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Community Send-Off for the RCSD Pride of Rochester Marching Band Heading to the State Championships

Who:
The Pride of Rochester Marching Band

What:
Community send-off for the Pride of Rochester Marching Band before they head to the New York State Field Band Conference (NYSFBC) Championships in Syracuse, NY

When:
Saturday, October 31, 2026, 12:00 p.m.

Where:
Thurgood Marshall Middle School Football Field
4115 Lake Avenue
Rochester, NY 14612

Details:
Join us on Saturday, October 31, for a community send-off honoring the Pride of Rochester Marching Band. The band will give a special performance of their show at 12:00 p.m. before heading to Syracuse, NY, to compete in the 54th Annual NYSFBC Championships on November 1, 2026.

After dedicating hundreds of hours to early-morning and weekend rehearsals throughout the season, the band will represent Rochester on the state's largest stage at the JMA Wireless Dome, with their performance scheduled for 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning.

Immediately following the band's departure, families and community members are invited to remain on-site for a festive Trunk-or-Treat event in the parking lot.

Directed by RCSD music teacher and 2026 RCSD Special Area Teacher of the Year Todd Dennis, the Pride of Rochester Marching Band is made up of student musicians from across the Rochester City School District. Current band members are from Schools 7, 28, 42, 46, 52, Thurgood Marshall Middle School, Loretta Johnson Middle School, East High School, Edison Career and Technology High School, James Monroe High School, School of the Arts, and Joseph C. Wilson High School. For more information, visit their website here.