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Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

I am so excited about taking our band to march in the **IPL 500 Festival Parade at 12:00 NOON on May 25, 2019!** The day is going to be long, but the memories that the students create will last a lifetime. This parade has been rated one of the top 3 parades in our nation. It will be televised nationally on the NBCSports channel and our students will march in front of an estimated 300,000 spectators lining downtown Indianapolis.

We will **meet at the school at 7:00 a.m.*** in order to pack, dress, travel and arrive in time to have everything ready for the start of the parade at **NOON**. We will be outdoors for the morning until finished, so I would advise sunglasses, and sunscreen for the students. Bringing a DISPOSABLE (filled) water bottle is also a good idea, so students can make sure they're hydrated prior to the parade start. Once we unpack our instruments, we will warm-up and tune. Afterwards, we will get lined-up for the performance. The parade follows a 1.87 mile route beginning at North Street and Pennsylvania, proceeds south toward Washington Street, turns west toward Meridian and returns north through the Circle toward (and finishing at) 11th Street. It is mostly flat.

After the parade, we will get equipment loaded up and begin the return trip home with a dinner stop for fast-food en route. We **should be home around 3:30 - 4:00 p.m.**, but students should begin calling once we get to Cambridge City to let you know a more accurate time. This will have been a long and tiring day, so please be on time to pick up your children.

I believe this is going to be an awesome experience for each member of the group and can't wait to enjoy it with you all!

STUDENTS WILL NEED TO BRING: Black socks, Marching shoes, water bottles, (optional sunglasses, and sunscreen), a HEALTHY SNACK to eat quickly and MONEY FOR FAST-FOOD LUNCH on the way home!

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