

# OAK GROVE BANDS

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Students and Parents,

I hope this letter finds everyone healthy and staying warm this winter. I think we are starting to see some light at the end of the tunnel and I am hoping things get back to normal sooner than later. I wanted to share a bit of information with you as we are about to begin our performances with the marching band.

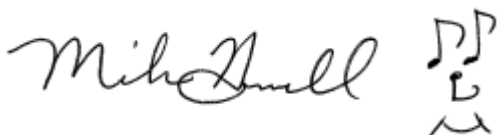
First, the band has been doing a great job despite our obstacles and less than ideal weather. They continue to work hard and we will have some great music and yes, even drill to share at our first game on March 12<sup>th</sup>. This will also be our Senior Night at OGHS and our senior band members along with their parents will be recognized pre-game. I have two tickets for each senior.

Although this has not been a typical school year for us, we have still managed to provide the marching activity as best as we could. Last spring, information was sent home for those that wanted to march detailing our band fees, etc. At that time, we had decided to raise the basic fee to \$250. Due to the pandemic, we have reduced that back to the original \$200. Please understand that this fee covers all of the music, drill, special instruction, and many other things that are typical and necessary during marching band, regardless of our performance opportunities. It was our feeling that the students wanted to have marching band this spring, regardless of the difference and we have all worked to make that happen. Many other schools in our district have not.

Today, I will be emailing a Google form to all of the students that are in marching band. This form details fee payment, etc. and **should be completed along with parents/guardians**. Again, please understand that we must have these fees in order to make the marching experience happen for our students at Oak Grove. Keep in mind that many of the items listed may be reused in future seasons. We need the form to be completed as soon as possible.

Thanks so much for taking the time to complete the form and for supporting our musicians and band!

Musically,



Mike Howell