



OAK GROVE BANDS

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Students and Parents:

As you know, we are all in uncharted territory as we deal with the ongoing COVID-19 situation that has resulted in a dismissal from school for an unknown period of time. First and foremost, I wish you all good health as we figure all this out together but did want to give some info as it relates to our band at Oak Grove.

- The ButterBraid/Cookie Dough fundraiser that wrapped-up last week is on a temporary hold until we return to school. Orders will not be delivered until we can guarantee delivery and pick-up here at OG. We'll let you know that date as soon as possible. Thanks to all who participated in this most important fundraiser.

- Marching Band Contracts and first deposit for the 2020 season (originally due by March 27th) will now be due by Friday, April 10th.

- Tomorrow, (Tuesday, March 17th) students will be allowed to come to OGHS anytime between 8am and 4pm to pick up instruments/music and things they need from other classes. You will receive specific instructions on how to do that as it relates to other classes from those teachers and our administration. **There will be assignments and enrichment activities for the band classes so you should make arrangements to get your instrument and music.** From a band standpoint, you should plan to enter the band room from the outside doors on the stadium side. Come directly into the room, get your instrument and music and leave. I will be here to answer specific questions or concerns. Students that play privately owned instruments such as trumpets, clarinets, etc. should be fine but I did want to share some info as it relates to those that play (or share) school-owned instruments.
 - o Percussionists that still have their "bell kit" from middle school may take scale quizzes, etc. on those by recording and sending to Mr. Howell electronically. Those that do not have the bell kit may use a piano or electronic keyboard. If there is no access to those, we will

- have those quizzes made-up when we return to school. Some assignments will also use practice pads, etc. so a pair of sticks would also be a good idea to have.
- Students that play the following school-owned instruments should make arrangements to come to school tomorrow and get their instrument and folder.
 - Tubas
 - Tenor Saxophones
 - F Horns
 - Contra Clarinet
 - Students that play the following school-owned instruments should follow the instructions listed.
 - Euphonium
 - Bass Clef players should get Euph.
 - Treble Clef players will take one of the remaining Euphs. and take a marching baritone after that
 - Bass Clarinet
 - Savannah and Austin should take bass clarinet
 - Colin, Faith, Kali, and Lauren may take bass clar. that are left and then can play on their regular Bb Clarinet if none left
 - Bari Sax
 - Cole should take Bari
 - Jaylen can play on alto
 - Oboe
 - I think Rachel already has oboe at home
 - Magali can take hers (if not already) and I will get another for Maycie to take
 - String Bass
 - Seth may take electric bass and amp home
- I am in the process of setting-up Google Classrooms for each level in both of our ensembles. Students will be getting an invitation to join which will be sent to their school emails. It is imperative that they join and keep a check on that as there will be assignments and activities.

If you are reading this, it is most likely you are already members of our various REMIND groups and checking emails. Please communicate with other members of our band and encourage them to join and check school email. *My number one goal for our band as we deal with this situation is for all of our members to have their instruments and music at home and to be working on our new spring concert music daily.*

If you have questions or concerns, please let me know. Stay safe and well OG musicians and families!

Musically,

 

Mike Howell