

Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2009 9:25 PM
Subject: Band Broadcast for the week of September 13th

Dear band community,

I hope you are enjoying a fun and relaxing weekend. Beginning this coming weekend, we have some sort of performance--a football game, competition, or both--every weekend through October. It will be busy, but it will go by quickly, and we will get lots of feedback from judges to help us improve greatly from week to week. Our show will be undergoing some changes this week, so come to practice prepared, alert, focused, and ready to work. Be sure to review the music that was rehearsed last week so we can move forward.

As a reminder, here is a weekend schedule:

Friday, September 18 Home football (8th grade night)

Saturday, September 26 Panther Creek comp *see tentative schedule below

Friday, October 2 Home football (Homecoming/Alumni Night)

Saturday, October 3 Wakefield comp *see tentative schedule below

Saturday, October 10 West Johnston comp

Friday, October 16 Home football

Saturday, October 24 Sanderson comp

Friday, October 30 Home football (Senior night) *IMPORTANT: see below

Saturday, October 31 Havelock comp

Wednesday's Study Hall : The following students have told me that they will be attending the study hall this Wednesday from 2:10-3:10 in the Commons. If you plan to stay on campus and are not on this list, you must email Mr. Myers no later than noon on Monday to let him know.

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* = every Wednesday unless I am told otherwise.

Home Football Game, 8 th Grade Marching Band Night, THIS Friday, September 18: Most juniors and seniors will be paired up with an 8 th grader. Please make them feel welcome as they come on our campus and experience a high school football game. Help them have a great first experience with the marching band program at GHHS! It is our goal to recruit them into our program next year. Be sure to tell them how rewarding and fun it is, but don't forget to include how much of a commitment that it is as well.

As a reminder, here is our schedule:

3:15 Leadership Meeting (this can be changed to another point in the week)
4:00 Meet-and-greet, rehearsal
5:30 Dinner
6:00 Dress
6:45 Warm-up
7:20 Pregame show
~8:30 Halftime
~10:00 Game ends, students are dismissed as a group to change

Be sure to remember your committee responsibilities (revised committee lists have been posted) before you leave campus.

Panther Creek Competition, September 26: This was the schedule for the Panther Creek competition last year. Although we haven't yet received the official schedule, I am expecting it to be similar.

*Note that students will need transportation to GH for practice, and to Panther Creek at 5pm.
12-3pm Rehearse at GHHS--Students should eat lunch before they come. Rehearsal will be on stadium field unless there is heavy rain on days preceding. Students will need transportation from GHHS at 3pm and to Panther Creek HS at 5pm.
5pm Meet at Panther Creek HS (an exact meeting place on their campus will be announced later). Students should carpool if possible due to limited parking. Students should eat something substantial before arriving, as we will not have time for another full meal until after our performance (snacks will be available, and students may have a little time to visit concessions for a snack). We will watch 5 bands in the stadium.
7pm Dress, warm-up
9pm Performance. We are the last band to perform before Panther Creek performs in exhibition. We will move to the end zone (in uniform) for the exhibition performance and awards. Students will be dismissed from PCHS after they dress out of uniform after awards (approximately 10:30pm). We will need members from the percussion section and the leadership team to go back to GHHS to help unload the truck. Because this is such a close competition, we are hoping to "Paint the stadium Maroon and Green" with Green Hope parents and supporters. Please come out and watch!

Wakefield Competition, October 3: Please note that the schedule below is tentative.

*Note the items in red have changed. Students will now need to bring a bag lunch.
8:00 Rehearsal in Stadium
10:00 Load truck, dress into uniform, meet in band room (Students should NOT leave campus)

10:45 Depart GHHS

*Bag lunch on bus (bring your own lunch)

11:20 Move to stadium to watch Cary HS perform (in uniform)

11:45 Move to warm-up

1:00 Prelims Performance

*After our performance, snacks will be available.

5:00 Prelim awards

*Dinner (provided)

*If we make it into Finals, the finals performances will begin at 8:00pm. Our schedule for the rest of the evening will depend on our placement in the schedule. If we do not make it into finals, we will still stay to watch the finals performances.

10:30 Finals Awards

~12:30 Return to GHHS, unload truck

Havelock Competition, October 31: This will be an extremely long day, since it is our farthest competition during the regular season. We will most likely not practice on Saturday before leaving, and we won't be able to practice on the Thursday prior to the competition because of the Fall concert. Thus, we will practice on Friday, October 30 before the football game (Senior Night) that night. This is also a teacher workday. Here is the preliminary schedule:

Friday, October 30 (Senior Night)

11-1 Activity—this is a fun, but optional, activity (stay tuned)

2-5 Practice

5:00 Dinner

6:00 Dress

~6:45 Seniors move to stadium, band warms up

~7:20 Pre-game show begins (seniors join band on field)

Competitions: Students may take the SAT on October 10 (West Johnston competition). We had originally scheduled an overnight competition that weekend but changed it when the SAT dates were released. The West Johnston schedule will probably be similar to the Panther Creek schedule, while the Sanderson schedule will probably be similar to the Wakefield schedule. Final schedules will be distributed as soon as I receive the schedule from the site host.

Please be sure that you have reserved the entire day on your personal calendar for competitions. Don't assume that we will report after a certain time, or that we will dismiss by a certain time. Often, we are not given the schedule for competitions until within two weeks before the competition. I will distribute the competition schedule as soon as possible, but often it is not until the Broadcast on the Sunday before a Saturday competition. Thank you for your understanding of this matter. Most competition days will begin with a rehearsal before going to the competition site. Buses will transport the entire band to competition sites, except Panther Creek.

Bus Policy: Students are required to ride the bus to competitions and are expected to ride back on the bus so that they can complete their committee responsibilities upon return to school. If a parent wishes to take a child back with them, a note must be submitted to Mr. Myers prior to departure. Only a student's parent/guardian can transport his/her own student.

Rehearsal schedule post-season: Rehearsals are generally on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15-5:00 in November and December. A full schedule was distributed before registration. It is now available on the website. Please be sure to put all dates on your personal calendar. As always, attendance is expected at all rehearsals and performances.

Schedule Change : Please note that the Raleigh Christmas parade is now on November 21, not the date that was originally on the band calendar.

This week: We will be changing the ending sets of our show to make them a little more "climactic." We will also be changing the beginning of the show a bit, which will affect the way we enter the field. We will be adding a few visuals, cleaning music in movements 1 and 3 primarily, and cleaning some drill spots throughout the show. Finally, we will need to brush up on our pregame routine in preparation for our home game this Friday night! Have a good weekend off.

Please read the attached short essay, "A View from the Field," by Christina Hollenbeck. Christina's Creative Writing teacher asked students to write essays for NPR's "This I Believe" program on the radio, and attached is her rough draft.

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[Papa Murphy's Pizza Cards](#)

Our Papa Murphy's Pizza Card fundraiser is still going strong! If you would like additional cards, please let me know at NCLaWall@aol.com, or 469-5009 and I will arrange to get them to you. All cards and money are due no later than September 25th. They can be turned into the green box, or handed to Nancy on Tuesday's at the end of practice (or any other time you see me!)

As a reminder, the following students still have cards and/or money to turn in:

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If you have any questions... Please let me know!!!!

Thanks!

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The GH Athletic Booster Club will sponsor its First Annual **BBQ Dinner** on Friday, Oct. 2 (homecoming) from 4:00-8:00 p.m. BBQ will be provided by DANNY'S Bar-B-Que. Tickets are \$6.00 and include your choice of Chicken or Pork, rolls, and cole slaw. Beverages will be available for purchase. Tickets will be for sale during student lunch hour and at all GHHS Sporting events.
