



Callithumpian Parade  
2018 Marching Competition  
October 29, 2018



Dear Band Director,

Once again another school year is coming to an end, and as you are busy scheduling your marching season, don't forget about Decatur's Callithumpian Parade. The Callithumpian is one of the oldest Halloween parades in Indiana. The streets are filled with ghosts, goblins, floats, antique vehicles and our very popular Callithumpian Marching Band Competition (the crowd favorite)!

The band competition is just one class. All bands will receive \$200 appearance money. In addition to the appearance money, prize money and trophies will be awarded as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> place receives \$300 + 4 ft. trophy

2<sup>nd</sup> place receives \$200 + 3 ft. trophy

3<sup>rd</sup> place receives \$150 + 2 ft. trophy

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place receive trophy

Caption awards will be given in the following categories: Best Music, Best General Effect and Best Marching. The Larry Reed Memorial Spirit Award will also be given to the band that best exemplifies the enthusiasm and discipline that Larry always appreciated in top marching bands. This traveling trophy will have the winning schools name placed on it and the trophy will remain at the school through the end of the year.

There's nothing like the fun and excitement of an old-fashioned street parade especially the awards ceremony in the heart of downtown Decatur. What better way to end your marching season than to perform one last time for a captive audience of thousands.

Your entry must be postmarked by Monday, October 22, 2018. You will receive an information packet in the mail prior to the parade. We are looking forward to seeing you at the 2018 Callithumpian Parade Marching Band Competition on Monday, October 29, 2018 at 6:57 p.m.

Sincerely yours,

*Michael Gumm*

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Band Contest Coordinator