

# **Land of Band and Color Guard**

## **Unprecedented Times**

So much has changed since last week. Performances canceled, trips canceled, school closed! Covid-19 has affected us in a way that we have never seen. So much is out of our control, but we can certainly control how we handle the situation!

First and foremost, please follow the advice of how to prevent the spread of Covid-19 by...

- ... washing your hands.
- ... sneezing or coughing into the crook of your arm.
- ... avoid large gatherings.
- ... mind your distance from other individuals.

I am no expert on this subject but still trying to take preventive measures on my own. I suggest you do the same!

**Please continue to read the rest of this email to have a better understanding of how we will be handling these two weeks.**

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## **Communication**

Communication will be such an important factor over the next couple of weeks. Please be on top of it!

All students are expected to **check their school email daily**. We will be communicating through Aeries so that we can send messages per class.

We will be using **Google Classroom** for **EACH CLASS!** Be sure that you are signed up for each class that you are in.

Also, we will be using **Remind101** and **BandApp** throughout this time for communication.

## Codes for Google Classroom

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| Wind Ensemble     | 6rv2fxr |
| Concert/Symphonic | lzvsmmr |
| Color Guard       | wyi5w4n |
| Percussion        | yp6ml6u |
| Adv. Band 1       | tksrpsq |
| Adv. Band 2       | 362m7q5 |
| Jazz 1            | ohfbwoz |
| Jazz 2            | fygel4h |
| Jazz 3            | yvd76tf |

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### Assignments

Mr. Vrooman, Angela, and I will be creating performance projects for all of our members. We will have to get creative to keep things interesting while maintaining some sort of performance integrity to our program.

Yes, you will be graded on your participation and quality of these projects. More details regarding how these projects will be graded will follow with each project assigned.

These projects will include, but not limited to:

- Video assignments of exercises, warm-ups, excerpts of concert music.
- Color Guard warm-ups, exercises, skills, choreography.
- Jazz Improvisation video assignment.
- Virtual Rehearsal (more to come on that!)
- Performance report (watch a video and answer questions)

We will do our best to keep projects simple and easy to accomplish. If you are efficient, you will spend less time on each project than you would spend in one band class.

The following staff will be creating assignments for the following ensembles:

- Mr. Samson** – Wind Ensemble, Percussion Class, Jazz Bands
- Mr. Vrooman** – Symphonic/Concert Band, Adv. Band Classes
- Angela Tousley** – Color Guard

## Future Performances

As of now, we are staying optimistic and still planning on going through with our performances through the end of the year. We will only cancel if the school district tells us to do so.

## **Upcoming Performances**

| <b>Date</b>      | <b>Ensemble</b>      | <b>Event</b>             | <b>Location</b>         | <b>Perf. Time</b> |
|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| March 13-15      | World Guard          | WGI Regional             | UNLV, Las Vegas         | Canceled          |
| March 14         | Jazz 3               | Aztec Jazz Festival      | Esperanza HS            | Canceled          |
| March 14         | Jazz 1 and 2         | Florentine's Gig         | Florentine's            | Canceled          |
| March 15         | Winter Percussion    | SCPA Comp                | Great Oak HS            | Canceled          |
| March 21         | JV Winter Guard      | WGASC Comp               | Rancho Cucamonga HS     | Canceled          |
| March 21 – 22    | Winter Percussion    | WGI Perc Regional        | CSU San Bernardino      | Canceled          |
| March 24-25      | Concert Bands        | SCSBOA Festival          | PAC                     | Canceled          |
| March 26         | Winter Guards        | District Exhibition Show | Raya Gym                | Postponed - TBD   |
| March 27         | JV Winter Guard      | WGASC Comp               | Chino Hills             | Canceled          |
| March 28         | World/A Guard        | WGASC Comp               | El Toro HS              | Canceled          |
| March 31-April 5 | World Guard          | WGI World Championships  | Dayton, OH              | Canceled          |
| April 4          | JV Winter Guard      | WGASC Comp               | Chino Hills HS          | Canceled          |
| April 4          | Winter Percussion    | SCPA Prelims             | CSU San Bernardino      | Canceled          |
| April 11         | Winter Percussion    | SCPA Finals              | CSU San Bernardino      | Canceled          |
| April 18         | A/JV Winter Guards   | WGASC Championships      | Various Sites           | Canceled          |
| April 19         | World Guard          | WGASC Championships      | UCI, Bren Events Center | Canceled          |
| April 21         | Jazz 1 and 2         | Road to Reno Concert     | PAC                     | 6:30p - ??        |
| April 24-25      | Jazz 1 and 2, Combos | Reno Jazz Festival       | Reno, NV                | Cancelled         |
| April 28         | Concert/Jazz Bands   | Area Night Concert       | Valencia HS             | Evening           |
| May 9            | Jazz 1 and 2, Combos | RCC Jazz Festival        | RCC                     | TBD               |
| May 11           | Returning Members    | 2020 Fall Rehearsal      | EDHS                    | 6p                |
| May 29           | Jazz Bands           | Jazz Master Concert      | PAC                     | 7p                |

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|---------|---------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|
| June 2  | Concert Bands | Spring Concert | PAC              | 7p          |
| June 5  | Everyone      | Band Banquet   | Phoenix Club     | Evening     |
| June 10 | Jazz 2        | Graduation     | Bradford Stadium | 4:30p-8:30p |
|         |               |                |                  |             |

## Just a reminder:

### Band Camp 2020

Week 1: **August 10-14**

Week 2: **August 17-21**

## Here's What's Up for This Week

### Monday – Friday

Please check Google Classroom for assignments.

## Booster President Message

Parents,

it's probably an understatement that we're facing an unprecedented time in not just our activity, but around the globe. We remain committed to the program, our students, and our staff.

The Booster Board wanted to make our parents aware that with the cancellation of many events as well as travel plans, we are currently assessing the financial impact to our organization, and what actions we need to take, to ensure that we continue to maintain the financial health of the organization, as well as maintain equity in terms of those payments that have come in to cover those travel-related expenses we may receive refunds from.

At this time, we would like to ask for your continued patience as we determine what refunds we may receive from our travel partners and vendors, and how we can ensure we're being fair to those of you that have incurred those travel-related costs.

Please stay tuned! We'll have more info as we get it and will pass it along.

Musically yours,

Andy Shomph  
President  
EDHS Band and Color Guard Boosters

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**Thank you for your cooperation and support of our award-winning program! You are each a vital part of the great success our kids enjoy as part of the El Dorado Golden Hawks Band & Color Guard!**