



## The Bands of Ola High School

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Dear Marching Band Parents and Students:

We hope that you are having a wonderful summer break! The marching band staff and the OHS band booster club have been working hard these past few weeks to ensure another terrific season for our marching band.

Can you believe that Marching Band Camp is right around the corner? Please see the Band Camp Schedule, which is included, as the Color guard, Percussion, Section Leaders, and Wind Players all begin meeting on different days.

As members of the OHS Marching Band, students have the responsibility of taking special care of their bodies. Marching band is athletic in nature, and students should avoid eating too many unhealthy foods, and try to do some form of cardiovascular exercise to prepare for camp. Running, walking, swimming, biking, or push-ups—any type of physical activity is highly recommended. Students should get outside to get used to the heat.

### Materials needed for band camp

1. Sun screen and lip balm— SPF 30 or higher (wear and bring extra to reapply)
2. Shorts –preferably comfortable athletic clothing
3. White or light colored t-shirt or tank top
4. Good tennis shoes that expose the ankle. NO HI-TOPS, FLIP FLOPS, SKATE SHOES, OR BACKLESS SHOES!
5. While on the field it will be important for students to carry drill coordinate sheets and carry their instrument at the same time. A small fanny pack is recommended, but there are several ways for students to accomplish this task. We will discuss various strategies for having drill while marching and playing/spinning. Please know that you may not need this right away, but as memorization of drill and music becomes more focused this will be a purchase that may need to be made.

### Students will be provided:

1. A 1-gallon water jug (this jug will be used for the entire season including football games and competitions). This is a must for all of our students. Replacement jugs will be \$15 per jug. These will be passed out on the first day of camp.
2. A black three ring binder – Marching band show music and drill coordinate sheets will go in this binder. It is very important that students keep up with their marching band binder throughout the season.

\*\* In order to carry and keep up with all of these required items for all day camps, we recommend that students bring a backpack.

Please remember to bring in physical forms on the first day of camp. We will collect those physical forms at the start of our first rehearsal.

If you have any questions about band camp, feel free to contact me. We are really excited about this marching season with the OHS band. **Enjoy the last few weeks of summer break, and we look forward to seeing you all soon.**

Sincerely,

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