



## Gull Lake High School Bands

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### Gull Lake Band Families,

I sincerely pray this letter finds you and your family happy and excited for the weeks ahead. I know there are many questions that are still unanswered and I will always do my best to answer those when I can. The following pages will attempt to answer some of the questions that you have. I have been reading and following many discussions between local health officials, school administrators, and band directors both in Michigan and nationally, as well as some of our own band parents in an effort to make sure we are creating an opportunity for students to participate in marching band while still keeping all of us safe. I am excited to make these opportunities happen and will be doing my part in following all of the protocols and guidelines that have been set up for us in order to make these opportunities best for all involved. As always, if there are issues that arise, please let me know so I can address them. I will be hosting a virtual student meeting on Friday, July 24th at 8:00PM to discuss a few things that are important for everyone to be aware of and remember as we continue forward:

1. Take personal responsibility for your health and well-being. If you can't take this responsibility for yourself, we will have a very difficult time making a safe environment for everyone.
2. If you are not feeling well, do not come to rehearsal, and let us know you won't be there along with any symptoms that we should be aware of. If you start feeling ill while at rehearsal, you need to make us aware ASAP. There is a difference between "feeling it" (band camp exhaustion) and being injured or sick. We will discuss this more in our meeting and in person when we see each other.
3. Be prepared for every rehearsal. We cannot share items as we have become accustomed to. Please be prepared with:
  - a. Water (Large water jug with ice. Recommend at least ½ gallon or larger)
  - b. Proper athletic attire including tennis shoes for the entire rehearsal block
  - c. ALL music and drill that has been handed out, kept in a three ring binder. Page protectors are highly recommended.
  - d. Instrument including reeds, oils, etc. Consider having a more consistent cleaning routine for your instrument as some students may have not cleaned their instrument for a LONG time.
4. Remember your mask for every rehearsal or activity. This will be a requirement for you to be a part of any activity we do.

I look forward to getting started making music and choreography together!

With Pride,

Branden Burriss

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## Pre-Camp Week of July 27th - 31st

## Band Camp Week of August 3rd - 7th

**Pre-Camp:** Please read over the details of each day of Pre-Camp carefully. We have different groups scheduled for each day.

**Band Camp:** The rehearsal schedule is the same each day; basically 8:00AM - 11:00AM and 6:00PM - 9:00PM. Food will not be provided. Students will need to leave campus between 11:00AM - 6:00PM.

### Sections:

- **Hornline** refers to all wind instruments, Brass & Woodwinds
- **Guard** refers to students accepted into the Color Guard section
- **Leadership** refers to previously appointed leadership team members
- **Drumline** refers to marching snare, tenor, bass, and cymbals
- **Frontline** refers to students playing percussion equipment on the sideline
- **Rookies** refers to all NEW members to the HS marching band
- **Full Band** refers to every student in the HS marching band

### Pre-Screening Questionnaire & Temperature Check:

As students arrive each day, they will fill out a Pre-Screening Form, answering the following questions:

- 1) In the past 24 hours have you had a fever?
- 2) In the past 24 hours have you had a cough?
- 3) In the past 24 hours have you experienced regular shortness of breath?
- 4) In the past 24 hours have you had close contact, or cared for someone with Covid-19?

We will also take temperatures of all students, staff, and volunteers with contactless thermometers in conjunction with the above questions. This is required by the school to keep a record of everyone. If you have any of the above symptoms, please stay at home and contact Mr. Burris or Mrs. Stark ASAP. If your temp is at or above 100.4 you will be sent home immediately.

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## Pre-Camp Schedule

### Monday, July 27th 9:00AM - Noon

- Rookie, Frontline & Leadership only
- Rookies & Leadership on Band Practice Field
- Frontline behind Band Room (will need instruments)

### Tuesday, July 28th 9:00AM - Noon

- Rookie, Frontline & Leadership only
- Rookies & Leadership on Band Practice Field
- Frontline behind Band Room (will need instruments)

### Wednesday, July 29th 9:00AM - Noon

- Brass, Guard & Frontline only
- Brass & Guard on Band Practice Field
- Frontline behind Band Room (will need instruments)

### Thursday, July 30th 9:00AM - Noon

- Woodwind, Drumline & Frontline only
- Woodwind & Drumline on Band Practice Field
- Frontline behind Band Room (will need instruments)

### Friday, July 31st 9:00AM - Noon

- Full Band
- Hornline & Guard on Band Practice Field (will need instruments)
- Drumline & Frontline behind Band Room (will need instruments)

**Student Parking / Drop off** - All students, staff, and volunteers will stay in their vehicle until the health pre-screening & temperature are cleared. Masks must be worn. Please do not drop your student off and leave before your student has cleared the check in process, in case your student does not pass procedures for activities.

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## Band Camp Schedule

- August 3rd - 7th
- Two rehearsal blocks per day
  - 8:00 AM - 11:00AM
  - 6:00 PM - 9:00PM
- Practice Locations (Please review map for locations)
  - GLCS Stadium
  - Band Practice Field A
  - Band Practice Field B
  - Outside Band Room Field referred to as the "Auditorium"
- Health Pre-Screenings will begin 30 minutes before each block
  - Each practice location will have a separate screening location. Please be aware of your students' practice location
- **Friday August 7th Band Camp Performance 7:00PM @ GLCS Stadium**
  - The Friends and Family Band Camp Performance: due to the current restrictions on large gatherings, NO spectators will be allowed.
  - Performance will be live streamed on our Social Media platforms for parents to view.
  - Performance will also be recorded and posted to our Social Media platforms.

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## GL Field Locations

- GLCS Stadium
  - Drop off location on drive between Stadium and GLMS
  - Please enter from Ryan Drive
- Practice Field A
  - Band Parking Lot field
  - Drop off location on Main entrance loop
  - Please enter via 34th Street entrance
- Practice Field B
  - Grass Lot on opposite side of GLHS (outside of library)
  - Drop off location in Bus drop off location
  - Enter from either Ryan Drive or 34th Street entrance
- Outside Band Room referred to as “Auditorium”
  - Grass lot outside of band room
  - Drop off location on Main entrance loop
  - Please enter via 34th Street entrance



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**Monday August 3rd (Section Pride Day Day)**

**AM Block**

Woodwinds: GLCS Stadium  
Brass: Practice Field A  
Guard: Practice Field B  
Drumline: "Auditorium"  
Frontline: "Auditorium"

**PM Block**

Woodwinds: GLCS Stadium  
Brass: Practice Field A  
Guard: Practice Field B  
Drumline: Practice Field B  
Frontline: "Auditorium"

**Thursday, August 6th (Hawaiian/ Beach**

**AM Block**

Woodwinds: GLCS Stadium  
Brass: Practice Field A  
Guard: Practice Field B  
Drumline: Practice Field B  
Frontline: "Auditorium"

**PM Block**

Woodwinds: GLCS Stadium  
Brass: Practice Field A  
Guard: Practice Field B  
Drumline: Practice Field A  
Frontline: Practice Field A

**Tuesday, August 4th (Disney Day)**

**AM Block**

Woodwinds: GLCS Stadium  
Brass: Practice Field A  
Guard: Practice Field B  
Drumline: Practice Field B  
Frontline: "Auditorium"

**PM Block**

Woodwinds: GLCS Stadium  
Brass: Practice Field A  
Guard: Practice Field B  
Drumline: Practice Field B  
Frontline: "Auditorium"

**Friday, August 7th (Show Day, GL Shirt)**

**AM Block**

Full Band: GLCS Stadium

**PM Block**

Full Band: GLCS Stadium  
**7:00PM Performance**  
NO Spectators in stadium  
Performance live streamed

**Wednesday, August 5th (Neon Day)**

**AM Block**

Woodwinds: GLCS Stadium  
Brass: Practice Field A  
Guard: Practice Field B  
Drumline: Practice Field B  
Frontline: "Auditorium"

**PM Block**

Woodwinds: GLCS Stadium  
Brass: Practice Field A  
Guard: Practice Field B  
Drumline: Practice Field B  
Frontline: "Auditorium"

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