

Slido Questions October 30, 2025

Q: If the fundraising benefits all band programs why aren't grades 6-8 also asked to participate and sell things?

A: We do communicate our volunteering needs and fundraising opportunities to our 6-8 band families. We are always looking for better ways to engage all families!

Q: How many instrumentalists vs color guard does Mason have?

A: Mason has 177 instrumentalists and 53 color guard.

Q: QR code for car raffle is here:

A: <https://pci.jotform.com/Masonbands/MBCarRaffle>

Q: During BOA it seems many competitors are still from Ohio, Indiana and other mid states. Is there different competitions that include a bigger variety of states?

A: At the Toledo Regional, many bands were from Ohio and surrounding states. This is likely due to the fact that it was a regional competition. BOA holds regionals every weekend in several places across the country. The Grand Nationals Competition will include bands from all over America and is the most diverse geographical collection of bands in the country. See the full list of participating bands [HERE](#).

Q: Do most people buy finals tickets before knowing if Mason has even made finals?

A: This is a decision for each family to make. The band has typically made the finals round in recent history, however, there is no guarantee as each competition year is different.

Q: Do parents need to report students absent from school on the Thursday and Friday of Grand Nats?

A: Student absences will be reported by the band directors. The dates for Grand Nationals are already on the "Field Trip" Calendar for the High School. Students will show up as being on a field trip for Thursday and Friday, November 13 and 14th. Students are however responsible for communicating with their teachers, and completing any work they miss.

Q: Maybe it was a mistake; it was said "no video" during Grand Nats. Are we not allowed to video on our phones?

A: Video is strictly prohibited due to copyright.

Q: So the band does not perform at all on Friday?

A: The band does not perform on Friday.

Q: Are marching band parents welcome to come join the marchers to celebrate with them during finals announcements?

A: Typically no, as it is difficult to have enough space and organize logistics for students and family members to meet up. Our schedule at that time is still a work and progress. Only students, band staff, and care team volunteers are permitted to be in our hotel ballroom.

Q: On Friday at Grand Nats, students should eat dinner at stadium on their own? Did I miss seeing that meal?

A: Friday dinner is early. And then we also go to the Stadium late in the evening, and often students like to get concessions there as well.

Q: If the band doesn't make finals, will the students get to watch finals in the stadium?

A: We always have two plans for Saturday night (the makes finals or the band does not make finals). Going to the Stadium to watch finals would be part of the plan if the band does not make finals.

Q: If a parent would like to bring their child breakfast and wish them luck Saturday morning, is this allowed?

A: Students must stay on the band itinerary, and we cannot facilitate individual meetings. However, you may meet your student outside of the ballroom during our breakfast time. Also be aware that the breakfast time on Saturday is TBD based on when we perform on Saturday (which we won't know until Friday night).

Q: I remember last year Thursday being a bigger send off than Friday. Is this pretty typical?

A: This varies depending on parent availability from year to year.

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