



OAK GROVE BANDS

THE SOUND OF GRIZZLY PRIDE

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OG Band Family,

Another great weekend for the Sound of Grizzly Pride this past weekend at the Freedom Festival of Bands. We are all certainly proud of the band and would also like to thank all of the parents and supporters that helped in any way over the past week! CONGRATS to our parents and other volunteers on not only being awarded our Spirit Chain by the students but also the "Pit Crew" award at the Freedom Festival. Your hard work is appreciated more than you know!

As you already know, we have a busy week including regular Tuesday practice, an abbreviated practice on Thursday, our FALL CONCERT, our final regular season football game away against Central Davidson and our next competition at Northwest Guilford High School. **In addition, our Concert Band and Wind Ensemble will have their annual Fall Concert in our auditorium on Thursday at 7:30pm!** (Marching Band WILL practice from 4:00pm – 6:00pm.)

Tougher competition will be faced this weekend at Northwest Guilford as we face the marching bands from Cox Mill, Orange and East Lincoln High Schools. This letter will provide much info. Please read the schedule below carefully. Lots to think about.

If you are not utilizing the Band App, I would encourage you to do so as soon as possible. I have included the QR code for the Band App here. I hope you have a great rest of the week. See you soon!

Mr. Howell



NOTE: We will need lots of parent/supporter help on Saturday at the competition AND LOTS OF SUPPORT IN THE STANDS!

Please consider helping out!

EVENT #1: High School Concert Band and Wind Ensemble – FALL CONCERT

DATE: Thursday, October 26, 2023

TIMES: 7:30pm – until* (*Marching Band WILL practice from 4:00pm – 6:00pm*)

DRESS: Concert Black

NEED TO BRING WITH: Admission is FREE.

EVENT #2: FOOTBALL GAME – Away Game against Central Davidson High School

DATE: Friday, October 27, 2023

TIMES: 3:30pm – until*

DRESS: FULL UNIFORM (blue OG Grizzly Band Shirt underneath. NO JEANS)

NEED TO BRING WITH: Money for Concessions (approx. \$10)

ITINERARY

3:30pm – 5:15pm – Practice at OG

5:15pm – 6:00pm – Dinner, Dress, etc.

Dinner provided by SENIOR PARENTS! (THANK YOU!!!!)

6:15pm – Depart for CDHS

7:00pm – Arrive at CDHS (unload, head to stadium, etc.)

7:30pm - Kickoff

@10:00pm – End of Game

10:45pm – Arrive at OGHS

EVENT #3: BAND FESTIVAL at Northwest Guilford High School

DATE: Saturday, October 28, 2023

TIMES: 1:15pm - until

DRESS: FULL UNIFORM! ("RBR" SHOW Shirt under uniform. NO JEANS!)

NEED TO BRING WITH: *Money for concessions, etc.

*** Students will have the opportunity to buy food at the festival, possibly before but definitely after we perform. They MUST EAT A GOOD LUNCH! (Protein good, Dairy bad. Not eating, HORRIBLE!)**

ITINERARY

1:15pm – Students arrive at OG (EAT LUNCH BEFORE YOU ARRIVE!)

1:30pm – 3:30pm – Practice

3:30pm - Dress and Load Equipment, etc.

4:00pm – Depart for Northwest Guilford High School

5240 NW School Rd, Greensboro, NC 27409

@5:00pm – Arrive at Northwest Guilford High School (RR, quick snack, etc.)

6:00pm – Students back at trailer

6:40pm – Warm-up

7:30pm – OG Marching Band Performs "THE RED BRICK ROAD" in Class 5A!

9:15pm – Award Ceremony for Classes 4A – 7A

@10:15pm – Depart NWGHS for OG

@11:00pm – Arrive at OG. Unpack, clean, etc.

@11:15pm – 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 Mr. Howell or Mr. Liner.

**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. Band App messages with updates will also be sent throughout the event.

GO GRIZZLY BAND!!!!