



OAK GROVE BANDS

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Students and Parents:

OG Band Family,

I am so happy to be writing this letter to you! This time last week, I was in Forsyth Hospital with double pneumonia brought on by COVID. I was on quite a bit of supplemental oxygen for a while and the incredible doctors and staff there helped me get that down to nothing and I was able to be discharged this past Friday evening. I have been home resting since then and am making progress.

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate the numerous thoughts and prayers sent by so many of you over the past few weeks. I can tell you that I felt each one and know in my heart that I am getting better because of them! It means more than you know.

At this time, the goal is for me to continue resting at home with an anticipated return to work on Monday, September 13th. I can't wait to see all of you and miss being with you at OG. I know that once I return, it will take a bit of time for me to get back in the groove but am sure we will get things back together quickly. It means so much to me that all of you have kept things going in my absence. I have heard great things from the administration and band staff. I expected no less.

I do want to give an update for the rest of this week. Due to some COVID issues, the home football game has been cancelled for this Friday night. It will not be rescheduled. We will have our normal Thursday practice and also the practice after school on Friday. The band staff will be communicating specific plans about Friday's practice which may also include a dinner at the end.

I will be sending an updated season schedule before Monday. Thank you again for everything and I hope you have a great rest of the week. See you soon!

Mr. Howell