



GLENOAK HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

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Dear Band Members and Families,

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We are five weeks from the end of the 2020-2021 school year. While we still have quite a few concerts and events to go, we have been vigorously preparing for the start of summer band and the 2021 marching band season. We are looking forward to having a more “normal” band experience and hope to provide all our GlenOak band students with a special year.

Over the next few weeks, we would like all students planning on being in band next year to **register online** at **www.gohsband.com** by Monday, May 10th via the Google Form link. This will allow us to get an accurate list of students and up-to-date contact information for next year. Parents and guardians, if you are interested in helping out the band by volunteering with PLIMPA, you can indicate this on the online form. *We certainly appreciate all our volunteers!*

The student band fees for 2021-2022 are as follows:

New Members	\$85
Returning Band Members	\$55
Returning Color Guard Members	\$35

Why do we collect band fees? We wish band participation could be free but there are costs associated with uniform dry-cleaning/maintenance/replacement, hiring of extra staff to assist with summer band practices, and assisting with financial support for other activities band members take part in throughout the year. By no means does this fee pay for everything! PLIMPA fundraises throughout the year to reduce the costs of running a band program and make these band fees more manageable for students. However, PLIMPA's role extends beyond just supporting the high school band. They also extend support to all students in band and strings in grades 5-12. PLIMPA also provides several fundraisers for students to help pay for these fees. Please see the attached Registration and Fee form for more details of How and When to pay this fee. *As always, if you have difficulty paying this fee, please contact Mr. Irwin (irwinc@plainlocal.org) and we will find ways to help.* The fee is due June 1st.

The first meeting of the 2021 GlenOak Marching Band will be on Tuesday, May 18th at 6:30 PM. This practice is for any student who will be in band next school year. Students will bring their instruments and report to the high school band room through Door #8. Students who need marching instruments (mellophone, tenor saxophone, baritone, tuba, or percussion) should arrive early (between 5:30 and 6:15 PM) to sign-out an instrument. During this practice from 6:30-8:00 PM, students will get to know their section members, rehearse music for next season, and review the complete band schedule and expectations in detail. We are not doing any marching that evening. We are excited to meet with everyone and kick-off a great 2021 season!

On Eagles!

GlenOak Band Staff

