



OAK GROVE BANDS

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OG Band Family,

We have had a great week and two days since my return last Monday. It sure has been good to be back with the students and I have continued to be impressed with the music I am hearing. It is obvious that lots of hard work was done while I was out. I know that the next few weeks will see some great things happen as we prepare for our first competition on October 9th.

This Friday, our football team has a bye so there will be no game. We do have our first Mini-Camp on this Saturday, the 25th from 9am – 2pm. This will be an opportunity to get all new drill material learned. We will also use that time to review and clean what has already been learned. Mini-Camps are mandatory as it is crucial to have everyone present so that we can put in our best effort for a successful competition performance. These Saturdays have also been “reserved” on our marching band schedule since this past spring so there should be no conflicts with our events. Students should bring lunch or have it delivered at noon but will not be allowed to leave campus. Dress for the day is comfortable “school clothes” with tennis shoes.

We are in the process of getting fee balance statements prepared. As a reminder, the final portion of this seasons band fees are due on or before October 1st. It is crucial that we have these fees paid in a timely manner as we do have many costs involved with fielding our band for competitions. Our balance is getting relatively low in the booster checking account and our marching expenses are in danger of not getting met if we do not collect the fees still owed. As of today, the amount still out is a little over \$7000! Please contact me if you need to discuss fee payment. Again, balance statements will be sent home very soon.

Thank you again for everything and I hope you have a great rest of the week. See you soon!

Mr. Howell

Special Request for HELP!!!

Parents/Adults:

On Sunday July 25th, during band camp registration, we had a sign-up sheet for those interested in helping out with the different areas of need for this season. I'd like to take a moment to mention three areas of great concern and need over the weeks coming-up.

CONCESSION STAND

As you know, our boosters run the visitor side concession stand for our home JV and Varsity Football games. Several parents have stepped-in to help make this happen and that is greatly appreciated! However, we have several slots left in order to complete our season and make money for our band. Recently, many of the same parents have been working multiple games and we would love to have more involvement from you. Working the stand is very simple and if several parents sign-up to help, no one person will have to do those multiple events. "Many hands make light work!"

Here is a link to the sign-up genius for our concession dates. PLEASE consider working part (or all) of one of our games in order to support each other and our band. THANKS!!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084da4ac2ba4fd0-ogband1>

FIELD PROPS

Our marching show has a theme. The music, drill, and costuming is meant to represent or tell the story of the Malleus Maleficarum or "The Hammer of Witches." This text, written in the 1500's was the first meant to educate about the recognition, capture, and punishment of those suspected of practicing witchcraft. Our music is intense and powerful as you might imagine and will be a very competitive show.

To add to the show, we would like to have some physical pieces (props) on the field for visual appeal. Several large "stones," a small village (house with fence, etc.) and a few other things would really help our audience and the judges understand the story we are presenting through music.

I have designed what we'd like but we do need parents willing to help construct and then manage these props. **We are going to have a planning meeting for anyone interested in helping on this Saturday the 25th at 9:15am in our band room.** This is right at the beginning of our Mini-Camp #1. You do not have to be a master carpenter or a Michelangelo in order to help. (Channel you inner Bob Ross maybe?) 😊

PIT CREW/EQUIPMENT HELP

During the set-up, performance, and tear-down of our performances including the ones that are “on the road,” we will need lots of parents/adults to assist with loading, moving, re-packing, and transporting all of the instruments, equipment, and props we use. We do have some folks willing to help by pulling our band trailers but need even more to help with the rest. It literally takes an army to make all this happen for our kids. Please consider helping out at one or many of our performances! A minimum of 10 parents for each performance is key to our success!

If you would be willing and able to give any of your time (or know anyone that would) in any of the areas I just mentioned, please contact me or use the link to access the sign-up genius (for concession stand).

DON'T FORGET...

Planning meeting to discuss field show props!

This Saturday (9/25)

9:15am

OGHS Band Room