

Hi Bulldog Band family!

Welcome to the first week of school – and our first weekly email update of the “official” school year. Each Sunday I will send out an email that includes the weekly calendar and other important information. These will be called “DHS Band Weekly Update” in the subject line. It is really important that all students and parents make a habit of reading these emails at the beginning of the week to stay current with all of our band happenings. I will also post the weekly calendar on the board in the band room and in our Canvas courses for students. Our full band calendar as well as other important information can always be accessed by visiting our band website ([www.delandhsband.com](http://www.delandhsband.com)). The band website and Charms emails will serve as our primary form of communication throughout the year, but will also be supplemented by cross-posting certain announcements on Canvas. Canvas will primarily be used for assignments related to in-person and Volusia Live band students. More on this can be found below.

**This Week:**

Monday (8/31) – 1st day of school!!!!

Tuesday (9/1) – Marching Band 4:00-6:30pm

Wednesday (9/2) – open

Thursday (9/3) – Marching Band 4:00-6:30pm

Friday (9/4) – Last day to receive “Early Pay” discount for band

**First Week of School**

This week is our first week of school. We will not start playing inside until the end of the week (probably Thursday or Friday). Students DO NOT need to bring their instruments to school on the first day. The first day students will need instruments at school is Tuesday for marching band rehearsal. In the meantime we will use our class time to go over the new classroom procedures (including sanitation), make sure everyone is in the correct band classes, assign lockers, and get to know each other better (especially our newest members).

Volusia Live students – please use this link to join my Teams channel for band. I will have one Teams meeting session going all day for the different band classes. Simply join the meeting at your scheduled band class time. The meeting link is located in our Teams channel. Please email me if you have trouble finding it.

Join the 2020-2021 Bulldog Bands Channel here:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/channel/19%3ad5566a22f16b4de3b5bc750a7de08f37%40thead.tacv2/General?groupId=1d5389df-8de0-4a69-b1d6-50b1891ed821&tenantId=93e9784b-3507-40ff-bc01-59ea8a1a7b71>

**Marching Bulldogs**

This week we shift to our regular rehearsal schedule for the marching band. Our Marching Bulldogs rehearse every Tuesday & Thursday from 4:00-6:30pm. Rehearsals are mandatory for all band students and count as part of their grade. If you need to miss a rehearsal, your parent/guardian must email Ms. Leimer to excuse you. Students are also responsible for letting their section leader know when they need to miss a rehearsal so that everyone is on the same

page. If you are an online student (Volusia Live or VOL) and you/your parents are not comfortable with in-person rehearsals yet – that is OKAY! Please just email me ([delandband@gmail.com](mailto:delandband@gmail.com)) so that I am aware. We will welcome you back and make a space for you in the show when you are comfortable returning to in-person band. Students must bring their own water jug (already filled) to rehearsal. You can bring it to school in the morning and store it in the band locker room or locker if there is space. Students are also responsible for bringing their flip folders with music, equipment, instruments, and anything else they need to each and every rehearsal. Practice shirts have been ordered and will be distributed as soon as they arrive. In the meantime, students should wear a primarily WHITE t-shirt OR the band practice shirt (from last year) with athletic shorts and sneakers to marching band rehearsals. All new members will receive two shirts and returning members will receive one. Extra practice shirts can be purchased for only \$5 each.

### **Early Pay Discount**

Please don't forget that the deadline to receive the "Early Pay Discount" for the band fair share was extended to this Friday (Sept. 4). If all assessments are paid by this date, you will receive a \$50 discount on the Fair Share. You can pay by sending in cash, check, or money order payable to DeLand BPA OR you can pay online using PayPal to [delandbpa@gmail.com](mailto:delandbpa@gmail.com). If you have any questions, please email our BPA Treasurer Lisa Buscher ([delandbandfees@gmail.com](mailto:delandbandfees@gmail.com)).

### **Forms**

If you have not turned in your medical and financial forms yet, please do so by the end of this week. Don't forget that the medical form must be notarized, but Mama G is a notary and will be at rehearsals this week to help. If you have any questions about forms, please email Mama G at [delandbpa@gmail.com](mailto:delandbpa@gmail.com). You will not be able to attend our first football game without these completed forms turned in. Both forms can be downloaded from the band website ([www.delandhsband.com](http://www.delandhsband.com)) under the "Icebreaker" tab.

The longest Spring Break every is finally over!!! :-)

Looking forward to a great week at DeLand High School! Go bulldogs and #goband!

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