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Welcome to the GlenOak Marching Band!

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We're excited to kick off the 2020 marching season with you as a member of the Golden Eagle Marching Band! You will find information about fees, schedule, uniforms, and band camp inside. As you look through this schedule, planning is the most important part of the performance process for next year. Time goes by very quickly and it's vital to look ahead and plan for upcoming events.

Our 2020 marching band schedule is included and we are planning on following it. We are keenly aware that decisions may be made during June or July by our Governor or school district that could change what we can do this summer and fall. You will be updated on any announcements regarding the status of our marching season via email and our website, GOHSBAND.COM

To our new band members, do not be alarmed about the amount of information in this packet. Our students and staff will help you become a successful member of the GlenOak Band. Our sectional leaders will reach out to you several times during the summer. Please feel free to email them with questions as well.

In addition to our band website, we have several social media accounts we encourage you to follow: Facebook (@GOHSband), Twitter (@GlenOak_Band), and Instagram.

Grading Policy

Individual band grades are determined by Participation in Rehearsals/Performances and Individual Music Assessments. Grades are put into one of three categories worth the following:

Rehearsals	20%
Performances	30%
Performance Assessments	50%

Attendance Policy: Rehearsal 20%/Performances 30%

Attendance at rehearsals and performances (both in school and after school) are mandatory and part of the class.

Participating in band is a graded course and your attendance is part of that grade. Along with that, you are also part of a team where your attendance is necessary for the success of the entire group. The rest of the band is counting on you. We reserve the right to remove you from a performance if you have excused/unexcused absences from practices or performances causing you to not be ready for a performance. **All performance absences must be approved (unless emergency) by a director at least 3 weeks before the date of absence. Rehearsal absences are a minimum of 2 weeks in advance. The earlier the better! Summer absences are no exception. In the event of an emergency, you can notify Mr. Irwin at 491-3937 (band office) or email irwinc@plainlocal.org We now use on online absence reporting system on our band website, www.gohsband.com.**

Student Athletes: It's very important that you copy your athletic schedule, highlight conflicts, and discuss with a director. Participating in band and a sport is very "do-able" as long as you plan. We always equally split time for practices/rehearsals with your respective team. However, we must know when you are missing rehearsal and any performances in advance according to the 2/3 week guidelines listed above. The key to making this work is advance communication.

Performance Assessments (aka Music Checks) 50%

All GlenOak Bands are graded performance organizations. Successful performances rely 100% on each students' ability to learn their music. We assess all students on an individual basis over each song required for Pregame and our halftime shows. **Each tested song is worth 10 Points with a passing score being 8/10.** We do allow students to retest their music for a higher score within the testing "window."

Alternates:

Alternate performers are students not meeting eligibility requirements to perform on the performance field. These may include not testing music, extremely low testing scores, and missing mandatory rehearsals/performances. Every situation is different and approached in that manner.

Summary of all Band Expenses

Below is a detailed list of all marching band-related expenses and when (approx.) these fees will be due. *Should you anticipate needing financial assistance to pay these fees, please contact Mr. Irwin at irwinc@plainlocal.org or 330-491-3937.*

- 1. PLIMPA Fee** **\$85 for New HS Band Members (including Color Guard)**
\$55 for Returning Members
\$35 for Returning Color Guard

These fees will be collected in September 2020.

- Uniform Cleanings for the entire year
- Band camp instructional staff and activities
- Band T-Shirt (for new members)
- Band shorts (for new members)

2. Uniform Accessories

Students purchase marching uniform accessories at their uniform fitting appointment in July. Items are also available for purchase before performances.

New band students will need to purchase the following items:

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| • Band shoes | \$36 | [1 pair needed] |
| • Spats for shoes | \$14 | [1 pair needed] |
| • Green barets for tuba players | \$12 | |
| • Black gloves | \$5/pair | [suggested to purchase 2 pair] |
| • Green Shorts | \$18 | |
| • Black t-shirt | \$10 | |

Returning members can purchase new shoes, shirts, shorts, spats, tuba barets, and gloves at their uniform fitting appointment. Everything except shoes can be purchased prior to a performance.

Uniforms

All student must be fit for a band uniform during the week of July 20. Fittings will occur BY APPOINTMENT this year. Make your band student's appointment at gohsband.com using **Sign Up Genius**. Appointment dates and times are as follows:

July 20-22 5-9 PM
July 23 9:30 AM-11:30 AM
July 24 9:30 AM-Noon

Payment for any uniform accessory listed above is due at the uniform fitting appointment. New shoes must be ordered at this time. Credit card/Check/Cash will be accepted at the uniform fittings.

Shoes, spats, and gloves are fitted and sold at the time of uniform fitting (see prices above). All band students will be required to wear the approved black marching shoes (hence the term "uniform") and provide their own black socks (calf height). All other shoe brands except for shoes purchased through PLIMPA are unacceptable and not considered uniform. Previous band shoes are okay. Returning band members: If you use shoes or spats, from last year, make sure they look new.

Instruments & Lockers

All students need working instruments for rehearsal and performances. This includes having reeds, etc. **All students will be provided a school locker which you must provide your own combination lock.** Any student using a school owned instrument is responsible for the instrument. Lockers must be kept clean at all times and sharing lockers is prohibited. Additional restrictions may be necessary due to COVID-19 guidelines.

Music

All the music for Pregame and Halftime Show #1 will be mailed during the week of June 1. Students should place this music in a flip folder for protection. All students (except percussion) need a flip folder and lyre. Percussion will receive cadence packets in addition to pregame and halftime music.

The GlenOak Marching Band memorizes all music (except stand tunes) for performances. Students test in pairs and each song is 10 points. 8/10 Is considered a passing score. Students can retest the music as many times as they wish until they earn a passing score. Pregame and Halftime #1 retesting must be completed before the first football game. Requirements for new band members have been changed for 2020. Please see deadlines below.

SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS, & SENIORS

Pregame: All by 7/24
On Eagles/Screaming Eagles
Alma Mater
Star Spangled Banner
The Final Countdown
Warm-Up

Halftime #1
Dynamite 7/29
Don't Stop Me Now 7/31
Shut Up and Dance 8/5

* Testing will be available during your scheduled sectional during the week of July 20.

* Students who earned a 10/10 on 2017, 2018, 2019 Pregame (On Eagles & Screaming Eagles, Alma Mater, Warm Up, and Star Spangled Banner) do not have to test those pregame songs in 2020. A list is posted in the band room.

NEW BAND MEMBERS, by the end of Band Camp, you will need to test the following songs:

On Eagles/Screaming Eagles
The Final Countdown
Dynamite
Don't Stop Me Now
Shut Up and Dance

Alma Mater, Star Spangled Banner, and Warm-Up by August 27

Band Camp

A successful band camp is essential to a good marching band which is why Band Camp is Mandatory. We learn all the movement and music of Pregame and Halftime Show #1. To help prepare for band camp, please start learning your music. Music memorization is not something in which you can be successful by procrastinating. Recordings of most of the music can be found at GOHSBAND.COM on the link found on the home page.

Your band calendar has the entire band camp schedule detailed. Every section has sectionals planned per week with time to test off music (music played by memory). There are "pre-camp" music sectionals planned the week of July 20. **Music must be tested by the deadlines assigned. If you want to be written into Show #2, test your Pregame music on time.**

We will provide regular water breaks throughout the rehearsals. We anticipate COVID-19 restrictions to require students to bring their own water. Please dress for the weather, including the use of sun block!

During band camp, we work very hard but we also like to have some fun too. There will be several evenings where we hold some fun activities away from the high school. We will provide that information to you as we get closer to camp.

Lastly, we are excited that you are becoming a member of the 2020 Golden Eagle Marching Band! You are in for an exciting and rewarding experience. We will keep you updated on any schedule changes that occur due to COVID-19 restrictions.

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