

West Johnston Band Parents Association

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – WEST JOHNSTON BAND PARENTS HOST 3rd ANNUAL WEST INVITATIONAL MARCHING BAND COMPETITION ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7th. – BENSON, N.C., Oct. 2, 2006:

The West Johnston Band Parents Association is hosting the 3rd annual West Invitational marching band competition at West Johnston High School on Saturday, October 7th beginning at 5:00 pm. There will be 8 bands from across North Carolina performing their unique field shows at West Johnston on October 7th with West Johnston performing in exhibition at approximately 8:30 pm.

Marching bands have evolved from performing at halftime during football games to fully produced field shows using music, marching, dance and visual performances all integrated around a general theme. This year West Johnston is using their marching show to portray the values of the Declaration of Independence. Their field show entitled "Declaration" includes music from American composers, Copland, Gershwin, and Bernstein.

Marching bands continue to grow in popularity. In Johnston County, West Johnston, Clayton and SSS High Schools are all competing in Bands of America regional and national competitions. ESPN2 broadcast the Drum Corp International World Championships on September 5th. This marks the second national broadcast of a marching band event. Mr. M. Lance Britt, Director of Bands at West Johnston believes this increase in popularity is due to the positive impact it has on our young adults. Participating in marching band teaches our students teamwork, commitment and leadership. Their hard work is rewarded with experiences that will prepare them for success throughout their lives.

Please support all of the students participating in the West Invitational and the West Johnston High School Marching Band. The West Invitational is open to the public. Admission is \$6.00 at the gate and concessions will be served. The Band Parents Association would like to invite all members of the media to attend this event.

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