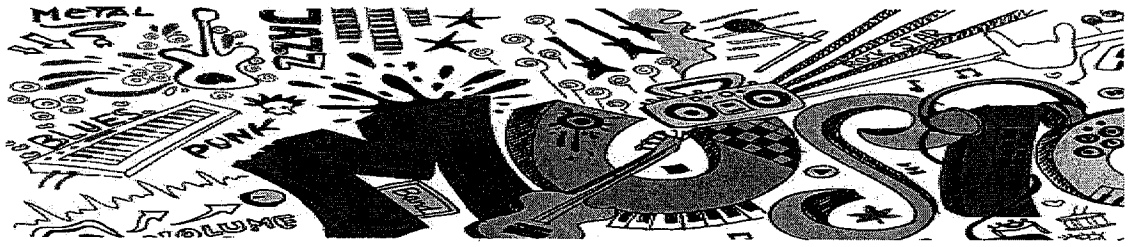


East Quogue Instrumental Music Program



March 20, 2018

Dear Parent/guardian:

Below are the final details of information regarding your child's participation in the Hampton Bays Saint Patrick's Day parade on Saturday, March 24, 2018.

Though the parade itself will begin at 11:00am, students must **arrive** at the Hampton Bays Elementary school on Ponoquogue Avenue, **at 10:40am**. All roads surrounding the parade route area will be shut down promptly at 10:45am; therefore, it is extremely important that your child arrive at the Hampton Bays Elementary school on Ponoquogue Avenue promptly at 10:40am.

Once the East Quogue Elementary School Marching Band has marched and completed the parade route (unfortunately I do not know the estimated time of completion for our EQ Marching Band students), the children will be released and be free to leave with their parent/guardian. It is the sole responsibility of the parent/guardian to transport their child both **to** and **from** the parade route.

We do not yet have an assigned spot in the parade line-up, however based on years past, the approximate time the students will be completed with their marching responsibilities has been around **12pm-ish**). Please note that students **must** be picked up by their parent/guardian **at the completion of their performance** and **NOT** at the completion of the entire parade.

The parade route begins at the Hampton Bays Elementary school on Ponoquogue Avenue and travels to Montauk highway west; our band will perform directly in front of the reviewing stand on the opposite side of Buckley's Inn Between, and then pass the reviewing stand, ending in the Atrium driveway, right next to the Shell Gasoline Station. **Students must be picked up by their parent/guardian at the completion of OUR performance in the Atrium driveway – and NOT at the completion of the entire parade.**

Students need to bring their **INSTRUMENTS ONLY** and **NO CASES**. It is also advised that students bring an extra reed and/or valve oil for their instrument.

Students are expected to **Khaki colored pants and dark colored sneakers/shoes/boots**. Students should wear their "East Quogue Marching Band" shirt or sweatshirt; if your child does not have an "East Quogue Marching Band" shirt, a **solid** Royal Blue/Dark Turquoise sweatshirt will be appropriate to wear. If temperatures on parade day are cold, students are advised to "Layer-up" **UNDERNEATH** their "East Quogue Marching Band" shirts and are **NOT** permitted to wear a coat/jacket as it will cover up the band shirts and we will no longer look uniform. Students are permitted to wear scarves and gloves (fingerless gloves are highly recommended for clarinet players and drummers). It is advisable to dress your child according to the appropriate weather conditions forecasted for that parade day.

I am confident that our East Quogue Elementary School Marching Band will once again make a glorious appearance in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade affirming our worthy position in the Hampton community.

Yours in music and education,
Penni A. Russo
Instrumental Music Teacher/Band Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Penni A. Russo', written over the typed name and title.

Cc: r.long