

Hi Bulldog Band family!

This week we have our first performance of the 2020-21 school year with the Marching Bulldogs at our home football game. I can't wait to show our community all of the hard work that our students have been doing to prepare!

This Week:

Monday (9/21) – open

Tuesday (9/22) – Marching Band 4:00-6:30pm

Wednesday (9/23) – open

Thursday (9/24) – Marching Band 4:00-6:30pm

Friday (9/25) – Home Football Game vs. Deltona High School

All-State Auditions

Auditions for the Florida All-State bands start this weekend. I will be emailing each of you individually to give you your instruction sheets. The auditions windows are as follows:

- Friday-Saturday (9/25 & 9/26): 11th & 12th grade Symphonic Band
- Sunday-Monday (9/27 & 9/28): 9th & 10th grade Concert Band
- Friday-Saturday (10/2 & 10/3): HS Jazz Band

Home Football Game – Sept. 25

This Friday we have our first home football game and the first official performance of the year for our beloved Marching Bulldogs! This season we are wearing our “casual uniform” for all football games. This has been discussed in class since the first week of school AND detailed information was posted on the “students” page of the band website (www.delandhsband.com) this summer. Show shirts (black) and spirit shirts (green) were distributed in class last Friday and the white caps (instrumentalists only) and marching shoes will be distributed this Thursday. Please wear your spirit shirt to school on Friday to promote school spirit and show your band pride at DeLand High School! Make sure you are part of this important DHS Band tradition!!

Game Itinerary (subject to change)

3:30pm – School dismissal

4:00pm – Family Dinner (required for all band students – must be dressed in “casual uniform”)

- *At dinner we will do uniform inspection, check all temperatures, and ask required screening questions (similar to band camp check-in). All students must be present and participate in this process to attend the football game.*

4:45pm – Load equipment trucks & buses

5:15pm – Depart DHS

6:00pm – CALL TIME at Spec Martin Stadium

- *The band will unload and line up on **Euclid** right by the stadium. This is different than years past. Those providing their own transportation to the stadium must meet us at this location.*

7:30pm – Kick-Off

8:30pm – Half-time performance (time approximate)

10:00pm – Game ends (time approximate)

10:30pm – Arrive back at DHS (time approximate)

- *All students with instruments/equipment on the truck must meet us back at school to unload and put everything away, even if you provide your own transportation to the game.*

This week's casual uniform consists of the following:

Instrumentalists

- Green Marching Bulldogs spirit shirt
- Tan khaki shorts (5-inch inseam or longer)
- White band cap
- Low black socks (sport length)
- Black marching shoes (Dinkles)
- Mask

Guard

- Green Marching Bulldogs spirit shirt
- Black leggings (full length)
- Skin tone dance tights
- Black Nike sneakers with white check
- Mask

This week's family dinner is being sponsored by Stetson Baptist Church. We are SO appreciative of their generosity with our "Feed the Band" program so that all of our students can have an amazing, FREE meal on Friday before the game. The menu will consist of chicken tenders, macaroni & cheese, roll, and chocolate chip cookie. If you have specific dietary restrictions that cannot be met by this meal, please email delandband@gmail.com so that we can make arrangements for you. You are also welcome to bring your own dinner from home, but all band students will be required to attend family dinner on Friday.

Forms

Emails went out this weekend from our BPA president (Nicole aka "Mama G") regarding missing forms, however due to a glitch in Charms many people received emails that have already turned in forms. I apologize for this error. Mama G is working on getting this corrected and we will be sending out corrected lists ASAP. Please note that the following THREE forms must be submitted in order for students to attend the football game on Friday. These forms may be scanned and emailed to delandband@gmail.com.

- Football Game Field Trip Form
- Medical Authorization Form
- Financial Responsibility Form

All of these forms can be downloaded from the "students" page of the band website (www.delandhsband.com) and hard copies can be picked up at the front of the band room. I am asking that ALL students submit these forms, even if you are currently "online only" so that we

can close this chapter and move forward. These forms are also counting as a grade for the first quarter, so please turn them in regardless so that you can get that easy grade.

Snap Raise

Thank you to everyone that has taken time to set up and enter emails into the Snap Raise fund raiser. As of today, we have already raised over \$7,000 in donations! This week we are asking our band family to text their personal Snap link out to contacts that haven't donated yet to increase the traffic. The email may have filtered into their spam folder, so by texting you can be sure they received your link. All donations, big or small, will help our band. 😊

Remember – this is our EASIEST fund raiser of the year and you will earn credit for 50% of donations made in your name towards your Charms account. This credit can be used for any band expenses such as Fair Share, shoes, extra shirts, band trip, etc. This fund raiser is a great way to get those items paid off AND start earning credit towards future expenses. Your credit stays on your Charms account the entire time you are in band. We pay 20% to Snap Raise for the technology to run the fund raiser, credit card fees, etc. and the remaining percentage (30%) will be used for general band expenses (including the purchase of our new marching band uniforms). Last year was our first year doing this fund raiser and it was a huge success. This is a great way for your friends and family that live too far away to buy cookie dough can support you!

Sign up or log in to Snap Raise using this link: http://www.snap-raise.com/join_code/389483881. You will be directed to add your emails. Please make sure your emails do NOT include students, teachers, fake emails, etc. and are only legitimate potential donors that you or your family personally know. You can also share this out on social media, but the research has shown that the most donations are made through the email requests. The more quality emails you enter, the more donations you will receive.

Volunteers

I want to close this week's email by giving a special shoutout to our AMAZING band parent/guardian volunteers. It is awesome to have so many adults that are ready and willing to volunteer week after week at our rehearsals, donate materials, build equipment, contact parents, and do anything else they can to help out band. This is a true testament to how great our DeLand community is. Thank you to everyone that gives their time to help our students.

I personally appreciate every single one of you and KNOW that our kids feel the same way. When I was in high school band (way back in the day lol), my mother volunteered for everything (including serving as our booster treasurer for all 4 years that I was in high school). At first, I was embarrassed and didn't appreciate her always being around, but I quickly came to realize how much help she provided to our band and that the other students in the band loved her almost as much as I did (they even started calling her "Mom"). I also realized that I really did love having her around and that I was incredibly lucky to have a parent that was able to volunteer as much as she did. As an adult, I have so many cherished memories of us doing band activities together and I am truly grateful for everything she sacrificed for us to have those

experiences. Thank YOU to our DeLand HS Band volunteers for everything you do. Even if your kids don't act like they appreciate it, they do. Trust me, I speak from experience. 😊

I am SO excited for our first game week of the year!!! #goband #gobulldogs
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