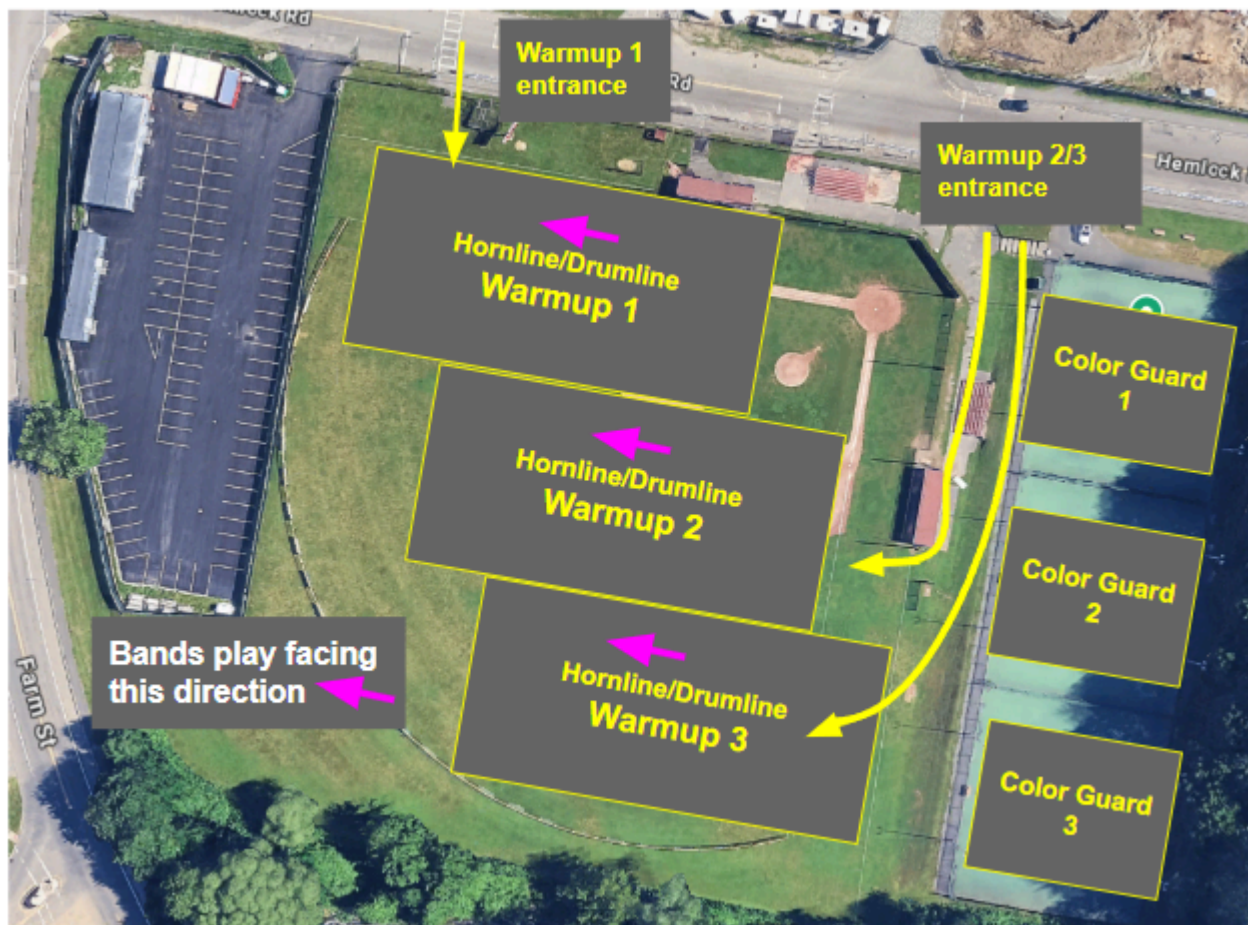
Buses follow the orange arrow onto Hemlock Rd. and take the second left into the parking lot next to Wakefield Memorial High School.

2. Equipment Trucks – (Light Blue Box)

Equipment trucks enter the main lot in front of Wakefield Memorial High School (60 Farm St, Wakefield, MA 01880) following the light blue arrow and await instructions from the truck lot manager. Note: This is a one way loop. Please enter at the south end. Please see the truck lot manager for instructions regarding pre-staged props. ***If you are a driver for the first show and plan to stay for awards, please prepare to move your truck(s) to an overflow area immediately after re-loading to make room for the second show trucks.***

3. Staff Parking – (Light Blue Box)

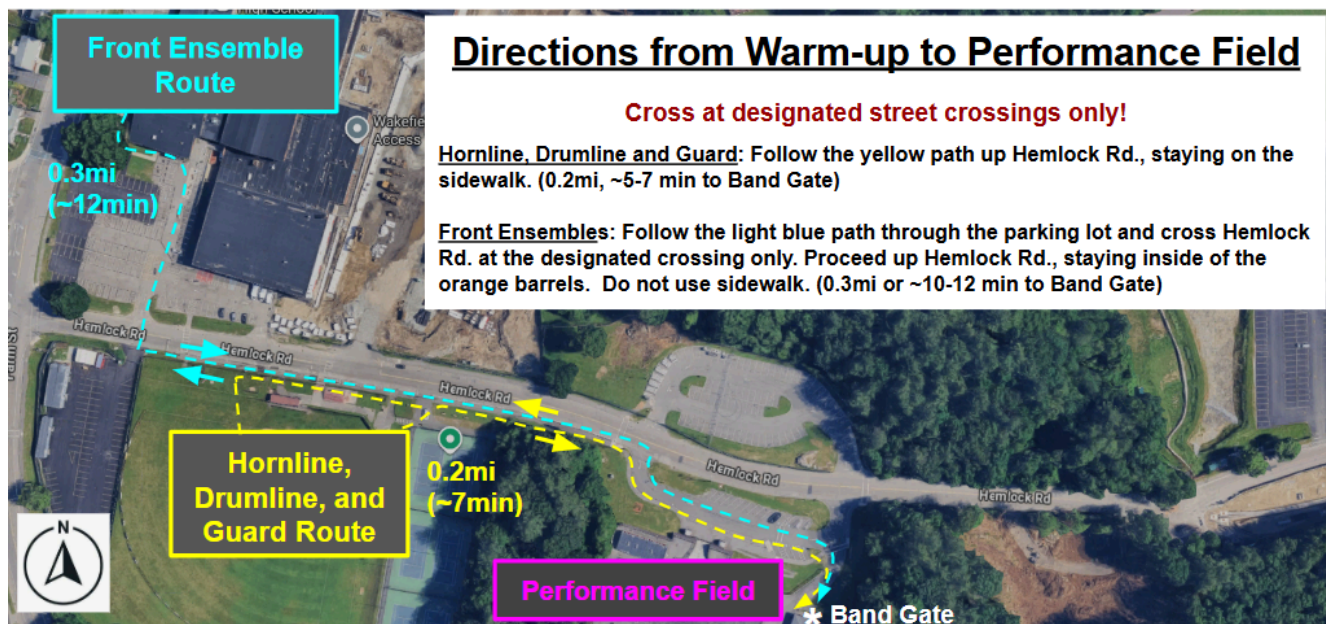
Limited staff parking is available at the Woodville School (30 Farm St.) **Please display your staff parking pass on your dashboard.**



WARM UP:

An escort will assist your band from the Student Drop Off Area to designated warm-up areas at Wakefield Memorial High School. **Warm up schedule and practice area assignments are firm.**

- **Drumline and Hornline Warm Up Areas 1,2 and 3** are on the WMHS Baseball Field. Warm-up 1 entrance in the outfield. Warm-up 2-3 entrance behind home plate. Please play facing Farm St. and away from the performance field.
- **Color Guard Warm Up Areas 1,2 and 3** are on the Dobbins Tennis Courts adjacent to the baseball field.
- **Front Ensemble Warm Up Areas 1,2 and 3** are located at the entrances in front of Wakefield Memorial High School near the truck lot.



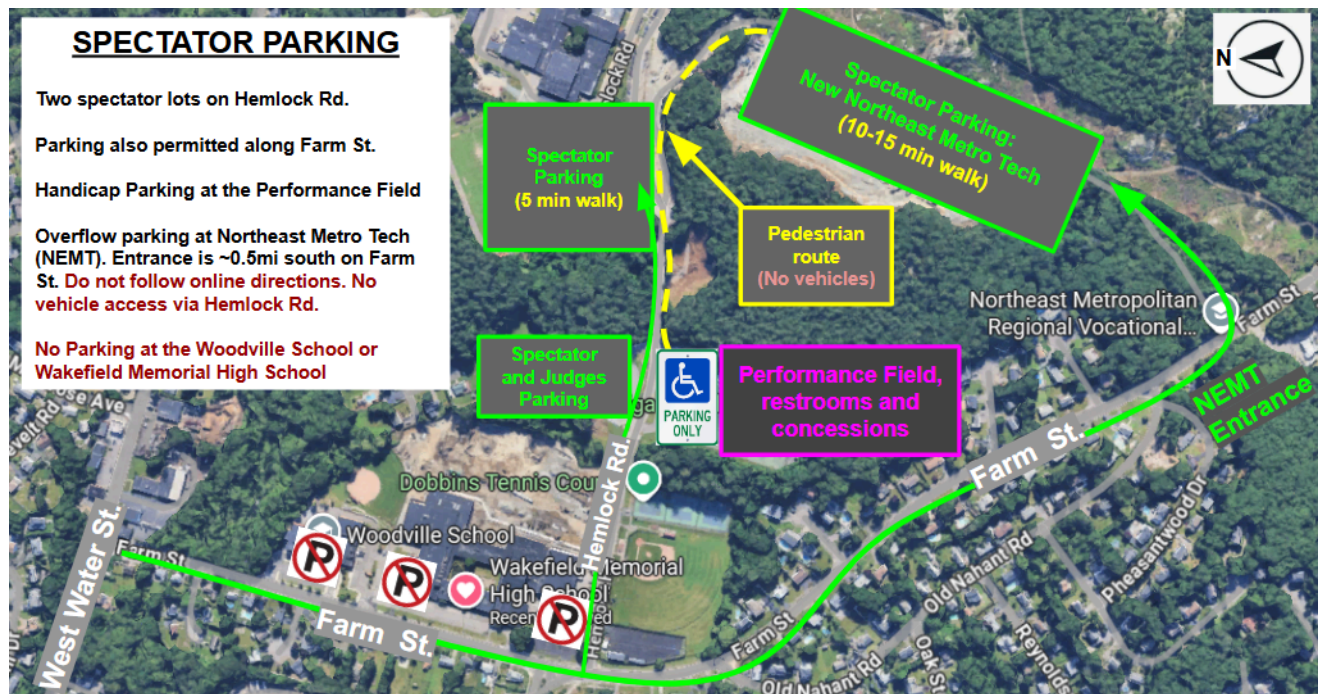
PROCEED TO STADIUM:

Fifteen minutes prior to their performance time, all bands and pit crews proceed to the stadium. Please note: The route from the warm-up areas to the performance field is uphill. Consider having other band members help the front ensemble transport their instruments/equipment.

- **Hornline, Drumline and Guard:** Follow the yellow path up Hemlock Rd., staying on the sidewalk and proceed directly to the **Band Gate** into the stadium. (0.2mi, ~5-7 min to Band Gate)
- **Front Ensembles:** Follow the light blue path through the parking lot and cross Hemlock Rd. at the designated crossing only when instructed to do so by event staff. Proceed up Hemlock Rd., staying inside of the orange barrels. Do not use the sidewalk. Proceed directly to the **Band Gate** into the stadium. (0.3mi or ~10-12 min to Band Gate)

EVENT CLOSE:

Please exit the stadium through the Band Gate and turn left towards Farm St. Follow signage and staff instructions as you proceed to the bus lot designated by the orange box. Spectators parked at NEMT can turn right out of the stadium and proceed up Hemlock Rd, keeping right after the gate house to access the NEMT parking lot. **For everyone's safety, stay on the sidewalks at all times and cross only at the designated road crossings.**



ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- Ticket Prices for the public are \$15 (adults) and \$10 (HS students and younger/senior citizens). Event programs will be available online.
- Restrooms will be located at the Bus drop-off at Wakefield Memorial High School as well as behind the concession area in the stadium.
- Please enjoy food and drink from our fully equipped concessions facility (menu attached).
- Emergency medical response will be on call.
- Please remember that there is **NO FOOD OR DRINK, except water**, allowed on the turf fields.
- **NO Motorized vehicles** are allowed on the turf fields.
- We invite Drum Majors and Color Guard Captains to take the field for awards on the Side 2 end zone at 5:36 (Divisions 1, 2, & 3) and 8:43 (Divisions 4 & 5)

On behalf of Wakefield Music Boosters, we hope everyone has an enjoyable time and we wish you the best in your performance.

2026 Wakefield NESBA Show Menu

Hamburger or Cheeseburger	\$6.00
Veggie Burger	\$6.00
Chicken Fingers (3)	\$6.00
Hot Dog	\$3.00
Slice of Pizza	\$3.00
• Gluten free pizza & hot dog/burger buns also available	
Cup of Soup	\$3.00
Candy	\$3.00
<u><i>Famous Homemade Apple Crisp</i></u>	
★ With Vanilla Ice Cream	\$8.00
★ Just apple crisp	\$6.00
★ just 2 scoops vanilla ice cream	\$3.00
Assorted Chips/Snacks	\$1.00

Beverages

Water, Soda, Iced Tea, Lemonade	\$2.00
Gatorade	\$3.00
Apple Cider (hot or cold)	\$3.00
Hot Chocolate, Coffee	\$3.00

*Please visit our **Bake Table** for other dessert options. Send a treat to band members at the **CANDY GRAM Table**! Grams are \$5.00*

Before placing your order, please inform your server if a person in your party has a food allergy.
Our kitchen handles shared ingredients and equipment. While we take precautions to safely prepare your meal, cross-contamination may occur. We cannot guarantee that any menu item is completely allergen-free.

Directions to Wakefield High School:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/MmNUqZ9qMAxRJdTk8>

From points South

- Take Route I-95 North/RT 128 **North**
- Take Exit #39 for North Avenue
- At end of ramp, turn RIGHT onto North Avenue toward Wakefield Center
- Travel straight 1.75 miles through 4 sets of lights.
- At the intersection of North Avenue and Main Street, continue straight onto Nahant Street.
- Follow Nahant Street to its end on Farm Street.
- **Bus Parking and Student Drop-off:** Across Farm St. on Hemlock Rd. adjacent Wakefield Memorial High School
- **Equipment Trucks:** Left on Farm St. to Wakefield Memorial High School (60 Farm St.)
- **Staff Parking:** Left on Farm St. to the Woodville School (30 Farm St.)
- **Spectator Parking:** Off Hemlock Rd, along Farm St. and at the New Northeast Metro Tech, 0.5mi south(right) on Farm St. (online directions may not be correct - Look for entrance on the left off of Farm St. if coming from the north)
- **Handicap Parking:** At the top of Hemlock Road on the right side, directly in front of the stadium. NO public or volunteer parking is allowed in this lot.

From North Shore

- Take Route I-95/Route 128 South to Exit 39. Turn LEFT at the bottom of the ramp onto North Avenue.
- Follow Directions Above.

From Route 93

Take 93 N or S to Route I-95N/Route 128 North toward Gloucester. Follow Directions above.



Wakefield Music Boosters, Inc.
60 Farm Street
Wakefield, MA 01880



Invoice #2026-01

NESBA Competition at Wakefield High School
on Saturday, October 24, 2026

Registration Fee: \$175.00

TOTAL DUE: \$175.00

Please make all checks payable to: Wakefield Music Boosters
Inc. Fed ID#: 04-3322106

Customer/Band Name: _____ **Date:** 9/1/26 **PO No.** _____