

To: Superintendant Mr. Dave Dunn and the Norton Board of Education

From: Thomas Chiera, Dan Eakin

Re: Winter Guard International (WGI) Championships; Dayton, Ohio

The Norton Indoor Drumline would like to have your permission to attend the Winter Guard International Championships in Dayton, Ohio from Thursday, April 18th through Sunday, April 21st.

The drumline is an extension of our fall Marching Band program consisting of all percussion students. Last year the drumline was awarded first place in their class in the state of Ohio.

The Music Boosters have funded our entrance fees and snacks. The students have already funded hotel housing and a few of the meals. Therefore, there are no costs to the district outside of transportation. We plan to cover the housing of the bus drivers per past practice.

The itinerary will be well planned and packed with events such as performing in The University of Dayton Arena, observing other nationally recognized drumlines from middle school to World Class drumlines, as well as visiting the Wright Patterson Airforce Museum if possible. The indoor staff of Dan Eakin and Ryan Reed will be the representative school staff on the trip whom have both been approved by the board as school volunteers. Ryan is also a board approved substitute teacher. Seven to eight chaperones will be joining us.

If permission is granted students WILL miss Thursday and Friday of school for this trip. Our intention is to stay at The DoubleTree Hilton in Dayton Thursday and Friday night and return late Saturday night. As always students are responsible for all missed work.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me (Dan Eakin) at 419-957-7591, or Thomas Chiera at 330-690-9136 (cell).

Thank you for your consideration.

Thomas Chiera

Dan Eakin 12-1-12