



OAK GROVE BANDS

THE SOUND OF GRIZZLY PRIDE

Oak Grove High School
3507 Midway School Rd.
Winston-Salem, NC 27107
(336) 474-8280

mhowell@davidson.k12.nc.us

www.oakgrovebands.com

Mike Howell, Director of Bands

Alex Larsen, Assoc. Director of Bands

June 9, 2020

Students and Parents:

Hello and HAPPY SUMMER! I know it seems so weird to say but our school year is about over and “break” begins. For all of us, the days since March 13th have either flown by, dragged-on, or maybe both. We have all faced the uncertainties of the past months together and I am sure we will continue to push on into next school year with much anticipation. I wanted to take a moment to bring some things to closure and also give some important info as to future OGHS Band events. Touching on some of this through a letter seems hardly appropriate for a group of students, staff, and parents as dedicated as we have at Oak Grove. It is my hope that we will all be able to be together in person in the near future in order to celebrate our accomplishments and continue to enjoy making music together!

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me.

- GRADUATING SENIORS...

I cannot tell you how appreciative I am for the time I have been able to spend with you since 6th grade. I have watched you all grow into not only accomplished musicians, but fine young adults as well. Your dedication and efforts in building our band has set a firm foundation to be enjoyed for years to come. You all have such bright futures ahead of you and you know I’ll miss you greatly. Please keep in touch and I’ll do the same. Send me an alternate email address when you get a chance. My best to you all!

- COMMUNICATION

- 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 the summer to make sure they are getting messages from me.


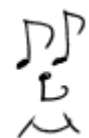
- **EQUIPMENT and PERSONAL BELONGINGS**
 - GRADUATING SENIORS and RETURNING STUDENTS NOT PLAYING this fall...
 - If you still have an instrument, equipment, or black band folder that belongs to OGHS, **please email Mr. Howell as soon as possible** to set up a time to bring back. **PLEASE, do not keep these items!**
 - RETURNING STUDENTS that WILL be playing in the band this school year
 - Keep everything until we return to school. Further info will be sent later.

- **REGISTRATION for the 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR (particularly ensemble placement)**
 - This is complete for the most part. Mr. Larsen and I will be setting the ensemble placement very soon and will send that out.
 - Students that have specific scheduling issues will be contacted individually to work those out.

- **MARCHING BAND REGISTRATION for the 2020 SEASON**
 - Updates regarding camp and schedule will be sent via REMIND and EMAIL. Over the next week or so, Mr. Larsen and I will be reaching out with more information.
 - Student Leadership (section leaders, captains, and drum major(s)) interviews have been completed and results will be posted soon.
 - As of today, we are making plans to move ahead as normal with our marching camp in July. Be aware that this may be altered given the COVID-19 situation. Any changes to the schedule that was provided will be communicated as soon as possible.

Again, if you have any questions or concerns, let me know.

Musically,

Mike Howell