



# OAK GROVE BANDS

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Students and Parents:

I wanted to try and get the weekly update out on time this week for several reasons. I have heard from many that the students did very well at the first game on this past Friday night and I had no doubts of that at all. While dealing with all this COVID mess, I am still trying to be a part of the daily operations and am in constant communication with Mr. Liner and the staff. This letter will share some updates and give info about a temporary change in plans.

I had to have a nurse from the health department come to my home this morning since I really started feeling some worse yesterday evening. After an exam, she found that I am starting to develop some pneumonia. I just completed a video appointment with my doctor and he will be able to give me some antibiotics and steroids to knock this out quickly since I am supposed to return to work on Thurs. If that is not possible, it will most likely be Monday, if I don't end up in the hospital.

I have had numerous conversations with Mr. Dalton this morning and I have decided that until I return, all marching band activities are on hold. We will not have practice tomorrow after school and, unless I am back on Thursday, the band will not perform at the game. We have had a few issues here and there that make this decision the best at this time for the students and the staff.

Mr. Dalton is in 100% agreement with this decision. Please do not contact him about this as he is buried in COVID related things and in running the school. Again, we talked at length. I would also encourage everyone to make sure the students, particularly the leadership, understand that it will do them no good to try to reverse or find alternatives to this decision. I am not comfortable with any activity happening without myself or Mr. Liner there to supervise. If I think I will be back Thursday, I will let everyone know as soon as possible so we can plan for the game.

At this time, I am unable to say anything else except that it is my goal to get better and back as soon as possible. I am hoping that things will settle and return to normal very soon.

Mr. Howell