



# Callithumpian Festival Parade



Dear Band Director,

With the start of the new school year right around the corner, and you are busy scheduling for marching season, don't forget about the Decatur Callithumpian Parade. The Callithumpian is the oldest Halloween parade in Indiana. The streets are filled with ghosts, goblins, floats, antique vehicles; and our very popular Callithumpian Parade Band Competition (the crowd favorite)!

The band competition in the past has been divided into two classes. This year due to our current economic situation we will not divide into classes. All bands will receive \$200 appearance money. In addition 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

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 23, 2017. You will receive an information packet in the mail prior to the parade.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the 2016 Callithumpian Parade Marching Band Competition on Monday, October 30, 2017 at 6:57 p.m.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Gumm  
Band Contest Coordinator