

# Highlander Band to Host Annual 'Pageant of Champions' on Oct. 14

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The Highlander Band of [Governor Livingston High School](#) will host this year's 41st annual "Pageant of Champions" Band Tournament on Sunday, Oct. 14 beginning at 12:30 p.m.

A dozen high school marching bands from across New Jersey will perform in a Tournament of Band (TOB) competition. This is an exciting event for the whole family that will feature a festive atmosphere complete with hot food, snacks, baked goods, and souvenirs available.

As a member of the TOB organization, the Highlander Marching Band competed and placed first against the top 32 bands in the Chapter 10 division, winning the 2011 *Group 1 Open Class Tournament of Bands (TOB) Atlantic Coast Championship* in Hershey, PA. Chapter 10 encompasses bands from 400 schools in nine states. This is the Highlanders 12<sup>th</sup> title since 1980. Other accomplishments for the band in 2011 include the *TOB Chapter 10 Championship*, and the *New Jersey State Championship*.

The Band Pageant tests students with interwoven maneuvers while they play concert-quality music. High School students undergo an intense training regime aided by advanced choreography software to prepare for the show. In addition, each band wears elaborate uniforms.

The Highlanders Band, steeped in tradition, pays tribute to the first governor of New Jersey, William Livingston (whose family migrated from Scotland) by wearing kilts designed with the Royal Stewart tartan colors. In addition, the band is escorted by their own bagpipers upon entering the field for competition. It is a spectacular display of The Highlanders military discipline honoring Scottish traditions.

The bands will start performing at 12:30 p.m. The \$10 entrance ticket and a program highlighting each band are available at the event. Additional parking is at Alcatel Lucent (Bell Labs) off Glenside Road, Berkeley Heights. A shuttle will take visitors to/from the school. Berkeley Heights and Mountainside children in school spirit or scouting wear get in free. For directions and more information, please visit [highlanderband.org](http://highlanderband.org).

