



OAK GROVE BANDS

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Students,

I have just gotten home and had a chance to sit down and think a bit about today and the past weeks of our band camp. As I told you today, I would say this has been one of the most successful and enjoyable camps we have had since our very first year. I could not be more proud of the accomplishments you made during our camp weeks.

I would ask you to reflect a bit about camp and ask yourself a few questions. First, are you tired? You should be! You all worked extremely hard. Are you satisfied with today's preview performance? You shouldn't be! First runs at the end of a long day are tough. Keep in mind, it was a first-run preview. Did you do everything during camp with the thought of excellence in mind? You should have! Never forget our motto.

It probably seems like camp was forever. Believe it or not, we are just at the beginning of our season. It will fly by. Lots and lots to work on and lots more to learn. Certainly get some rest, enjoy the rest of your summer break, but keep in mind we have to keep the ball rolling from camp and making it better and better.

Please go over the schedule with your folks, get those email addresses entered into the app for our fundraiser (we are up to \$1300 btw) and don't forget our practice Tuesday from 3:30pm – 7:00pm. This is a continuation of band camp so whatever you brought or had for camp, please bring on Tuesday.

Thanks again for all you do to make our program a success!

Mike Howell

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