



OAK GROVE BANDS

THE SOUND OF GRIZZLY PRIDE

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OG Band Family,

Busy, busy week for us at OG! We accomplished the goal of setting our third movement drill this past Saturday at our first mini-camp and now must shift gears to cleaning things already taught and getting the fourth and final movement on the field. It is critical that everyone be at all of our practices this week, including the second mini-camp on Saturday. Our first competition is coming quickly (10/9) and we will need every second of time up until then to put everything together.

- Regular practices on Tuesday and Thursday this week. 3:30pm – 7:00pm
 - o A few parents met with me on Saturday morning to begin designing props for the show. They will be meeting again on Tuesday at practice in order to begin construction. We need more volunteers to help them! You do not have to be a master at construction or art. Just willing to help out. “Many hands make light work!”
- Friday Night Football!! - This is our HOMECOMING game and will be against Asheboro.
 - o We will have our regular pre-game practice from 3:30pm – 5:00pm
 - o Hope City Church will be providing a pre-game meal for the band! Thanks so much to them!
 - o The band will perform their field show during pre-game (7:10pm). Homecoming events will take place during halftime.
 - o Dress for the game will be blue Grizzly Band t-shirts, jeans, and tennis shoes. Bring a jacket.
- MINI-CAMP #2 – Saturday from 9:00am – 2:00pm. Bring lunch with or have delivered at noon.
 - o MC #1 was very successful and we have no doubts that this one will be. Keep in mind that we will be learning lots of new material as well as review. It is crucial that everyone is there for the entire time. Again, the lot gate will open at 8:25am and everyone is expected to be at OG and ready to begin camp *before* 9:00am.
 - o Don't forget to wear the appropriate clothes and bring hats, sunscreen, and sunglasses as the weather will be much like it was this past Saturday.

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.

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 begin construction, painting, etc. TODAY at practice!** More work will be done throughout the week, Thursday at practice, and Saturday at Mini-Camp #2. You do not have to be a master carpenter or painter in order to help.

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! I will share a link for sign-up soon.