



Detroit Cass Tech football championship parade set for Monday

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The Detroit Public Schools on Monday will host a parade along Woodward Avenue downtown to celebrate Detroit Cass Tech's historic state **football** championship.

The parade will be followed by a rally and an all-class "tailgate" reunion at the school.

Cass Tech is the first DPS team to win the Michigan Division 1 high school football championship. The Technicians took the title at Ford Field on Saturday, with a 49-13 victory over Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

The Dec. 5 parade will feature players, alumni, students, the cheer team, marching band, parents and floats, DPS officials announced today. The Parade Company is organizing the event's logistics.

It will begin at 1:30 p.m. at Grand Circus Park and head south on Woodward Ave, concluding with a rally. From 3-5 p.m. the school will welcome alumni from all classes for a reunion.

Technicians coach Thomas Wilcher said of his team, freshman quarterback, and the championship: "It's great for the city and the school district. It shows that we have kids who are willing to learn and to fight to reach a goal. We not only played well, but I'm proud of how we did it, with class and good sportsmanship."

The programs are being underwritten by the Detroit Public Schools Foundation and other donations.

Updates on the parade highlights, speakers and details will be posted at www.detroitk12.org