



OAK GROVE BANDS

THE SOUND OF GRIZZLY PRIDE

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OG Band Family,

Wonderful first performance of our competition season for the Sound of Grizzly Pride! Lots of great moments and we will be working hard this week to prepare for Mount Airy! The band is continuing to work hard and I know that they will experience great success at these performances.

I wanted to take a moment to share some important information about some upcoming events. Please read all information carefully and let me know if you have questions.

HOMEcomings WEEK EVENTS (October 2nd – 6th)

We will have practice as normal on Tuesday, October 3rd and Thursday, October 5th, keeping in mind that we begin at 4pm and end at 7pm. We do have our Powder Puff Football Game beginning at 7pm in the stadium so plan ahead as far as the traffic goes. Band students choosing to stay and watch the PPF Game must take care of all band-related responsibilities before going to the game.

The Homecoming Football Game is Friday night, October 6th against North Davidson. We will have a pre-game performance (7:08pm) of our competition show, "The Red Brick Road" followed by a combined performance of the National Anthem (7:21pm) from OG and North Davidson Bands and certainly some other music throughout the evening.

MOUNT AIRY FESTIVAL OF BANDS and HOMEcomings DANCE (Saturday, October 7th)

Arrival on Saturday will be for a start time of 11:00am. We will rehearse until 1:30pm and then load-up for a departure of 2:00pm. We will stop along the way (probably around King) for some late lunch before continuing on to Mount Airy. The final schedule I have just received from Mount Airy has OG performing in Class 3A Competition at 5:40pm. They have their awards ceremony beginning at 8:35pm.

Understanding that the OG Homecoming Dance is scheduled to begin at 7:00pm, I would offer the following suggestion/option for those wanting to attend:

Attending the morning activities and then traveling ON THE BUS to the festival, performing in Class 3A and repacking equipment is required of all OG Marching Band members. After the performance is over and everything is stored, etc. those that wish to leave to prepare for and attend the Homecoming Dance may do so by completing the proper paperwork and following the established procedure for leaving a band event early. There are two forms, "Transportation of Students by Private Vehicle" and "Report of Absence Form" that can be found in the Google Drive that has been shared with the students. These are also available in hard copy from the band office. The students should complete and have parents sign these forms sooner than later if they wish to leave the Mount Airy competition early. A reminder that they MUST ride with a parent or someone designated by their parent. Students will NOT be allowed to leave with other students, carpool, etc. unless the driver has been designated by the parent on the appropriate form.

EVENT #1: HOME Football Game – North Davidson High School (HOMECOMING)

DATE: Friday, October 6th, 2023

TIMES: 3:30pm – 10:00pm (approx.)

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

NEED TO BRING WITH: Money for concessions.

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3:30pm – Students begin regular practice at OG

5:30pm – Dinner (Provided by Abbots Creek Church) THANK YOU AC!!

6:30pm – Dress for Performance

7:08pm – Sound of Grizzly Pride performs "The Red Brick Road"

7:21pm – Perform National Anthem with NDHS Band

7:30pm - Kickoff

9:30pm (Approx.) – Game Ends

10:00pm (Approx.) – Clean/Go Home*

EVENT #2: BAND FESTIVAL at Mount Airy High School

DATE: Saturday, October 7th, 2023

TIMES: 11:00am – 10:45pm (approx.)

DRESS: FULL UNIFORM! (Red “RBR” Show Shirt under uniform. NO JEANS!)

NEED TO BRING WITH: Lunch* and money for concessions, booths, etc.

*** Students should eat a good breakfast before arriving at 11am. We will stop along the way for a late lunch. Students will have the opportunity to buy food at the festival AFTER we perform. They MUST EAT A GOOD BREAKFAST! (Protein good, Dairy bad. Not eating, HORRIBLE!)**

ITINERARY

11:00am – Students arrive at OG

11:00am – 1:30pm – Rehearsal

1:30pm – 2:00pm – Prep for Departure

2:00pm – Depart for Mount Airy High School

1011 N South St. Mount Airy, NC 27030

2:45pm - 3:30pm – Eat Late Lunch (King, NC)

4:15pm – Arrive at Mount Airy High School

4:50pm – Warm-up

5:40pm – OG Marching Band Performs “The Red Brick Road” in Class 3A!

After performance – 8:30pm – Watch Competition, eat, etc.

8:35pm – Award Ceremony

10:45pm(approx.) – Arrive at OG. Unpack, clean, etc.

11:00pm(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.

I hope you have a great rest of the week. Hope to see you all at our performances!

Mr. Howell

GO GRIZZLY BAND!!!