



OAK GROVE BANDS

THE SOUND OF GRIZZLY PRIDE

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Students and Parents:

It is almost that time... BAND CAMP 2023!

I hope everyone is having a great summer and has had time to rest and relax. Please find some info here about our upcoming marching band camp activities. Please remember that band camp is **REQUIRED** for all members of the OGHS Marching Band.

For all **RETURNING** members, please be aware that our schedule for camp is different than in years past. We think that this change will maximize instructional time with staff and increase productivity. Any issues with these times, transportation, etc. will be handled on a case-by-case basis with the band directors.

READ THE FOLLOWING PAGES VERY CAREFULLY!

This is a ton of information with staggered times, dates, etc.

Read the following pages very carefully and highlight what applies to you!

2023-24 OGHS “Sound of Grizzly Pride” Marching Band

CAMP SCHEDULE

(fyi.. “Hornline” is ALL Brass and Woodwinds. “Percussion” is Drumline and Front Ensemble)

Thursday, August 3rd: *Special email sent to all students involved in this activity

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM TRAINING

12:00pm – 5:00pm – OGHS Band Room (section leaders, captains, drum majors only)

and...

OGHS DRUMLINE – Special Performance during DCS Administrator Training

12:00pm – 5:00pm – OGHS Band Room

Friday, August 4th:

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM TRAINING

9:00am – 12:00pm – OGHS Band Room (section leaders, captains, drum majors only)

Saturday, August 5th:

No Camp Activities Today

Everyone should get some rest and work on your required items for camp (listed below).

Sunday, August 6th: **First Day for EVERYONE!!**

CAMP REGISTRATION, INFO MEETING & RECEPTION!

At least 1 parent or guardian (adult representative) must be present for each student!

NO EXCEPTIONS!

5:30pm – 8:00pm – OGHS Auditorium and Cafeteria

(ALL MEMBERS and at least 1 parent or guardian/adult representative!)

Monday, August 7th – Friday, August 11th:

BAND CAMP – WEEK 1!

Hornline & Drum Majors – 9:00am – 12:00pm

Percussion, Color Guard & Drum Majors – 1:00pm – 4:00pm

EVERYONE – 5:00pm – 8:00pm

Saturday & Sunday, August 12th & 13th

No Camp Activities These Days (get some rest!)

Monday, August 14th – Thursday, August 17th:

BAND CAMP – WEEK 2!

Hornline & Drum Majors – 9:00am – 12:00pm

Percussion, Color Guard & Drum Majors – 1:00pm – 4:00pm

EVERYONE – 5:00pm – 8:00pm

*** Uniform Fittings will take place on Tuesday, the 15th. More details during camp.*

*** Section and Senior Pics (for banners) will also take place this week. Details soon.*

Friday, August 18th:

BAND CAMP ENDS! And...

PERFORMANCE EVENT: HOME FOOTBALL GAME vs. Southwest Guilford!!

PREVIEW PERFORMANCE of “*The Red Brick Road*” During Halftime!!

EVERYONE – 1:00pm – until

Specific details about game will be sent during camp.

**Remember that ALL of our events are REQUIRED and EXPECTED from ALL members of the 2023-24 OGHS “Sound of Grizzly Pride” Marching Band!*

SOME CAMP INFO

(much more will be shared during the camp registration meeting on the 6th)

Student Leadership Camp and Special Drumline Performance

Our Student Leadership Team is a crucial part of our marching band at OG! These students have applied for this position and have been accepted based on their past performance ability as well as potential as leaders. During this part of camp, these students will be discussing skills, tips/tricks, etc. at how to become leaders as well as learn about this season’s sections and will create a unified plan for the camp and season. It is critical that each member of the leadership team be present to make sure they receive this training and make sure their voice is heard for the season.

On Thursday, August 3rd, the entire Administration of Davidson County Schools (County Office personnel as well as all school Principals and Assistant Principals) will be finishing their final day of training. As this will have been held at OGHS, we have been asked to provide some musical entertainment for their final meeting. I would love to have all of our drumline members and some other selected students make this happen for our school leadership. An email has been sent to those involved and it is my hope that we can provide some great music for them!

Camp Registration, Info Meeting & Reception

Beginning at 5:30pm on August, 6th (Sunday) we will have our staggered registration, followed by a full info session in the auditorium and a brief reception afterwards in our cafeteria. During registration, any fees may be paid, items may be ordered and those that have selected the specific plan may sign-up for volunteer opportunities. The full information session will have the introduction of staff, student leadership, Band Booster Board Members and we will be sharing tons of information about camp as well as the season. Bring questions! Following the meeting, we will have a reception/season kick-off celebration in the cafeteria. Cake squares, snacks and drinks will be available and this will be a great time for everyone to meet and get to know each other!

Staggered Registration Schedule (Please arrive at your designated time)

5:30pm - 6:00pm: All **RETURNING** Hornline Members and Drum Majors

6:00pm – 6:30pm: All **RETURNING** Color Guard and Percussion Members

6:30pm – 7:00pm: All **NEW** Members regardless of section

7:00pm: Full Information Session/Meeting for **EVERYONE** in the Auditorium.

NO FOOD OR DRINKS in Auditorium! No Exceptions!

Reception to follow in the cafeteria!

Band Camp – Weeks 1 & 2

Monday the 7th, **regular camp days begin!** As you will see, there are staggered arrival and dismissal times. *ALL MEALS should be taken care of before arrival, after dismissal or during the one hour break between 12:00pm – 1:00pm or 4:00pm – 5:00pm. Although small water breaks will be taken throughout practice, NO formal meal breaks will happen during rehearsal hours.*

Specific Daily Schedule for Sections (Please arrive BEFORE your rehearsal begins!)

9:00am – 12:00pm: HORNLINE & DRUM MAJORS

1:00pm – 4:00pm: PERCUSSION, COLOR GUARD & DRUM MAJORS

5:00pm – 8:00pm: EVERYONE

Uniform Fittings: On Tuesday the 15th beginning at 4pm, our representative from Stanbury Uniforms will be at OG to measure any student needing gloves, pants (bibs) and shoes. We will let each student know what they will need and if they need to arrive a bit early that day. We are also hoping to get those needing a uniform jacket and/or hat fitted as well. *We may be asking for some parent volunteers to help with this.*

Section and Senior Pics: Sometime during Week 2, we will also have Yasmin Leonard from Leonard Photography at OG to take full section pictures for the program which will be available at the home football games. Also at this time, she will take pictures of the band seniors for the banner displayed at the games. Seniors wanting individual banners will be able to order those at that time. Those individual senior banners are \$85.00 and a check can be made payable to: Leonard Photography.

Specific Items and Reminders for Camp

Most of this will be discussed in detail during our meeting on the 6th but in the meantime, just a few items...

- Arrive EARLY for everything! If rehearsal starts at 5:00pm, that means instruction will begin at that time. We do not have time to waste in preparing this show. There will be consequences this season for those that are late or delay start of rehearsal.
- Take care of your body and listen to it! Often, we will be outside and will be moving. To prevent missed instruction due to “sickness”, remember these tips:
 - o HYDRATE, HYDRATE, HYDRATE! (Plenty of water! More than you think!) Have your own water bottle with your name on it!
 - o Eat Sensibly. Protein and light things good, dairy and greasy/heavy things bad! Not eating at all...TERRIBLE!
 - o Wear light, comfortable clothing. No dark colors as they draw heat. Heavy things like hoodies, jeans, etc. will make you pass out!
 - o Appropriate footwear is crucial. Tennis shoes or band shoes only. No sandals, boots, etc.
 - o Sunglasses, sunscreen, hats, etc. can be lifesavers. No sunburns needed at camp!

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF! NO MISSED REHEARSAL DUE TO ILLNESS FROM POOR PLANNING!

More info will be sent to the students' school email address as well as posted on the band website (www.oakgrovebands.com) and the BAND App this coming week. Please keep an eye on these!

No excuses for not receiving information this season.

If you are not already on the BAND App, here is the code to join:



You can scan the QR code or go to www.band.us and search for Oak Grove Bands.

Looking so forward to seeing everyone for camp. I know it is going to be a great season!

Musically,

Mike Howell 

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