



Owen Valley Patriot Band and Guard

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Finalist - 3rd place**

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Owen Valley Patriot Band & Guard Members and Families,

A lot of planning has occurred over the past couple of months in regards to this upcoming marching season. There will be a few changes this season compared to years past with some relating to Covid-19. The first of such changes will be our "New Member Day" practice on July 7th from 5-8 pm. Please note that the time has changed slightly for this practice. This practice will be geared towards helping our new marching band members get comfortable with our leadership team and basic marching fundamentals. Students should only show up to this practice if they are in a leadership position or are first year marching band participants. Students should wear comfortable clothing and bring their instruments. The following is a list of things students should bring to band camp.

- Close toe shoes (casual shoes, running shoes, tennis shoes, etc)
- Water Bottle with your name on it
- Sunscreen with your name on it (not to be shared)
- Sunglasses and hat (optional but recommended)
- Instrument
- School will provide a lunch during the second week (full day practices) but you may pack and provide your own lunch if you would like

We have also been working hard as a staff in collaboration with our board of education to make necessary safety changes for this upcoming season. Some of these changes include:

- Sanitizing instruments and guard equipment before and after each practice (school district will be providing instrument sanitizer)
 - Students may wear face masks when they feel appropriate
 - Water bottles will be labeled with individual students names
 - No sharing of any equipment, clothes, instruments, water bottles or any personal items
 - Students will not be allowed to "hang out" in the band room before practice. They must drop off their belongings in their personal lockers and head straight outside
 - Students will be appropriately spaced when indoors (ex. Students spaced out at 6ft spacing in the auditorium)
 - Students will stretch and learn fundamentals with appropriate spacing when possible
 - There will be spacing requirements when eating lunch in the cafeteria
- There will be additional safety protocols in place in addition to what is listed. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to either of us.

Due to the governor's restrictions for hours students can participate in extra curricular activities the first two weeks of July, we are making the



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following adjustments to the first week of band camp only (July 13th-17th). Students who play a woodwind instrument (flutes, clarinets, and saxophones), pit percussion instruments, and only spin a flag will practice from 8am to 11am that week. Students who play a brass instrument (trumpet, mellophone, trombone, baritone, tuba), drumline percussion instruments, and spin a weapon in guard will practice from 1p-4p. New members, particularly percussion and guard members, who might not be sure which group they will practice with will find out at guard tryouts or the rookie mini camp on July 7th or can reach out to Mr. Cramer or myself individually.

Students participating in another sport should reach out to us to work out a schedule for that week. The 15 hour is the limit for all activities a student would be involved with that week.

There are two events taking place the weekends of band camp. On July 18th is the Back to School Expo. We will be asking for volunteers to come play for people at the expo from 9a-12p. All students regardless of experience are welcome. High School Graduation has been rescheduled for July 25th. Report time is 9a and the ceremony is at 11a. Graduation should be done at 12p. This is a required event for all wind instrument players and select percussionists. Music and more information on both events will be available on the first day of camp.

We realize that many of these things are a change compared to years past. Things pertaining to Covid-19 are constantly changing by the week and could possibly have an impact later this year on our upcoming season. We kindly ask for both members and families to be patient and understanding with this fluid environment going forward.

We will pass out additional forms and information on the first day of band camp which will include a health form (similar to what you fill out for school). A friendly reminder that over the summer (especially given Covid) we are not in the office as much, so email and remind is a much quicker way to communicate. **We have also attached an updated version of our calendar for this year as of June 26th.**

If you have not already done so, you may sign up for the Owen Valley Marching Band Remind service by texting @OVMB to the number 81010.

Respectfully,

Thomas Russell
Dylan Cramer

**Owen Valley High School
Marching Band Calendar Update 6.26.2020**

Changes to the schedule from what was passed out in May are in bold. These dates/times are subject to change. Please see the calendar at ovband.org for the most up to date information. Detailed daily schedules will be given to students approximately 2 weeks before the event.

July 7th	Rookie Mini Camp This event is for first year members and leadership team only	5p-8p	OVHS
July 13th-17th	Marching Band Camp 8a-11a 1p-4p	Woodwinds, Pit, Flag Guard Members Brass, Drumline, Weapon Guard Members	
July 18th	Back to School Expo (Optional)	9a-12p	Owen County Fairgrounds
July 20th	Marching Band Camp	8a-4p	OVHS
July 21st	Marching Band Camp	8a-4p	OVHS
July 22nd	Marching Band Camp	8a-4p	OVHS
July 23rd	Marching Band Camp	8a-4p	OVHS
July 24th	Marching Band Camp	8a-4p	OVHS
July 25h	OVHS Graduation	Report 9a, Ceremony 11a	OVHS
July 27th	Summer Rehearsal	8a-4p	OVHS
July 28th	Summer Rehearsal	8a-4p	OVHS

August 4th First Day of School (Tuesday), Regular rehearsals begin on Thursday this week

Regular Rehearsal Schedule: Mondays - 3:30-6:30p, Thursdays - 3:30-6:30p, Fridays 3:00-6:00p
Monday and Friday times are different than last year

Regular Rehearsals will happen unless noted below in August, September, October, and 1st Week of November.

August 8th	Gosport Lazy Days Parade/Afternoon Practice
August 15th	Coal City Parade/Afternoon Practice
August 22nd	March O Thon (All Day Practice/Evening Performance)
August 28th	Home Football Game vs South Putnam
September 7th	Labor Day/No Practice
September 10th	All Band Meeting
September 12th	Noblesville Invitational
September 18th	Football Game vs Northview
September 19th	Apple Butter Festival/Paoli Invitational
September 26th	All Day Rehearsal
October 3rd	Springs Valley Invitational
October 8th	Fall Break Practice, 8a-4p
October 9th	Fall Break Practice, 8a-4p/Football Game vs Greencastle
October 10th	ISSMA Invitational @ Jasper HS
October 17th	ISSMA Regional @ TBD
October 23rd-24th	BOA Super Regional @ Lucas Oil Stadium
October 31st	ISSMA Semi-State @ TBD
November 7th	ISSMA State Finals @ Lucas Oil Stadium
December 5th	Spencer Winter Parade (Holiday at the Square)
December 5th	Fall Band Awards/Fun Day
December 6th	Winter Concert
December 12th	Gosport Winter Parade