



Cheshire High School Band
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CHESHIRE – Organizers are busy tuning up for the 24th annual Music in Motion® marching band competition, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 13th at Cheshire High School.

This year's Music in Motion® features 11 high school bands from Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, as well as performances by the Central Connecticut State University and a Sacred Heart University marching bands. The event, which will be held at the Maclary Athletic Complex, typically attracts between 3,000 and 5,000 spectators, said Lynne Cariglio, a Music in Motion® co-chairperson.

Putting on an event of this magnitude requires a small army of volunteers, Cariglio said.

“We usually get between 200 and 250 people volunteering, between parents of current band members and those of Ram Band alumni,” she said.

This year's Music in Motion will be dedicated to the memory of Dennis Banks, a long-time Ram Band marching instructor who died of cancer in June.

The first band begins performing at 5:00 p.m. Each band has a scheduled time to take the field to compete against other bands in their class, according to the rules of the United States Scholastic Band Association (USSBA).

A marching band's class is determined by its number of members.

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The USSBA judges will be evaluating the music, marching, percussion and auxiliary, which comprises the color guard and all show visuals. The auxiliary is a vital component of every band and is judged for its choreography, appearance, and effectiveness in communicating the chosen theme of each band's show. In accordance with USSBA rules, the Cheshire Marching Ram Band will perform in a "judged exhibition," as the event's host cannot compete.

"It's a very proud day for them, to be able to perform on their home turf," Cariglio said. "It always puts a little spring in their step."

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens. Children under five years old get in for free.

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