

Happy Sunday Bulldog Band family!

Great job at the last football game. I was especially proud of how well our band performed the final run of our 2020 show – “Home of the Brave.” This was truly a “last time, best time” moment. The video is posted on the band Facebook page, so check it out when you have a chance. Also, our Bulldogs won the football game which means that we have a playoff game this Friday at Spec Martin. More information can be found below.

**This Week:**

Monday (11/16) – open

Tuesday (11/17) – Percussion Rehearsal 3:45-5:15pm; Freshman Ambassador Interviews

Wednesday (11/18) – Freshman Ambassador Interviews

Thursday (11/19) – Band Picture Day; Solo & Ensemble Music Night

Friday (11/20) – Home Playoff Game vs. Seminole HS; Prism Application DUE

**Class schedule this week – Symphonic Band & Wind Ensemble (including PERCUSSION)**

Starting this week, we will be playing concert music in class everyday from now on. Please remember to store your concert music copies in a pocket folder to keep them neat. Also, don't forget that you are required to have a pencil on your stand for all rehearsals. Percussion assignments for Symphonic Band & Wind Ensemble are posted in the Percussion Canvas class. ALL percussionists are required to participate in concert season (just like ALL woodwind & brass players) and have been assigned to a band. Please check Canvas to see which band you have been assigned to and what you will be playing for each piece on the Winter Concert.

**Band Picture Day**

Thursday is Band Picture Day. We will be taking individual pictures in the band room during each band class. Volusia Live students will take pictures after school between 3:45-4:45pm in the chorus room. This is the only day we will be taking band pictures, so please make sure that you attend so that you can be on our full band composite. Due to the pandemic, we are unable to take our traditional full band pictures so this will be our only picture opportunity with our entire band represented. We want everyone represented 😊

Students will wear the green show shirt casual uniform for pictures. This is the same shirt we will be wearing for the game on Friday, so it is recommended that students change into their shirt only for pictures to avoid having to wash the shirt for Friday's game. Picture proofs will be available online a couple of weeks after picture day. DG Portraits offers an early bird special. More details will be sent home once proofs are available online.

**Solo & Ensemble Music Night**

On Thursday night (4:30-8:00pm) we are hosting our annual Solo & Ensemble Music Night. Beethoven & Company (music store) will be here with their inventory of sheet music. I have also invited Music Shack to bring step-up instruments for anyone that might be in the market to upgrade to a more advanced instrument. They have some great deals!

We do not have a local sheet music dealer, so this is a very important event as our students prepare for Solo & Ensemble MPA in the spring. In order to keep everyone safe for this event we will be implementing the following safety guidelines:

- Masks mandatory inside the band room.
- Temperature checks at the door.
- Limited capacity in the band room.
- Music boxes will be spread out 6 feet apart. One person may look through each music box at a time.
- Hand sanitizer stations throughout the band room.

### **Prism Concert Applications**

Applications to perform on our annual Prism Concert are DUE by this Friday (November 20<sup>th</sup>). Students who would like to perform solos and/or small ensembles are encouraged to apply. For more information about this event, please talk to your section leader and they will be happy to explain everything. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our many talented musicians. If you are a Volusia Live student and would like to perform, please email Ms. Leimer for the application. In addition to the solos and small ensembles, our Jazz Band and Percussion Ensemble will be performing. We will be performing 3 shows (all the same) – Friday December 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm, Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm, & Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm.

### **Home Playoff Game – November 20<sup>th</sup>**

Our football team won their first playoff game and progressed to round 2. This will be a home playoff game for us, which means we will be taking the band. We will not be performing halftime, so we will take our break at halftime and play in the stands for all four quarters. Attendance is required for all band members, however I do understand that this is the Friday before Thanksgiving Break and many of our band families may have already planned to leave town. If your student is unable to attend and needs to be excused, please email Ms. Leimer ([mcleimer@volusia.k12.fl.us](mailto:mcleimer@volusia.k12.fl.us)) by Wednesday.

For this game we will be wearing the green spirit shirts with the casual uniform. If the forecasted temperature is below 70 degrees, we will wear blue jeans with the casual uniform instead of khakis. I will let everyone know on Thursday if this is the case. Otherwise, plan to wear khaki shorts as we have all season. The itinerary is will be the same as last week's game. This week's family dinner is being sponsored by Trinity United Methodist Church. The menu includes chili and cornbread. This will be a great meal for the cooler weather. Thank you Trinity for taking such good care of our band!

### Itinerary

3:30pm – School dismissal

4:30pm – Begin loading equipment truck (bus loop)

5:00pm – Family Dinner (cafeteria)

- Inspection, temperature checks, & screening questions will occur in the cafeteria during dinner.

5:45pm – Load buses & depart

6:30pm – CALL TIME at Spec Martin Stadium (Euclid side)

7:30pm – Kick-Off

9:30pm – Game ends (time approximate)

- Students are dismissed once all equipment has been properly stored and the band room is tidy. Anyone with equipment on the truck must return to DHS to help unload.

### **Upcoming Important Dates**

- November 19<sup>th</sup> – Solo & Ensemble Music Night
- November 19<sup>th</sup> – Band Picture Day (during & after school)
- November 20<sup>th</sup> – Home Playoff Game #2
- December 1<sup>st</sup> – Winterguard rehearsals begin (4:00-7:00pm)
- December 1<sup>st</sup> – Symphonic Band rehearsals begin (4:00-6:00pm)
- December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Wind Ensemble rehearsal begin (4:00-6:00pm)
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Percussion rehearsals begin (3:45-5:15pm)
- December 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> – Prism Concerts
- December 15<sup>th</sup> – Winter Concert filming (Wind Ensemble & Symphonic Band)
- December 18<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter playing tests DUE (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> period classes)

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