



PMMU Sept. 2019

A Note From Mr. Johnson

Dear PMMU family:

Believe it or not, September is just hours away from ending and the final stretch of the season is right in front of us. Without a doubt, this season has been extremely successful in the overall production of the show and the support that gets us there. Great marching bands don't just happen accidentally, but through strategic rehearsal, booster support, and establishing routines and practices that reinforce excellence. In a nutshell, bands can't show up to performances and expect amazing shows when the foundational layers haven't been set.

This past Saturday's canceled performance was definitely a blow to the gut. Everyone spent hours of rehearsal preparing with one goal in mind - the evening show. But as we know, weather will do what it wants and we can't control it. Many great bands faced the same situation as us and felt the instant gut wrenching impact of canceling the show.

It's easy to quickly react with the feeling that an entire day was wasted away because we could not compete. However we need to push ahead stronger than ever while keeping the bigger picture in clear view - great programs have great foundational levels. And Saturday was just that kind of day, a great day. PMMU had it's best run-through of the season and $\frac{3}{4}$ of the show is well in our hands and feet with full integration of props. Each section was mentally and physically prepared just one hour before show time to have a great performance - we were fired up and ready to run hard. But even though we didn't actually run, we can't forget that without Saturday, the remainder of the season would be an arduous climb while being weighed down with the feeling of being behind.

Let's not let Saturday's lack of performance define us, but rather, let's be defined by our resiliency and ability to learn from every situation that life gives us. Challenge yourself and others around you to be great and rise above any uncontrollable event, because we are bigger than our let-downs and disappointments. Together, we can achieve something great and the only thing holding us back is ourselves.

Mr. Johnson
