



**The 2018 Downers Grove
Gingerbread Festival/Tree
Lighting Ceremony
Friday, November 23rd**

All Marching Band Members - don't forget!

Schedule:

3:15 PM - Large Instrument and Percussion Meet at DGS to Load Mini-Bus

3:45 PM - All Students Report to Downers Grove Public Library parking lot and line up – DO NOT BE LATE!

Students report in the following uniform:

- o *blue jeans*
- o *comfortable tennis shoes*
- o *“Santa Hat” (or some kind of festive holiday hat – see note below) *provided by the student**

Students must also bring their instrument – put together & out of case – to the Library (with the exception of Sousaphones, percussion, flags and banners will be brought to and from the event in a school mini-bus). There will not be a location to store cases.

4:00 PM – Band leads procession/parade to Downers Grove Train Station.

4:15 PM – Tree Lighting Ceremony begins including performance by the DGS Marching Mustangs.

4:45 PM – Ceremony ends. All students walk back to Library. Students with large equipment will load into school mini-bus.

5:00 PM – Leaders, Tubas & Drum Line meet staff at school to help with unloading of equipment.

Please note: No transportation will be provided to or from this event.

Excused absences will be granted only for very specific reasons, which must be explained below. If you need to request an excused absence you must submit this request no later than Monday, November 12th, directly to Mr. Hensel. No requests following Nov. 12th will be considered excused.

***** Don't forget to arrive wearing a Santa hat! *****

(Students with a religious conflict with a Santa hat are welcome to wear another option)



Request for Excused Absence from Downers Grove Gingerbread Festival – Due no later than Monday, November 12th, 2018

Name _____ Instrument _____

Nature of conflict (BE SPECIFIC!):

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____