

2018 TULIP TIME PARADE INFORMATION

The following bands from Holland Christian will perform in all three Tulip Time Parades (May 9, 10, and 12 are the scheduled dates) and all band members are expected to march in each parade:

- 6th Grade (Combined RP 6th grade and PR 6th grade)
- 7/8th Grade Bands
- High School (Concert & Symphonic Bands combined)

Transportation: Students **must have their own transportation to and from the parades.**

HC does not provide bussing for the bands. If you have a transportation problem, please contact your band director immediately. Carpooling is highly suggested.

Arrival Times & Locations:

Wed. – All 3 bands must be at 14th St. Christian Reformed Church (14th St. & Central Ave.)
no later than 12:45 p.m.

Thurs. – All 3 bands must be at 14th St. Christian Reformed Church (14th St. & Central Ave.)
no later than 12:45 p.m.

Sat. – All Bands must be at Columbia and 8th Street **no later than 12:30 p.m.**; HS will assemble on 8th Street between Columbia and Lincoln, facing toward Columbia; 7th/8th will line up on Columbia between 10th and 11th facing 10th; and 6th grade will assemble on 10th Street between Columbia and College, facing toward Columbia.

Please note: Anyone whose instrument or equipment is being trailered to the parade on Saturday must pick their equipment up **between 12:00 & 12:20 p.m.** at Columbia and 9th.

BE ON TIME! LEAVE EARLY—PLAN AHEAD FOR TRAFFIC!

Parade Route:

Wed. – 8th St. to Van Raalte and South to 11th St. Parade **ends on 11th St. past Kollen Park**

Thurs. – 8th St. to Van Raalte and South to 11th St. Parade **ends on 11th St. past Kollen Park**

Sat. – 8th St. to Van Raalte Parade ends at 27th St. just past Holland High.

Parade Assignments:

Wed. - HS – Division II, Unit 8 7/8th - Division III, Unit 19 6th – Division IV, Unit 7

Thurs. - HS – Division II, Unit 6 7/8th - Division II, Unit 11 6th – Division II, Unit 2

Sat. - HS – Division I, Unit 16 7/8th - Division V, Unit 2 6th – Division II, Unit 23

In Case of Rain: All band members **must report** to the parades even if it is raining. The only exception would be if the parade has been cancelled. **Listen for info on Radio WHTC 1450 AM.** If Thursday's parade is rained out, it is rescheduled for Friday and the students will have a half-day of school and follow the same schedule. Saturday's parade goes rain or shine; it has never been cancelled.

Rain Ponchos: All 7/8th & HS band members are issued a clear, disposable rain poncho by the band office when they receive their band hats. If rain is in the forecast, the 6th grade band members will be issued a poncho before the parade on Wednesday. **Only one** poncho will be distributed to each student. **They must bring their rain poncho to each parade and keep the poncho to use in all 3 parades if necessary.** If ponchos are not used during the parades, **they must be returned or you will be charged \$1.** Ponchos are not to be removed from their bags or unfolded unless you are told to do so by your band director. Ponchos can be stored in your band hat or a uniform jacket or pant pocket.

INSTRUMENT PREPARATION: Woodwinds, carry an emergency 'broken in' reed! Brass, make sure instrument is clean and oiled. **Percussionists:** check to make sure every nut and bolt on drum and harness is tightened down. Double-check each head for signs of failure. **IT IS YOUR** responsibility to bring your sticks and mallets. If playing more than one drum make **absolutely certain that the other player has the instrument mallets.**

PLEASE READ ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON BACK!

White gloves: The 7th & 8th Grade Middle School Band Members (except percussionists) should purchase white cotton gloves from the band office. Cost is \$2/pair. 6th grade band does not wear gloves.

PLAN AHEAD! PLAN AHEAD! CHECK ALL EQUIPMENT BEFORE PARADE DAY!

PLEASE OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING AT EVERY PARADE:

1. UNIFORMS

HIGH SCHOOL: full marching band uniform – hat & plume, (tuba players wear beret instead of hat & plume), overlay, jacket, pants with suspenders, long white socks, clean white band shoes, white gloves.

7/8TH BAND: hat & plume make sure you put the plastic cover from your plume in your jacket pocket for all parades, jacket, pants, long white socks (no footies or anklets), white marching shoes, white gloves. (If it's cold, wear t-shirt or sweater under jacket.) Sousaphone players wear hat without plume. You may wear Solo and Ensemble medals if you have them.

6TH BAND: maroon polo shirt, khaki pants, long white socks (no footies or anklets), white marching shoes. (If it's cold, wear a white long-sleeve t-shirt under the polo shirt). Hair must be worn up and off your collar and out of your eyes.

Your uniform must be complete at all times. You may remove hats and gloves after the parade but the rest of your uniform must remain on after the parade. The only exception is a complete dress down, i.e., no part of the uniform showing. 7/8th Grade Band Members if you choose to remove your entire uniform, you must carry your uniform neatly on its hanger, in the garment bag.

HAIR & JEWELRY: Hair should be worn up, inside your hat—no hair on your collar or in your eyes. Do not wear flashy jewelry—if you wear earrings, please wear studs – no large hoop or dangling earrings.

2. Eat a good breakfast and lunch the day of the parade.
3. Drink lots of water.
4. Get a good night's rest.
5. Make sure your shoes are clean and comfortable. (Mr. Clean Magic Eraser is good for this.)
6. Do not drink soft drinks or eat a lot of candy prior to the parade. Absolutely NO colored drinks or food while in uniform! Violation of this rule a few years ago led to significant damage to expensive uniforms!
7. Parade Behavior:
 - NO GUM CHEWING
 - NO TALKING IN RANKS
 - NO PLAYING ON THE INSTRUMENTS BEFORE OR AFTER THE PARADE!
8. Everyone is responsible for **his/her own equipment (instrument, flag, etc.); drummers are responsible for bringing their own sticks and mallets.** A truck, van, or trailer will be at the end of the parade to take all basses, drums, bells, flags, and cymbals back to the high school. Following the parade, **you may not leave until you load or watch someone load your instrument/flag/equipment, etc. on the band trailer or in the band van. You will be responsible to replace lost items.**
9. **NO WALKING** in front of spectators while the parade is in progress after your band has finished marching. You must obey this rule!!
10. The parades are televised. **Ignore the camera! Look straight ahead.**