



# OAK GROVE BANDS

*THE SOUND OF GRIZZLY PRIDE*

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OG Band Family,

A first place finish in Visual Performance (marching) for the Sound of Grizzly Pride this past weekend at the East Lincoln Festival. 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! As you already know, we have a busy week including regular Tuesday practice, our final regular season football game at home against Montgomery Central, Marching Band Senior recognition during the game and our next competition at Freedom High School. **There is a potential of rain on Friday which has moved the Varsity Game to Thursday. As a result, our Concert Band and Wind Ensemble FALL CONCERT will be moved to next Thursday, the 26<sup>th</sup>.**

Tough competition will be on the plate for us this weekend at Freedom as we face the marching bands from North Henderson, Burns, Draughn, and East Burke 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! A Sign-up Genius can be found on the Band App.**

**EVENT #1: FOOTBALL GAME – HOME Game against Montgomery Central High School**

**SENIOR NIGHT!! (Senior Parents see instructions below...)**

**DATE: Thursday, October 19, 2023 (due to chance of rain on Friday)**

**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 – 5:00pm – Practice at OG**

**5:00pm – 6:00pm – Dinner, Dress, etc.**

**Dinner provided by Wallburg Baptist Church (THANK YOU!!!)**

**6:15pm – SENIOR PARENTS ARRIVE at Band Room**

**6:??pm – Warm-up, prepare to march to stadium – SENIOR PARENTS to Track**

**6:??pm – SENIOR NIGHT RECOGNITION**

**6:51pm - NATIONAL ANTHEM – OG Band**

**HALFTIME – FULL PERFORMANCE of “The Red Brick Road” – OG Band**

**@10:00pm – End of Game**

**NOTE: We MAY have practice on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> from 3:30pm – 5:30pm depending on the weather. We will decide by the end of the game on Thursday night.**

**EVENT #2: BAND FESTIVAL at Freedom High School**

**DATE: Saturday, October 21, 2023**

**TIMES: 9:00am - until**

**DRESS: FULL UNIFORM! (Red "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 before and after we perform. They MUST EAT A GOOD BREAKFAST! (Protein good, Dairy bad. Not eating, HORRIBLE!)**

## **ITINERARY**

**9:00am – Students arrive at OG (EAT BREAKFAST BEFORE YOU ARRIVE!)**

**9:00am – 10:30am – Warm-up/Review Drill**

**10:30am - Dress and Load Equipment, etc.**

**11:00am – Depart for Freedom High School**

**511 Independence Blvd. Morganton, NC 28655**

**@1:00pm – Arrive at Freedom High School**

**(Watch bands in class 2A and awards ceremony. Eat lunch, etc.)**

**3:15pm – Students back at trailer**

**3:55pm – Warm-up**

**4:40pm – OG Marching Band Performs "The Red Brick Road" in Class 3A!**

**8:50pm – Award Ceremony for Classes 3A – 5A**

**@9:45pm – Depart Freedom High School for OG**

**@11:45pm – Arrive at OG. Unpack, clean, etc.**

**@12:00am – 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!!!!**