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SEMI-STATE MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL

Eighty (80) high school marching bands have been selected to participate at the ISSMA Semi-State Marching Band Festival to be held on Saturday, October 24, 2009 at one of four Semi-State sites. Each band is entered in one of four classes A, B, C, and D according to school size. Twenty bands from each of the four classes will perform at one of the following Semi-State sites: Ben Davis High School (Class A), Pike High School (Class B), Plainfield High School (Class C), and Franklin Community (Class D). These bands qualified for Semi-State status by being one of the top ten scoring bands in their class at their Regional site on October 17th. The Semi-State Festival, administered by the Indiana State School Music Association, Inc. (ISSMA), will determine the ten (10) bands that will represent each class at the 37th Annual State Marching Finals to be on Saturday, October 31, 2009, at Lucas Oil Stadium.

The composite schedules for each of these sites are available on our website at www.issma.net

Please check this website for updated information throughout the marching season. Please feel free to contact our office for any further information or clarification.

(Press Release for State Marching Band Finals will be forthcoming.)

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To enter this Semi-State event, Media representatives are required to present their own press identification for admittance. Media representatives are expected to respect the boundaries and limitations set forth by the Association.

Photographers and videographers should seek out the music teacher or the music teacher's designee to have individuals from a school identified. This is to protect the privacy of students whose parents have opted not to have their children portrayed in the media for privacy or safety reasons. Students will be instructed not to identify other students when requested by the media, because students will not know the names of those who have requested no media coverage.

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