



GLENOAK HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

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Dear Oakwood Eighth Grade Band Member,

As you prepare for the transition from middle school to high school, I want to take a few moments and introduce you to the GlenOak High School Band Program and why you should consider becoming a member next year.

You are embarking on a new path next year as a Freshmen at GlenOak and you have some exciting decisions to make over the coming weeks regarding what classes you will be taking. There are many opportunities for you to be considering and I want you to know, that **band should be one of those opportunities you cannot afford to pass up.**

Band is more than a class that meets during the school day for a grade and graduation credit. Band is a science, a foreign language, and a sport all rolled into one. Our band members perform at **once-in-a-lifetime events**, have leadership opportunities, and become excellent musicians. Becoming a part of the GlenOak Band Program will be an extension of what you have already begun at Oakwood Middle School. You have learned that being in band every day has provided you a "home base" where you can be your best and be surrounded by other band students whom you have performed with for four years. When you step into GlenOak High School next year, band will be a great way to continue building your skills as a band member, being part of new and exciting opportunities, all while continuing those band friendships you have built.

Band is a full-year course. You will start with marching band in late July and move into one of two concert band in November (Symphonic Winds or Concert Band). You may schedule Jazz Band; be a member of the basketball pep band; participate in Solo and Ensemble; and be a member of the Pit Orchestra for the musical. Once you become a junior, you can have the opportunity to take band for **Honors Credit**. Scheduling for next year may feel like a daunting task so if you are uncertain about how band fits into your schedule, just ask a director and we would be happy to help you. If you believe that being a student athlete or participating in other organizations is impossible while being a band member...then you need to ask about how over 80% of our band members participate in band and still have time for many other activities!

The quality of our high school band program is known throughout the state. The Golden Eagle Marching Band has twice been selected to perform in two high-profile, nationally televised parades and our concert bands consistently earn Superior ratings at the OMEA District and State level. Lastly, our jazz program is one of the few jazz band programs which are part of the regular school day schedule which allows our students to perform at a very high level.

Good luck with your remaining months as an eighth grade student and I sincerely hope you give band a try next year. My contact information is below so please contact me if you have any questions. Email me at any time!! Please check out www.gohsband.com for up-to-date information. We will be holding a full marching band rehearsal later in May so that you can meet other members of your section. Additional information about next year's schedule will be provided to you in April. Again, we look forward to having you next year as a member of the GlenOak Band!

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