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### **CHESHIRE MARCHING RAM BAND ANNOUNCES FALL COMPETITION SCHEDULE**

**CHESHIRE** (September 13, 2004) – When the Cheshire High School Marching Ram Band launches its competition season Saturday night, September 18, in Waterford, Band Director John Kuhner is hoping for “the perfect storm.”

No, not a cataclysmic weather event that might wipe out the competition. Instead, Kuhner’s idea of “the perfect storm” would be a flawless performance of the Ram Band’s music number for this year, a piece titled “The Storm” which was created especially for the group by composer John M. Meehan.

The eight-minute piece uses various instruments, flags from the band’s Color Guard and other props to simulate the coming of a hurricane, the arrival of the storm and then its departure, Kuhner said. This year’s performance will include a secret special effect that will be used to make the band disappear, he said.

This year’s Ram Band will be a larger, but younger group with more than 50 freshmen. The band has 120 members this year – up from 89 the year before – but fewer seniors than last year, Kuhner said.

“It gives you a lot more options – more sound capability, bigger formations,” he said. “But it also makes for a lot of work, especially for freshmen. Most of them have been playing their instruments for a long time, but they’ve never done this kind of marching before.”

A two-week band camp in August gave band members time to learn their moves. The Ram Band’s United States Scholastic Band Association (USSBA) schedule looks like this:

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Saturday, Sept. 18 – USSBA competition in Waterford

Saturday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> – USSBA competition at Rocky Hill

Saturday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> – USSBA competition at Norwich Free Academy

Saturday Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> – USSBA competition at Cheshire, “Music in Motion®”

Saturday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> – USSBA competition at Southington

Saturday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> – USSBA New England States Championship at Robert Fitch High School, Groton.

Saturday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> – USSBA competition at Montville High School

Saturday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> – USSBA All States Championships at Giants Stadium, East Rutherford, N.J.

In addition to its USSBA schedule, the band will also perform on the afternoon of September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Cheshire Chamber of Commerce’s Fall Marketplace, to be held in Bartlem Park, and at half time of every home football game at Cheshire High School.

For more information about the USSBA, visit their web site at [www.yea.org](http://www.yea.org) and click on USSBA.

For more information about the Ram Band, go to [www.ramband.com](http://www.ramband.com).