



**OLA HIGH SCHOOL BAND**  
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The Ola High School Marching Mustangs is the most visible ensemble of the Ola High School Band Program. The band attracts some of the most talented and active students in the school. Band members are involved in numerous clubs and service organizations on campus. Band students represent Ola High School as class officers, yearbook staff, National Honor Society members, Academic Honor students, valedictorians, salutatorians, athletes, after school job holders and participate in multiple fine arts programs. When you join the Ola High School Marching Mustangs, you become a member of a special family that derives its strength from its diverse and active membership.

Enclosed in this packet you will find many materials to help guide you and prepare you for a terrific competitive and performance year. As always communication is key. Please be sure you are on our email distribution list and please reference our website, calendar, and numerous social media platform in order to stay update on all Ola Bands happenings. We also utilize a program messaging app called, THE BAND APP. This is how we send out quick updates and reminders that may be of an IMMEDIATE nature. We will also use it for classes during the school day as well. Parents will only need to register for the Parent Group. Students will register for both the marching band and class announcement groups. More info later in this document on how to register.

Lastly, parents and guardians, we need your help! A large portion of the funds that it takes to field a competitive marching band come from fundraising efforts that occur throughout the year. We need your help to help keep this band at the highest level possible. Please make sure that you register for your share of the several volunteer opportunities. If you have a student in the band program, you are automatically a member of the Ola High School Band Boosters. Please help us to shape the future of our booster organization to meet the goals and needs of our student performers!

Booster Meetings are held monthly in the Ola High School Band Room. Meeting dates will be released soon on the google calendar and reminders sent out the week before.



**What is Marching Season?**

The time period starting at the beginning of summer to the middle of November is our band's "Marching Season". During the summer (middle of July), the band will start learning its music and basic marching concepts during band camp rehearsals, and the color guard will train its new members in the basics of flag spinning weapons. The marching season is a busy time for the band program and proper planning and attention to the calendar is a must. For the marching band to be successful, it is imperative that we rehearse with all its members all the time. The marching band is the most visible performance group at Ola High School, and we strive to always provide a positive representation of our school.

**What is Spring Training and Band Camp?**

Spring Training will be May 2 and 9 (4:00-6:00pm) and May 11 from 9-4pm. Summer Band Camp begins July 8<sup>th</sup> for the guard and percussion, all new marchers (ROOKIES) begin on July 10<sup>th</sup>. ROOKIES will spend this day in an intensive training session preparing them for full band camp. The full marching band will join us on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. FULL BAND CAMP will begin July 15<sup>th</sup>. A detailed season schedule is available in this packet. The bulk of the show will be taught and learned during this time. It is a mandatory part of participating. It is very important that everyone be present EVERY DAY at band camp. Everyone has an important part to play and when students are missing it makes it difficult to perform the drill properly. Your spot will appear as "a hole" in the performance and there is no one to cover your responsibilities when you are not present. WE ARE A TEAM. With that understanding, everyone must be present for us to function as a cohesive unit. Before any activity begins, attendance will be taken, and the end of the year lettering will be based off attendance and behavior at all marching band events. Students that miss a performance will automatically be ineligible to letter.





**BAND CAMP GOALS**

- 1) Create group cohesion and teamwork.
  - Don't simply surround yourself with what is familiar. Stretch yourself and grow as a person by spending time with someone new. You won't regret it.
  - WE ARE A TEAM.
  - Lunch and Dinner Seating Assignments
  - We will also have themed dress up days. More info to follow this summer.
  - Balloon Fight Thursday evening of the full band camp week.
- 2) Develop an atmosphere of respect among the band members.
- 3) Develop habits that will carry us forward.
- 4) Have fun!

## HOW TO STAY INFORMED

- A detailed season schedule is included in this packet.
- All ensembles and classes will operate from the band website and is located at: [www.olahighschoolband.com](http://www.olahighschoolband.com)
- Once all students and parents have filled out the Registration Form, I will create an email database and send a weekly newsletter every Friday for the upcoming week. In this newsletter I will include the upcoming month and all detailed information for specific events.
- Friday Night Lights comes out on Wednesdays – info related to Friday happenings on game days.
- I will also send out an itinerary for each trip during the marching season.
- GOOGLE CALENDAR – please visit the band website, click “Calendar”, and use the +GOOGLE button to sync the calendar with your mobile device.

## OFFICIAL BAND SOCIAL MEDIA

			
<b>FACEBOOK</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>INSTAGRAM</b>	<b>TIKTOC</b>
<a href="https://www.facebook.com/olahighschoolband">olahighschoolband</a>	<a href="https://twitter.com/ola_band">@ola_band</a>	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/olahighschoolband">olahighschoolband</a>	<a href="https://www.tiktok.com/@ola.bands">@ola.bands</a>

## THE BAND APP (Messaging System)

		
<b>2024 OMB</b>	<b>2024-2025 CLASS ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	<b>2024-2025 BAND PARENTS</b>