



OAK GROVE BANDS

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Students and Parents:

The most recent update to our band calendar has been sent this morning. Please note the changes highlighted in yellow. In addition, I'd point out a few very important upcoming events.

- **PASTA FUNDRAISER** orders and money **MUST** be turned-in no later than Monday, October 8

We have a very quick turn-around before our fruit fundraiser begins so it is really important we get this one wrapped-up immediately. Orders not turned-in by the 8th can unfortunately not be accepted late.

- The Concert Band and Wind Ensemble **FALL CONCERT** will be on next Thursday, Oct. 10th at 7pm.

This is a **MAJOR GRADE** for the students. Dress for them is concert black. (black shirt, pants, and shoes) Ties are optional but suggested.

- The **Lexington VETERAN'S DAY PARADE** has been moved to Monday, November 11th. We have had it on our calendar as the 9th since it was on Saturday this past year. Given the lengthy advance notice of the change, Marching Band members are still expected to participate in the event.

Another desperate call for additional help with our front ensemble (pit) and on-field props for the marching band “TOXIC” show...

This year, our marching show is more ambitious than ever with the amount of “stuff” we have to transport and set-up. We have several dedicated parents that have volunteered much of their time to not only design, build, and decorate our props, but also to transport and move everything for each of our performances. Those of you that attended DC Band Night at Central Davidson probably witnessed the fact that we simply do not have enough adults helping to make all this happen for the students. I think we had about 9.

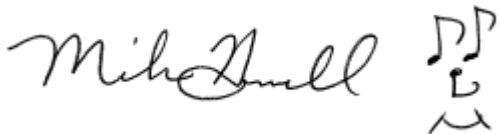
In order for us to be efficient and successful in our equipment set-up and tear-down, a *minimum* of 15 adults will be crucial for each of our performances of the show. Having less than that creates unnecessary wear and tear on the equipment as the few we have are scrambling to get it all where it is supposed to be. Also, we could possibly have someone get injured in the rush to make all this happen in the limited performance window we usually have.

If you would be willing to help us out with the equipment and props, please contact me or Chris Williamson, our booster VP (chriswfu@gmail.com) as soon as possible so we can make sure we have the numbers we need to be successful. You may also wish to fill-out the online form in order to sign-up. Here is the link and I have also emailed to the students’ email address and sent out via REMIND.

EQUIPMENT/PROP VOLUNTEER FORM: <https://forms.gle/X23s8Kws55Kq9qKj7>

Hope to see you all Friday evening at our HOME game against South Rowan!

My Best,

The image shows a handwritten signature that reads "Mike Howell" in cursive. To the right of the signature is a simple line drawing of a musical note with a stem and a flag.

Mike Howell

GO GRIZZLY BAND!!!!