

Big turnout expected for Governor Livingston H.S. Band Tournament

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BERKELEY HEIGHTS — The Highlander Band of Governor Livingston High School will host this year's 40th annual "Pageant of Champions" Band Tournament on Sunday, Oct. 16 at 12:30 p.m. Twelve high school marching bands from across New Jersey and Pennsylvania will perform in a Tournament of Band (TOB) competition. This is an exciting event for the whole family. There is a festive atmosphere. Food including hot dogs, hamburgers, chili, and snacks can be purchased. Souvenirs will also be for sale. Berkeley Heights and Mountainside children in Scouting, sports or school spirit wear get in free.

As a member of the TOB organization, The Highlander Marching Band competed against the top 25 bands in the Chapter X division this past year at the Atlantic Coast Championship held in Hershey, PA. Chapter X included 400 schools across 9 states. The Highlander Band Color Guard placed number one in the competition this past year. The Highlander Band has won 11 times since 1980.

The Highlanders Band is steeped in tradition. It pays tribute to the first governor of New Jersey, William Livingston who was born in Scotland, by wearing the Royal Stewart tartan colors. In addition the band is escorted by their own bagpipers upon entering the field for competitions. It is a spectacular display of The Highlanders military discipline in the finery of Scottish tradition.

The bands will start performing at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 (\$6 for seniors and children). Park at Alcatel Lucent (Bell Labs) off Glenside Road, Berkeley Heights, a shuttle will take visitors to/from the school. For directions and more information visit highlanderband.org.