



# ***OAK GROVE BANDS***

***THE SOUND OF GRIZZLY PRIDE***

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Students and Parents:

Please read below for a recap of this past Saturday's performance and this week's events.

## **RECAP: "TOXIC" Show Performance at N. DAVIDSON COMPETITION (November 2, 2019)**

It is hard to believe that our competition season is over! Band camp was only yesterday, right? We had an incredibly strong finish to the season with a third place win in class on this past Sat. Overall, the band continued to improve each week and, if you compare the performances and level of execution this year to the past two, we are definitely headed in the right direction. This young group of students continues to improve as we grow our program and I am already excited for what next season will hold. If the progress continues, we will become even more competitive and a "threat" to those groups in our class next season!

Thanks to all of the parents that jumped-in to help us in any way this season! Whether it was building a prop (or just moving one during the show), donating snacks, working a concession stand, pulling equipment, or organizing uniforms, we could not have done it without you and I hope you know how much you are appreciated by me, the staff, and most importantly, the kids! As we continue to grow the program, we will need more and more help and I know we'll be able to count on you.

The remainder of this letter will have tons of info about upcoming events as well as other important things. If you have any questions, please contact me.

**EVENT #1: HOME FOOTBALL GAME** against East Davidson High School **(SENIOR NIGHT!)**

**DATE: Friday, November 8, 2019**

**TIMES: 3:30pm – until\***

**DRESS: OGHS Marching Band Uniform. (BLUE “Grizzly Band” Shirt MUST be worn underneath. HOWEVER, it will be cold. \* Please read below for more info about dress!)**

**NEED TO BRING WITH: Money for Food (approx. \$5 – \$10) NO BLANKETS!!**

Students should bring something to eat (or have brought to them around 5pm). We will have our “break” then. We have water bottles and a few snacks but it would be a good idea for them to bring something to eat. Band Boosters may also have pizza available (2 slices for \$1). Students will also be able to visit our visitor’s concession stand but that will be during 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (after 8pm).

*This is also our first-ever SENIOR NIGHT event. Senior band members will be recognized during a pre-game event. Parents/Guardians of these students are encouraged to escort them during this time. Please come to the band room by 6:45pm on Friday and let me know if you have questions.*

## ITINERARY

**3:30pm – Students begin practice session**

**5:00pm – Break**

**5:30pm – Resume practice session**

**6:30pm – Dress, prep. for game \*See info below**

**6:45pm – PARENTS/GUARDIANS of SENIORS ARRIVE**

**7:00pm – March to stadium for SENIOR NIGHT Activity**

**7:20pm – Perform National Anthem**

**7:30pm – Kickoff**

**HALFTIME: Perform “TOXIC” (FINAL SHOW!)**

**@9:30pm – Game Ends\***

We will take a formal group pic. sometime before or during the game with everyone in full uniform.

*\* Due to the cold temps., students will be allowed to wear a heavier coat over their uniform jacket. Soft pants like sweats are allowed under bib pants but NO JEANS! Jeans will wear on the bib seams and break them. NO BLANKETS!*

**EVENT #2: PARADE – LEXINGTON VETERAN’S DAY\***

**DATE: Monday, November 11, 2019**

**TIMES: 2:00pm – until\* (Parade begins at 4PM)**

**DRESS: OGHS Marching Band Uniform. (Does not matter what is worn underneath but NO JEANS!)**

**NEED TO BRING WITH: Eat before you arrive at 2pm!**

***\* It is understood that this is a non-school day for the students. However, this event has been on the band schedule since February. Participation in this event is expected as it is a very important public-relations/community support opportunity for our band!***

\* 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. 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.

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**FRUIT SALE!**

**Our annual FRUIT SALE wraps-up soon! All orders and money should be turned-in to Mr. Howell or Mr. Larsen this coming Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Students were given the sale materials in class about two weeks ago along with a challenge to sell a minimum of 5 boxes. Please encourage them to sell as much as they can also remembering to promote online sales! Students are also encouraged to get donations from those not wanting fruit. There are prizes for top sellers and a portion of the profit earned by each student will be credited towards their fee balance!**

## **LETTER JACKETS!**

Upon completing one full season of marching band at Oak Grove, students will be given a chance to earn an official OG varsity letter to place on a jacket or frame. The requirements will be shared with the students soon and, once met, they will be given their letter. Once a letter is given, the student may order the jacket (2 versions available) or have it framed, etc. Instructions for ordering a jacket along with any additional patches will be given along with the letter.

## **FEES!**

On October 24<sup>th</sup>, students with outstanding fee balances were given a letter along with a balance due statement and a fee payment form. They were asked to give this info to parents and return the fee payment form along with payment by the 28<sup>th</sup>. As of today, I have received about 20% of them back. Parents, please take a moment to see if you received this info? If you did not, let me know and I will resend. We still have several thousand dollars of unpaid fees and would like to get this wrapped-up very soon so we can begin planning for next school year.

**GO GRIZZLY BAND!!!!**