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ISSMA OPEN CLASS SEMI-STATE MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL

Eighty (80) high school marching bands have been selected to participate in the ISSMA Open Class Semi-State Marching Band Festival to be held on Saturday, October 24, at one of four Semi-State sites. Each band is entered into one of the following categories: Open A, Open B, Open C, and Open D according to school size. Bands from each of the following four enrollment categories will perform at one of these Semi-State sites: Ben Davis High School (Open A), Pike High School (Open B), Decatur Central High School (Open C) and Franklin Community High School (Open D). These bands qualified for Semi-State status by being one of the top-scoring bands in their enrollment category at the Open Class Regional sites on October 10th.

Admission for the Semi-State event is \$13.00 for adults and \$7.00 for students.
The schedules for each of the four Semi-State sites are available on our website at
www.issma.net

The Open Class Semi-State Festival, administered by the Indiana State School Music Association, Inc. (ISSMA), will determine the ten (10) bands that will represent each class at the Indiana State Marching Band Finals presented by Paige's Music with supporting sponsorship from Band Shoppe, Music Travel Consultants, SBN Networks, and Silent Command. This prestigious event will take place on Saturday, November 7th, 2026, at Lucas Oil Stadium. Admission is \$30.00 for adults and \$25.00 for students.

This year will be Indiana's 53rd State Marching Band Finals. Since 1973, more than 200,000 students have participated, and more than a million spectators have watched, while some of the finest bands in the country compete to be crowned one of Indiana's State Champion Marching Bands.

For those who cannot attend in person, please consider streaming the performances at <https://tv.issma.net> .

Feel free to contact our office for any further information or clarification.

(Press Release for State Marching Band Finals will be forthcoming.)

The Indiana State School Music Association, Inc. (ISSMA) values media coverage of the activities and successes of participating organizations at all ISSMA events. ISSMA also values and respects the need to maintain a secure and safe environment for participants and strives to cooperate and comply with the policies of schools and programs that participate in ISSMA events.

To enter this Semi-State event, Media representatives are required to present their own press identification for admittance. Media representatives are expected to respect the boundaries and limitations set forth by the Association.

Photographers and videographers should seek out the music teacher or the music teacher's designee to have individuals from a school identified. This is to protect the privacy of students whose parents have opted not to have their children portrayed in the media for privacy or safety reasons. Students will be instructed not to identify other students when requested by the media, because students will not know the names of those who have requested no media coverage.

Photography or videography at any ISSMA, Inc. event may be used solely for local media. Any sales or distribution of photos or videos from an ISSMA, Inc. event that are sold and/or distributed in a means other than from the ISSMA, Inc. official vendors is strictly prohibited.