

Hi Bulldog Band family!

Congratulations! You survived the first week of school! This week is a short week due to Labor Day, but we get to start playing in class on Tuesday so get excited!!!

This Week:

Monday (9/7) – Labor Day – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday (9/8) – Marching Band 4:00-6:30pm

Wednesday (9/9) – open

Thursday (9/10) – Marching Band 4:00-6:30pm

Friday (9/11) – open

PPE & In Class Playing

This week we are going to start playing in class! We will be playing marching band music, so you will only need the instrument that you play for marching band. On Tuesday I will be distributing the in-class PPE (fabric bell covers and paper facemasks with slit). The masks are to be used only for band class and are only temporary until our cloth musician facemasks arrive. The bell covers are to be used indoors and outdoors, but they are white so students will need to be very careful when using them outside to keep them clean. Students may choose to keep using the plastic bell covers outside for rehearsals if they want to keep the fabric ones nice looking for indoors and performances. If you lose your fabric bell cover, you will be required to purchase a new one. The price varies depending on the instrument. These are essential to safe playing right now, so please be responsible and keep up with your PPE.

Snap Raise

Tomorrow we are kicking off our EASIEST fund raiser of the year - Snap Raise! This is an online fund raiser designed to help you reach all of your supporters far and wide. Students will earn credit for 50% of donations made in their name towards their 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 we raised over \$20,000 in donations from this fund raiser. Let's see if we can top that this year!!!

I have an important task for you to complete before we kick off our Snap and it is very important that you get this done ahead of time. Sign up (for those of you that are new to it) or log in (if you've used it before) to Snap Raise using this link: http://www.snap-raise.com/join_code/389483881. You will be directed to add your emails. The expectation is that every member of our band has at least 20 quality emails uploaded to their profile. I will be able to track this from my dashboard in the Snap platform. 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. Again, I will be tracking this. There will be incentives for those that participate fully in this campaign, so please get this done!

You will also be able to 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. Check out this video for steps on how to login, or create an account, and pre-load your emails: <https://vimeo.com/417930119/1ee285c7fa>.

Marching Bulldogs Rehearsals

Just a reminder - rehearsals are mandatory for all band students and count as part of your grade for band class. 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! If you haven't already done so, please just email me (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 are here and will be distributed in class on Tuesday. Students are required to wear these to all after-school marching band rehearsals with shorts and sneakers or marching shoes. All new members will receive two shirts and returning members will receive one. Extra practice shirts can be purchased for only \$5 each. If you are an online student, please arrive early to rehearsal on Tuesday and report to the band room to get your practice shirt OR If you have one from last year, you may wear that one and get your shirt after practice.

Forms

We currently have 3 forms due for band – VCS medical waiver, DHS Band Financial form, & football games field trip permission form. Hard copies of these forms can be found at the front of the band room. The medical and financial forms are past due, so please get those in ASAP. The football games field trip form is due by September 10. You will not be able to attend our first football game without these completed forms turned in.

Here's to another great week together! #goband

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