



OAK GROVE BANDS

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Students and Parents:

I hope you all are well and managing our current situation as best as you can. I know that we are all yearning for a return to “normalcy” but also know that we will get through this. It will get better!

I wanted to touch base about several important things that are relating to our band and share some other updated information. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me.

- **BUTTERBRAID/COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER**

- The Band Boosters, Mr. Larsen and I have decided it best to delay delivery of these items until we return to school. If this situation lingers beyond June 9th (the last day of school), we will contact everyone through emails, REMIND, and social media sites with the new delivery date.

- **CONCERT BAND AND WIND ENSEMBLE ASSIGNMENTS via GOOGLE CLASSROOM**

- Assignments have and are being posted and many of these are also available via paper packet. The packets include concert music as well as honors portfolio assignments and will be at OGHS on Monday. Students that choose to complete assignments electronically will not have to get a paper packet as the assignments are identical.
- Students were sent information about how to join their specific Google Classroom in an email last week as well as over the REMIND groups.
- Please review due dates for the assignments, complete and submit accordingly.


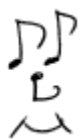
- **BAND BANQUET**

- As of now, our banquet is on hold. It was to have been May 8th and we will have to wait and see how soon we will be back in school after the May 15th date set by Governor Cooper. If it is possible to reschedule the banquet, we will try.

- **SPRING CONCERT**
 - o Our Spring Concert is scheduled for May 28th. At this point, I am not changing that date or cancelling. If we return to school on May 18th, we will make every effort possible to prepare something for that performance. The plan for now is to send additional music to both bands and we will prepare for a COMBINED performance. I will be sending instructions on how to access the new music and on what to prepare. For students that are sharing instruments, we will borrow from the middle school to make sure everyone is playing on the concert. Again, it is crucial for all of you to practice your music to the best of your ability during the next 6 weeks so that rehearsals will be as productive as possible when we return.
- **COMMUNICATION**
 - o Students and Parents that are getting emails and REMIND messages from me are urged to reach-out to other band members to make sure they are as well. It is critical that students are checking their school emails daily and that all band students and parents are on the REMIND groups if possible. Again, reach out to other band members, friends, etc. during this time to make sure they are getting messages from me.
- **REGISTRATION for the 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR**
 - o All 9th – 11th grade students should have received information from OGHS about how and when to turn-in their course registration requests for next year. It is important that they all get their sheets to OG according to the directions provided. It is also important that I keep our rosters updated so that we can plan for the various ensembles we will have. Making sure we have enough instruments and equipment will be critical as we plan for the fall. We hope that all of our OG musicians will consider their talents and make every effort possible (including taking online classes) to continue playing their instrument.
- **MARCHING BAND REGISTRATION for the 2020 SEASON**
 - o This past fall marked our best season yet for our marching band and it is our goal to make the 2020 fall season even better! All 9th – 11th grade band members were given info regarding marching band including a season schedule and a contract. The date for submission of the contract and first deposit of \$50 had been moved to April 10th but, given our situation, I will be asking for those students that will be participating this fall to submit online if I do not already have it. I will be sending out a marching band specific email/REMIND later with further instructions. It is IMPERATIVE that our marching band roster be set within the next few weeks.

I will be sending out further updates and information as our situation evolves. Please continue to practice the music that is in your folder along with scales, etc. If we hope to have any sort of Spring Concert, it is critical that you are preparing your parts as best you can. Again, if you have any questions or concerns, let me know.

Musically,

Mike Howell