



THE NORMAL MARCHING BAND

Walk to End Alzheimer's, then Monticello Competition

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

What to pack

Parents who are interested in riding the bus, chaperoning, helping with the crew, etc. should sign up at normalmb.org.

Be sure to eat a healthy breakfast/lunch and drink plenty of water throughout the day.

Remember your white socks, white gloves, white marching shoes, and appropriate garments for under your uniform. If you plan to shower after rehearsal, bring your shower accessories. Bring money for dinner at concessions. Cash and card payments accepted.

Itinerary

9:15 AM	Call time, in parade uniform (hats, shorts, black shoes, etc) on the Heartland Community College Quad (you may park in Heartland Community College parking lots)
~9:45 AM	Brief performance as the Walk to End Alzheimer's begins
10:15 AM	Performance ends, NMB is dismissed from HCC Eat a healthy lunch and change out of parade uniform. Normal West will be open as quickly as possible, if you would like to bring lunch back to the building.
11:30 AM	Rehearsal at NCWHS
~3:00 PM	Rehearsal ends, pack/load trucks (everyone is responsible for making sure that their equipment makes it to the show—either on the bus or to the parent crew who is loading.) • Drum Line and Front Ensemble, take instruments to truck right away for loading • Polish brass instruments (sousaphones do this first and load horns on truck) • Showers available if you choose, prepare hair, color guard makeup • Eat snacks, drink water, relax
4:00 PM	Load buses, depart for Monticello High School. Bring your water with you.
~5:15 PM	Arrive at Monticello High School - unload, eat dinner at the concessions stand, change into uniform, prepare for the show
6:45 PM	In Uniform, stretch by the buses if there is ample space
7:15 PM	Meet our band guide near the semi trailer, depart for warm up.
7:25 PM	Report to Warm Up Area B
7:30 PM	Warm Up in Area B – this is a shorter warmup period than usual, so please be attentive
8:00 PM	Depart from Warm Up Area B We will enter the field from the north side (Side 1), which is different from the field entry process at Washington. We will exit to the south (Side 2.)
8:15 PM	NMB Performance – Go, Team, Go! Following our performance, we will find a place to watch the awards presentation as a group. Most likely, the NMB will remain on the turf, in the south end zone (Side 2.) Carry yourself professionally and follow instructions. Remain in uniform until told otherwise. The NMB directors will likely instruct the band to remove shakos as a group and set them down uniformly. Do not sit in uniform. We will discuss additional expectations prior to the event. Following our performance, the NMB Drum Majors should report to the gate for awards.
9:00 PM	Presentation of Awards
~11:30 PM	Arrive at NCWHS

A Note from the NMB Directors

We have learned new parts of the show and improved a ton since the first competition! It will be great to share this show with others and see what they have been working on. Remember to represent the NMB at your very best, both on and off the field. Be sure to thank the volunteers for their hard work and be respectful of them – we couldn't do this without them! Lastly, encourage friends, neighbors, and family to come out to Monticello and cheer us on—it always helps to have an audience that loves us! Have a great day, work hard, and perform well!

Spectator Information

Monticello HS is located at 1 Sage Drive in Monticello, IL.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$7 for students and seniors. Children under 5 are free. You may purchase tickets at the door (cash or card) or online using this [Ticket Purchase Link](#). There will be a digital program, and printed copies will be available for \$2.

Monticello "Sage City" Competition Schedule

3:00 PM	Class A – Okaw Valley	6:00 PM	Class 3A – Centralia
3:15 PM	Class A – Sullivan	6:15 PM	Class 3A – Urbana
3:30 PM	Class A – Arthur Lovington A-H	6:30 PM	Class 3A – Jacksonville
3:45 PM	Class A – Maroa-Forsyth	6:45 PM	Class 3A – Danville
4:00 PM	Class A – Paxton-Buckley-Loda	7:00 PM	Class 3A – Mattoon
4:15 PM	Class A – Arcola	7:15 PM	Break
4:30 PM	Break	7:30 PM	Class 4A – Centennial (Champaign)
4:45 PM	Class 2A – Williamsville	7:45 PM	Class 4A – Washington
5:00 PM	Class 2A – Newton	8:00 PM	Class 5A – Belleville East
5:15 PM	Class 2A – Mt. Zion	8:15 PM	Class 5A – The Normal Marching Band
5:30 PM	Class 2A – Unity	8:30 PM	Break
5:45 PM	Break	8:45 PM	Exhibition – Monticello
		9:00 PM	Awards