



McDonald's Thanksgiving Day Parade – November 24, 2011

State Street – Chicago, IL

Thursday, November 24, 2011

6:45 AM	Arrive at DGS and change into Uniforms
7:15 AM	Load 5 busses (see bus groups below) – instruments in cases, hats and plumes in boxes
7:30 AM	Depart for Chicago
8:15 AM	Arrive at staging area – E. 8 th Street and Wabash Ave.
8:30 AM	Unload when directed – begin stretching and warm-up - busses depart for pick-up area (E. Lake St. - Sheraton Hotel)
9:30 AM	Proceed to parade integration when directed
10:00 AM	Downers Grove South Marching Mustangs – Parade group 84B – Start recording on your TV
10:30 AM	Band moves to disband location (E. Lake Street near Sheraton Hotel) to meet busses (parent pick-up if needed)
11:00 AM	Load and Depart for DGS
12:00 PM	Estimated arrival time at DGS

NOTES:

- Be sure to eat a good breakfast before arriving at DGS in the morning – lots of protein
 - Please represent your band, school and community with pride and respect in everything you do, all weekend
 - You will ride the bus in full uniform minus the hat, plume and gloves (in your hat box on your bus)
 - Your instruments will ride in cases with you on your bus. Cases and hat boxes will stay with the busses
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- Bus 1 – Color Guard (27)
 - Bus 2 – Flutes, Clarinets, Low Reeds (27)
 - Bus 3 – Alto Saxes, Baritones, Sousas (22)
 - Bus 4 – Trumpets, Mellos, Trombones (25)
 - Bus 5 – Battery Percussion

SPECIAL NOTE:

Don't forget to remind all of your friends and family around the country to tune in for the broadcast of the parade from 8:00 am to 11:00 am CST. The parade will be broad cast on **WGN Channel Chicago** and **WGN America**. Check your local listings for WGN America channel number. The parade will also be rebroadcast on Thursday, November 24th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the Chicago area on **CLTV**.