

Dear Parents and Musicians,

I am very excited to announce that the Oak Grove Band Program will be performing a live concert for the first time since December, 2019! While it may look a little different, we are excited for the opportunity to perform as a band again!

When and Where:

Our Spring Concert, featuring both the OGMS & OGHS Bands, will be on: **Tuesday, May 18th at 6:00 PM**

This concert will be held outside in the OGHS Stadium. In case of bad weather, we have Thursday, May 20th reserved as well – please put both of these dates on your calendars!

- 6th grade will be performing first at 6:00 PM – all 6th grade musicians must be “on stage” and in their seats by 5:30
- 7th grade will perform next, followed by 8th grade – all 7th and 8th grade musicians must be in their seats by 6:00

All middle school musicians are required to stay for the entire middle school portion of the performance – after the 8th Grade Band is finished performing, we will take a short intermission to prepare for the high school band performances. While they are not required, all middle school students and their families are encouraged to stay and support our high school musicians as well!

Attendance:

This is a required performance, and it will count as a major grade for each musician. Every musician is expected to attend and perform in this concert – remember, there are no back-up musicians! The only exceptions for missing this performance are:

- Remote-only learners that are not planning on performing with the band
- If an emergency arises (illness, family emergency, etc.)

Please make sure to communicate with Mr. Larsen if you are unable to attend this performance for one of the reasons listed above.

Admission:

This concert is FREE for all that want to attend – there is no cost for admission.

There will be a donation bucket at the gate for the Oak Grove Band Boosters – money raised by the boosters allows us to buy new music, instruments, and equipment, as well as pay for yearly instrument repairs, additional instructional staff, and much more! The Oak Grove Band Boosters supports both the middle school and high school band programs. Thank you for your support!

Attire:

Concert attire for our musicians will be band shirts and blue jeans. Band shirts for this year will be ordered and distributed at school before the concert.

COVID-19 Protocol:

We are very fortunate that we are able to have a live performance again! That being said, the right precautions need to be taken to ensure the safety of all performers and audience members:

- All members of the audience must wear a mask at all times during the performance. Musicians will also be wearing masks when they are not playing instruments
- Temperatures will be taken prior to entering the stadium
- Social distancing guidelines should be observed in the stadium as much as possible. Please only sit close to members of your household

Concert Etiquette:

In the OGHS Stadium, everyone is a lot more used to a football game atmosphere. However, during our Spring Concert, we are going to have to attempt to bring the same concert etiquette that we always have in the auditorium outside with us in the stadium. With our middle school musicians performing in the stadium for the first time, there are a few things that you can do as an audience member that will make the performance a lot more enjoyable for you, the performers, and the other audience members:

- Silence all cellphones before the performance begins
- Refrain from talking during the performance
- Do not walk around the stands or enter/exit the stands while a band is playing – the stands make a lot of noise, and will most likely distract the performers and the audience members

All of the Oak Grove band students have been working very hard all year long, and they finally have a chance to perform a live concert – needless to say they are excited to showcase their Spring Concert for you! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Stay safe and healthy!

Sincerely,



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