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PHS Homecoming is tonight, parade rain plans will be announced by 3 pm

The floats are made, the royalty is ready, the football field is mowed and striped and the band is rehearsing – everything is set for Perryville High School's 57th annual Homecoming celebration tonight, Friday, Oct. 5.

Everything but Mother Nature, perhaps. Today's forecast now calls for rain with possible thunderstorms, which may cause the annual PHS Homecoming Parade to be postponed.

"We will monitor the conditions and check the forecast this afternoon and make an announcement before school is dismissed at 3 pm whether the parade will be held as scheduled tonight," said Daniel Kiefer, president of the PHS Alumni Association, which plans the parade.

"Our first priority is the safety of our students and visitors. The Missouri State High School Activities Association rules require that there be 30 minutes without lightning before a school activity begins or continues. We also have to consider the logistics of moving floats, band equipment and students in inclement weather. We'll err on the side of safety every time."

If the PHS parade is postponed, it will be held at 10:30 am Saturday, Oct. 6. Parade line up will be at 10 am in Perryville City Park. All parade entrants should enter the park from the Highway 61 or State Street entrance, then follow the directions of the parade traffic volunteers.

All parade vehicles, except floats with trucks, should return to City Park. All parade participants must load and unload people and supplies in City Park. No unloading is allowed on the District 32 campus or on the city streets for safety purposes.

The PHS Distinguished Alumnus Reception will be held, rain or shine, at 6:30 pm in the PHS Library. This year's Distinguished Alumni are Dorothy (Schmidt) Hemman of the Class of 1956 and Nancy (Bierk) Moore of the Class of 1946. Mrs. Hemman and Mrs. Moore are also the Grand Marshals for the parade.

The Perryville Pirates Football team will host the Park Hills Rebels tonight, Friday, Oct. 5, 2012 at 7:30 pm at Pirate Stadium. The game will be played in the rain.

The PHS student dance will be held from 8-11 pm Saturday, Oct. 6 at Perry Park Center.