

Good evening Bulldog Band family!

Great job at our first football game and first halftime performance last Friday night! Despite the glitch in the audio at the beginning of the show, the band played very well and had a fantastic recovery resulting in a great first run in the stadium. I am so proud of how professionally everyone handled the situation. I am also super proud of how attentive everyone was and how well everyone performed in the stands. We had a lot of new procedures and protocol to follow and everyone did so with positivity making it a fun, positive experience for everyone. Thank you for your steadfast commitment to excellence!!! Thank you also to all of the awesome volunteers. We couldn't do any of this without you!

**This Week:**

Monday (9/28) – open

Tuesday (9/29) – Marching Band 4:00-6:30pm

Wednesday (9/30) – open

Thursday (10/1) – Marching Band 4:00-6:30pm

Friday (10/2) – Home Football Game vs. Spruce Creek High School

**All-State Auditions**

Auditions for the Florida All-State bands started this weekend. Please let me know if you have any issues using the HeartOut app. There have been several issues across the state within FBA, but I also have resources and solutions to help so please reach out if you need it. The remaining audition windows are as follows:

- Sunday-Monday (9/27 & 9/28): 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grade Concert Band
- Friday-Saturday (10/2 & 10/3): HS Jazz Band

**Home Football Game – Oct. 2**

This Friday we have our second home football game and will be adding more to our show! The goal this week is to add Part 2 & 3 (weather permitting). This week we will wear our show shirt (black) with the casual uniform. Now that we have distributed shirts to the students, we are selling the extra shirts for \$15 each. We have size Youth Large through 2XL in both styles (spirit and show).

Rather than have everyone fill out a new transportation survey this week, I am asking anyone that has a CHANGE to email me. For example, if you drove yourself to the game last week but this week you need to ride the bus, please email me to make this change. Most people will probably use the same transportation plan from week to week, so this will be easier in the long run. If you did not attend the game last week, please make sure you email me to let me know whether you will be riding the bus or providing your own transportation (delandband@gmail.com).

Game Itinerary (subject to change)

3:30pm – School dismissal

- Begin loading the equipment trucks.

4:20pm – 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.*

4:50pm – Finish loading equipment trucks & buses

5:20pm – 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.*

7:00pm – 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

- Black “Home of the Brave” show shirt
- Tan khaki shorts (5-inch inseam or longer)
- White band cap
- Low black socks (sport length)
- Black marching shoes (Dinkles)
- Mask

#### Guard

- Black “Home of the Brave” show 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 Trinity United Methodist Church. We are VERY 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. This week’s menu will consist of baked pasta, salad, and rolls. There will also be vegetarian pasta. If you have specific dietary restrictions that cannot be met by this meal, please email [delandband@gmail.com](mailto: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.

#### **Fund Raisers**

We have several fund raisers happening now and planned to help our band family with the

financial obligations associated with band. Please make sure you take advantage of these. We have tried to plan a variety of options to be able to help as many of our families as possible. If you have already paid your fair share, any money you raise can be banked for future expenses and carries forward until you graduate. All fund-raising credits must be used for band expenses and cannot be “cashed out” at any point, but may be passed down to younger siblings in the band upon graduation.

Here are some of our upcoming & current fund raisers:

#### Program Ads

This fund raiser is geared towards obtaining support from businesses in DeLand and the surrounding communities. The form for this can be found on the “students” page of the band website ([www.delandhsband.com](http://www.delandhsband.com)). The deadline to submit ads is November 1. Students earn 75% of the ad price as a credit to their Charms account.

#### Snap Raise

There are 9 days left in this fund raiser. So far we have raised almost \$10,000 in donations. This is our easiest fund raiser of the year because you do not have to sell anything or collect payments. Simply enter emails, text out your link, or post it to your social media so that you connect with friends and family supporters all over the world. Students earn 50% of the donations made in their name as a credit to their Charms account. For more information, please refer to the previous emails sent out detailing this fund raiser.

#### Cookie Dough

This Thursday we kick off our Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough (and other items) fund raiser. This is a brochure style fund raiser selling frozen cookie dough and other food items. The profit for this fund raiser is 40% of the sales price and that entire 40% will be credited to the students’ Charms account. This is a joint fund raiser with the chorus, so students that participate in both will need to decide where they need their credit the most and turn in their fund raiser to that program. We will talk more about this in class on Thursday and a detailed email will be sent out as well. This fund raiser ends October 16 so that our items will be delivered before Thanksgiving.

#### Craft & Rummage Sale

This year we are holding a Craft & Rummage Sale on October 17 at Tomoka Christian Church, right across the street from DHS. This fund raiser will allow families to set up a table to sell craft and/or rummage sale items to the general public. We will also have an opportunity for outside vendors to purchase a space to sell their items. Students will receive 100% of the money turned in at this event as a credit to their Charms account. More information is coming later this week.

Thank you again for such a great first game experience last Friday. I am proud of you every single day, but was especially proud on Friday. We truly have an amazing band family!!!

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