



# ***OAK GROVE BANDS***

***THE SOUND OF GRIZZLY PRIDE***

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OG Band Family,

It is finally here...DAVIDSON COUNTY BAND NIGHT & COMPETITION #1, the Ledford Festival of Bands! The band has had a few performances at our two home football games and they have been improving and adding each week. This Saturday, the “rubber meets the road” so to speak and we will find ourselves in Class 3A competition against the marching band from West Forsyth High School. This letter will provide a breakdown of the week’s events as well as tons of information about DC Band Night and the competition on Saturday. I hope that we will find a huge number of supporters in the audience at Ledford cheering us on when we take the field.

Tomorrow, The Sound of Grizzly Pride will take the field here at OGHS for an exhibition performance during our annual Davidson County Band Night. The event begins at 5:30pm with the combined bands from DCS performing the National Anthem. Each high school band will exhibit their field shows concluding with OGHS at 7:40pm. Band students are reminded to have everything they will need in order to perform IN UNIFORM.

Thursday will be a regular practice for the band. We are changing the times due to fading light so be aware that moving forward, Tuesday/Thursday practices will be 4:00pm – 7:00pm.

This Friday, our football team will be HOME against Asheboro. We do not have school as it is a teacher workday. However, all marching band students should plan on arriving at 1:00pm. We will have practice until 5:15pm. Dinner will be provided by God’s Saving Grace Church and we are so appreciative of that! The football game will be that evening.

Saturday will be a busy day with the students arriving at OG by 11am. I would suggest eating a late breakfast before arrival. This will be an opportunity to get all new drill material learned and cleaned for the competition. We will also use that time to review and clean what has already been learned. Saturdays have been “reserved” on our marching band schedule since August so there should be no conflicts with our events. Students will have an opportunity for snacks before leaving to go to Ledford and will be able to eat when they arrive there. Dress for the pre-competition practice is comfortable “school clothes” with tennis shoes. Uniforms will be worn for the performance.

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

Mr. Howell

**EVENT #1: Davidson County Band Night**

**DATE: Tuesday, September 26, 2023**

**TIMES: 3:30pm – until end**

**DRESS: FULL UNIFORM (Blue Grizzly Band Shirt under uniform. NO JEANS!)**

**NEED TO BRING WITH: Uniform Parts & Money for dinner (approx. \$10 suggested)**

**EVENT #2: Regular Practice**

**DATE: Thursday, September 28, 2023**

**TIMES: 4:00pm – 7:00pm**

**DRESS: School Clothes**

**NEED TO BRING WITH:**

**EVENT #3: Home Football Game against Asheboro**

**DATE: Friday, September 29, 2023**

**TIMES: 1:00pm – until**

**DRESS: School Clothes and FULL UNIFORM**

**NEED TO BRING WITH: Uniform Parts and Money for concessions (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Break)**

**EVENT #4: BAND FESTIVAL at Ledford High School**

**DATE: Saturday, September 30, 2023**

**TIMES: 11:00am – 9:30pm (approx.)**

**DRESS: FULL UNIFORM! (“Blue Grizzly Band Shirt under uniform. NO JEANS!)**

**NEED TO BRING WITH: Uniform parts & money for concessions, booths, etc.**

**\* Suggested eating a late breakfast before arriving on Saturday. Students will have the opportunity to buy food at the festival. They MUST EAT A GOOD BREAKFAST! (Protein good, Dairy bad. Not eating, HORRIBLE!)**

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**11:00am – Students arrive at OG**

**11:00am – 2:30pm – Pre-Festival Practice**

**2:30pm – 3:00pm – Dress, load equipment, etc.**

**3:00pm – Depart for Ledford High School**

**140 Jesse Green Rd. Thomasville, NC 27360**

**3:15pm – Arrive at LHS**

**3:30pm – 5:20pm – Watch Class 2A in performance**

**5:20pm – Return to trailers, get equipment/instruments, etc., Prep for warm-up**

**5:50pm – Warm-up**

**6:40pm – OG Marching Band Performs “THE RED BRICK ROAD” in Class 3A!**

**After performance – 8:25pm – Watch Class 4A and 5A Competition, eat, etc.**

**8:25pm – Award Ceremony**

**9:30pm(approx.) – Arrive at OG. Unpack, clean, etc.**

**10:00pm(approx.) – Go Home and get some rest!**

\* When the event is over, ALL students will have responsibilities such as putting their instruments away, cleaning-up, etc. NO STUDENTS will be able to leave until dismissed by their section leader.

\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER THAT SOME OF THESE TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE. Band festivals typically run behind so be flexible! Your child will be allowed to use cell phones to call you, etc. REMIND and Band App messages with updates will also be sent throughout the event.

**GO GRIZZLY BAND!!!**