

We had a great first away football game of the 2019 season last week in Lexington! The band played well and I was very proud of their showing at the game. After many weeks of hard practice, our first band festival is finally here! Please read below about our next three calendar events.

### EVENT #1: AWAY Football Game at CENTRAL DAVIDSON HIGH SCHOOL

### DATE: Friday, September 27, 2019

### TIMES: SEE BELOW\*

DRESS: N/A

### NEED TO BRING WITH: N/A

\* This week, we will **NOT** be traveling to the Central Davidson Game on Friday. There is not an opportunity for us to perform our "TOXIC" show and we will not be able to join the CDHS band for our National Anthem since they have switched to a different version. Most importantly, several of our students are recovering from recent illness or are currently sick, some even with strep throat and pneumonia. Our color guard instructor is even in the hospital with pneumonia as we speak. I want to give our students an opportunity to rest and heal so they may focus on the long day we will have on Saturday as we compete against two very fine bands at Ledford High. I want to make clear that this decision has been made simply in the best interest of our band members and in no way has anything to do with any problems or "issues." The staff at CDHS did invite us to attend but, after hearing our performance options and considering the health of our students, giving the members an evening to "catch-up" is the best decision. We will be back on our regular football performance schedule beginning next Friday (10/4) with our home game against North Rowan.

EVENT #2: Mini-Camp #2 at OGHS

DATE: Saturday, September 28, 2019

TIMES: 10:00am – 3:00pm

DRESS: Comfortable clothes for practice & tennis shoes.

NEED TO BRING WITH: All Marching Band items (as listed in the handbook) Students should plan to bring their lunch or have it delivered to them.

# **ITINERARY**

- 10:00am Students begin practice session
- 12:00pm Students will break for Lunch. (Bring with or have delivered.)
- 12:45pm 2:15pm Practice continues
- 2:15pm 2:45pm Load Equipment, Dress, etc.
- 2:45pm 3:00pm Pre-Festival Meeting with ALL students and staff. (Auditorium)
- 3:00pm Depart for Ledford High School

EVENT #2a: BAND FESTIVAL at Ledford High School DATE: Saturday, September 28, 2019 TIMES: 3:30pm – until\* DRESS: OGHS Marching Band Uniform. ("TOXIC" Show Shirt MUST be worn underneath) NEED TO BRING WITH: Money for Food/Souvenirs at Ledford (approx. \$10 – \$30)

### **ITINERARY**

- **3:20pm Arrive at Ledford High School.**
- 3:30pm 6:00pm Watch other bands perform
- 6:00pm Meet to prepare for warm-up, etc. (location to be announced)
- 6:45pm 7:15pm Warm-up
- 7:30pm PERFORM in Class AAAA
- 7:45pm 8:30pm\* Load Equipment, receive instructions, etc.
- 8:55pm\* AWARD CEREMONY
- @10:15pm Arrive at OGHS\*

EVENT #3: DAVIDSON COUNTY BAND NIGHT at Central Davidson High School DATE: Tuesday, October 1, 2019 TIMES: 3:30pm – until\* DRESS: OGHS "TOXIC" Show Shirt and Blue Jeans or Blue Jean Shorts, Marching Shoes NEED TO BRING WITH: Money for Dinner (approx. \$10)

## **ITINERARY**

3:30pm – Depart OGHS for Central Davidson High

4:15pm – Arrive at CDHS – Warm-up

\*\* Unfortunately, a schedule for the evening has not yet been provided by the coordinator of the event. I will relay info as soon as I receive.

@9:00pm – Arrive at OGHS\*

\* As stated in the handbook, when the event is over, ALL students will have responsibilities such as putting their instruments away, cleaning-up, etc. NO STUDENTS will be able to leave until dismissed by Mr. Howell or Mr. Larsen.

\*PLEASE REMEMBER THAT SOME OF THESE TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE. Band festivals typically run behind so be flexible! Your child will be allowed to use cell phones to call you, etc. REMIND messages with updates will also be sent throughout the event.

# **GO GRIZZLY BAND!!!!**