

### ***Parade Guidelines and Requirements***

The Homecoming Parade this year will be on Thursday, **September 26**, just around the corner, and we are in the planning stages, hoping to make this the best one we have had in a long while! We are emphasizing our parade this year and challenging every class and organization to participate in entering a float in the parade! The winning entry will have bragging rights for a year along with possession of the Homecoming Float Trophy for one year, and the float will be parked at Boss Hill Stadium entrance during the homecoming game. The theme for Homecoming 2019 will be *Victory Over the Bears* (our opponent will be the Lexington Bears). You may pull a float theme from this overall theme as long as you include *victory* or *bears* in your theme, such as *Red Devils*, *Hunt Those Bears* or *Red Devil Victory*. Please see some general guidelines and tips below:

1. Get your entrance application in immediately. Deadline is **Friday, September 20, 2019!**
2. Begin planning early; NOW is recommended! Set up a float committee (Class Officers are part of organization and planning this year!), decide on a theme, make a draft of your float design, take up money to purchase supplies or assign students to bring in supplies, locate a trailer and driver, and more.
3. Decide on float work days and get the dates on everyone's calendar. Find adult chaperones for every work day.
4. Since competition is emphasized, you will want your float theme and ideas to be secret! Find a private location to work on the float and do not inform opposing classes and organizations of the location. You don't want them stealing your creativity or trying to "one up" you!

We hope to have 100% participation from all of our clubs and organizations. Let's show some school spirit and have some fun!!

### ***Here are a few guidelines to keep in mind!***

1. Open flame devices are prohibited on parade floats. The use of fuel fired torches, candles or similar devices which can ignite the parade float are prohibited.
2. Fireworks are not permitted to be discharged.
3. No smoking on or near any floats at any time.
4. Props must be stabilized on a float and should not exceed 12 feet in height or width. Objects may exceed these requirements only if they can be controlled to allow proper maneuvering with regard to utility and telephone wires, corners and spectators.
5. The float must be designed to maneuver the several corners along the parade route without delaying the forward motion of the parade or causing potential hazards.
6. Float beds must be sturdy and capable of carrying the weight to be imposed.
7. Float vehicles should be properly registered and insured.

8. The float vehicle must be properly serviced for gasoline, water, oil, brakes, tires and battery prior to entry into the parade.
9. Nothing can drag on the roadway from the float.
10. Portable generators must be used carefully and must be secured to the parade float. Re-fueling of generators will not be permitted.
11. If music is part of your float, the music must maintain a volume that will not interfere with other participating parade floats while in the line of march. Applicant is solely responsible for following copyright laws in regards to music.
12. Drivers must possess a valid motor vehicle operator's license and be adequately trained to drive their float. Drivers must be a minimum of 18 years of age.
13. Once the float is in position in the assembly area, a driver and representative must be in attendance at all times in the event there are questions, problems or if the float needs to be moved.
14. Be sure that the operator (driver) has a clear field of view.
15. Motorcycles – All motorcycle drivers and passengers must possess an "M" class license. All drivers and riders must be wearing a safety helmet approved by the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard.
16. **NO ONE** will be permitted to ride on the float as it is being transported to and from the parade site.
17. No children under 12 will be permitted to ride on a float without adult supervision.
18. No riders will be allowed to ride on the edge of the float. Any float with riders or articles hanging over the edge, before or during the parade, will be subject to removal from the line of march.
19. All children under 16 riding a bicycle must wear proper safety equipment, including a helmet, at all times.