

Richardson Christmas Parade Important Information Saturday, December 2, 2017

Directions to MUSIC LEARNING BAND Staging for the Parade

Northbound or Southbound 75-Exit Beltline Road and go east onto Beltline. Follow Beltline to Plano Road, take a right onto Plano Rd. (south), proceed to Spring Valley and turn left (east). Turn left into the Target Parking Lot and follow signs to the Music Learning Band Staging Area. This area is in front of Lowe's, just off of Plano Road.

Northbound or Southbound Plano Road-Exit Plano Road and go north. Proceed on Plano Road to Spring Valley Road. Turn right (east) on Spring Valley and turn left into the Target Parking Lot – follow the signs to the Music Learning Band Staging Area. This area is in front of Lowe's, just off of Plano Road.

Directions to Music Learning Band Disbanding at Huffhines Park

Travel North on Plano Road to Apollo Road. We will disband near Huffhines Park, but **please do NOT park here.** You can park near the tennis courts parking, or along Armstrong, next to the ball park.

Pick-up location could change based on the size of the band and last minute directions from parade officials. Please subscribe to Band Text Alerts for last minute updates. If you are near Huffhines Park at the conclusion of the parade - you will see our group.

****All students should be picked up by their parents/guardians at Huffhines Park Pavillion between 10:30 - 11:00 AM. Music Learning is in the 2nd half of the parade. Parents need to come pick up your children from the pavilion area. This is a "one way" parade.**

Please display this page in your window when you arrive at the parade.

MUSIC LEARNING BAND PARENT

Start: 7:30 - 8:00 AM in the Lowe's Parking Lot
(near Sears) at Belt Line & Plano Rd.

Park: Huffhines Park Tennis Court & Armstrong Street

Pick-up: 10:30 AM (approximate) near Apollo Jr. High /
Huffhines Park Music Learning Disbanding Location.

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The parade begins at 9:00 AM (we are in the late second half of the parade) and should conclude by 11:00 AM. You must arrive between 7:30 - 8:00 AM before they close the streets so that we can prepare, rehearse, and be ready to start the parade. **Please note that drop off and pick up locations are in different places for the parade this year.** You will drop your child off at the beginning of the parade, but pick him or her up at the end of the parade.

Please make sure that your child has your parade day contact information with him or her in case we need to reach you on the parade day. Please write your name and cell phone number on a card and have your child carry it during the parade.

Attire: Dress for cold weather - all students should wear **blue jeans** and a **red shirt or sweatshirt** with a **red Santa Hat** (these can be purchased at any store for around \$2.00).

Instruments: Students will need their instrument including mouthpiece, reed, drumsticks, and drum stand; you will NOT need your music stand. Beginners will play “Beethoven”, “Jingle Bells”, and possibly “Jolly Old St. Nicholas” and the Intermediates will play “The Hey Song”, and possibly “Frosty the Snowman” and “Jingle Bell Rock”. Students should memorize their music or purchase a lyre and flip folder. The drummers should bring their snare drums and snare drum stands. Bass players should bring their bass, amp, cord, and an extension cord/power strip. Bases and drums will ride a float with their drums and the wind instrument players will walk behind them. *** Space is limited on the float. If you arrive late, there may not be room for you on the float and you will get to walk in the parade with your sticks or bass without amp. ***

Participant parking and drop off information: * Parade Officials will be on hand to help you. Follow the signs for **Music Learning Band Staging** near Sears in the **Lowe’s parking lot** at Beltline and Plano Road. **We stage in a different area than the other parade participants.**

- * The parade organizers have requested that the band members bring a **small, new, unwrapped toy to donate to The Network** to help make another child’s holiday more enjoyable. If you are able, please bring a new toy with you on Saturday morning. We ask that your child help choose the toy.
- * Park in the Music Learning Band Parent Parking Area near at the disbanding site near Huffhines Park Tennis Courts.
- * You may drop off your band member at **Music Learning Staging** in the Lowe’s Parking lot near Sears. The orange vested parade staff will help you. Please drop off between 7:30 and 8:00 AM.
- * More detailed information and maps are located on the Music Learning website.

In the event of inclement weather (such as ice or rain), the parade officials will cancel the parade by 6:15 AM. For parade information and maps, check the Music Learning website at www.musiclearningband.com. *Even if it is cold, the parade will most likely take place.*