



OAK GROVE BANDS

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OG Band Family,

Another great Saturday for our band! After a very weird, disappointing and unsettling Friday, our band rallied and performed very well at Mount Airy. I do apologize for the very late return. Mount Airy ran a very successful band festival for many years but had to stop during the pandemic. Four years later, a new band director and new band parents have revived the festival and certainly have some “kinks” to work out. 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.

We will have practice as normal on Thursday, October 12th, keeping in mind that we begin at 4pm and end at 7pm.

The Friday night game, October 13th against Ledford is AWAY. We will have regular practice, beginning at 3:30pm and our pregame meal sponsored by Brandi Moye at 5:30pm. We will leave for Ledford at 6:30pm. We have been invited to perform the National Anthem with their band and will play in the stands for the rest of the evening. We will not have an opportunity to perform our field show.

CAROLINA CLASSIC – East Lincoln High School (Saturday, October 14th)

Arrival on Saturday will be for a start time of 9:00am. We will rehearse until 11:00am and then load-up for a departure of 11:30am. We will stop along the way (probably around Salisbury) for some lunch before continuing on to East Lincoln. The final schedule I have just received from EL has OG performing in Class 2A Competition at 3:20pm. They have their awards ceremony beginning at 8:50pm.

Attending the morning activities and then traveling ON THE BUS to the festival, performing in Class 2A 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 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 East Lincoln 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: AWAY Football Game – Ledford High School

DATE: Friday, October 13th, 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 Brandi Moye) THANK YOU BRANDI!!

6:00 – 6:15pm – Dress for Performance and Load Equipment

7:25pm – Perform National Anthem with LHS Band

7:35pm - Kickoff

9:30pm (Approx.) – Game Ends

10:00pm (Approx.) – Clean/Go Home*

EVENT #2: BAND FESTIVAL at East Lincoln High School

DATE: Saturday, October 14th, 2023

TIMES: 9:00am – 11:15pm (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 9am. We will stop along the way for 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!)**

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9:00am – Students arrive at OG

9:00am – 11:00am – Rehearsal

11:00am – 11:30am – Prep for Departure

11:30am – Depart for East Lincoln High School

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12:15pm - 1:00pm – Eat Lunch (Salisbury, NC)

1:45pm – Arrive at East Lincoln High School

2:20pm – Warm-up

3:20pm – OG Marching Band Performs “The Red Brick Road” in Class 2A!

After performance – 8:50pm – Watch Competition, eat, etc.

8:50pm – Award Ceremony

11:15pm(approx.) – Arrive at OG. Unpack, clean, etc.

11:30pm(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!!!