

Hi Band Family!

I have a few updates to share with you today.

### **Senior Night**

Great news! We ARE having a senior night! It will be a little different, but the most important thing is that it IS happening and we get to recognize our awesome seniors!!! Our regular itinerary will be slightly altered because we have to arrive at the stadium a little earlier than usual. I will post that information on the band website and email it out as soon as I have it ready. There will also be a short questionnaire for seniors to fill out to provide the necessary information for senior recognition. Seniors will be allowed to wear their crowns for this game. I am working on logistics of the show performance and shoe tradition. I will give everyone more information as I have it. Please go through the proper leadership channels with any questions.

Below is information that I received from our athletic department regarding senior night:

*“Senior night will be very similar to last year. The festivities will begin with Football at 5:50 followed by, Cheer, Trainers then band. All parents must purchase a ticket through [www.gofan.co](http://www.gofan.co) and enter through the south gate starting at 5:30. Once inside the stadium only the party escorting each student will be permitted on the field. We will open the ticket booths at 5:30 instead of 6:00 so everyone can enter.*

*Football, Cheer, and Trainers will be lined up on the home sideline fence starting on the southside 40-yard line. The band will be lined up starting on the opposite 40 on the same sideline fence (in alphabetical order). Everyone must be masked and groups must be socially distanced from each other per CDC guidelines. The coach/Director of each program and Dr. Carr will greet the family on the 50-yard line. The Family will proceed out to the hash for a Family photo. Masks can be removed for the photo. After the photo, the family will walk to the southern 40-yard line, walk down to the sideline and exit down the sidelines and through the southwest gate.”*

### **Playoff Game**

We received notification today that we will have a home playoff game on November 13<sup>th</sup>. This is great news because it gives us another opportunity to perform our show! I have added this game to the calendar and modified the rehearsals leading up to it as well. After our last regular game (October 23), we are cutting marching band rehearsals down to only once a week. On October 29, November 5, and November 12 we will rehearse from 4:00-6:00pm. We will also be looking for a sponsor for Family Dinner that day, so if you know of a community group or church that would be interested, please let me know.

If we win the first playoff game, there will potentially be more. We will only be attending the home games at Spec Martin Stadium.

### **Concerts**

Due to the number of students currently working online from home and the lost playing time due to our new safety protocols, we will not be performing a Veteran’s Day Concert this year.

We will be turning our focus to our Prism and Winter Concerts and plan to reinstitute the Veteran's Concert in 2021.

Our Prism Concerts will consist of jazz band, small ensembles, and solo performances. We will be limiting the number of tickets for each performance, but we are looking at the possibility of adding a Friday night show to accommodate everyone that wants to attend. We will be holding a separate "virtual" Winter Concert for our larger ensembles (Symphonic Band & Wind Ensemble) in partnership with our DHS Choir program. Filming for the Winter Concert will take place the week of December 14 after school. Once Mr. Cawthon and I have a chance to work out all of the details we will share them with you. The Winter Concert will be released online for our families and community to enjoy from the comfort and safety of their homes.