This week in GL Band

The Dream of Flight

When Michigan was shut down in March, we had no idea what a fall marching season might look like. Would COVID-19 be over by the time school resumed? Would we still be under stay-at-home orders? Would marching band even be allowed? As the situation in Michigan evolved, and as new restrictions were added and rescinded, our families adapted and adjusted. No, our season didn't end up like we first planned. But three competitions, a stellar performance at MSBOA Festival, and a home football game and Senior Night later, these students made every moment count.

COVID meant some changes. We completely revamped Band Camp and rehearsals. We added health questionnaires, touchless thermometers and new secondary uniforms, but lost MCBA and props. We learned music and drill wearing masks, measured how many steps would keep us socially distant, and went through gallons of hand sanitizer. We practiced through remote and hybrid scheduling with only one full band rehearsal a week (and learned a lot about Zoom). We competed against bands who were full time, face-to-face, five days a week.

And yet, our students and families persevered. The music was AMAZING. The work ethic was unmatched. Parents stepped in to help whenever there was a need, in even more ways than usual. Everyone masked up, distanced, and made this new normal just *work*.

THANK YOU to our students – our staff – our families – our community for your support, encouragement and enthusiasm. THANK YOU to camp and bus chaperones – nurses – trailer drivers – uniform moms – prop dads – field crew – photographers - GLBPA board and everyone who just showed up and asked, "What can I do?"

Bev Allen * Tom Allen * Laura Allishaw * Sherri Alvey * Kristen Armstrong * Kevin Artis * Stacie Blair-Nelson * Anna Dix * Lori Dugan * Maria Gagnon-Markucki * Terri Goodman * Kay Hubbard * Bradley Keeslar * Kristen Kern-Beaver * Tina Lee * Sarah Ludmer * Heather Martin * Connie Mollison * * Bill Morris * Kaleen Morris * Lucy Morris * Tammy Morse * Eric Nelson * Eric Schumann * Jenn Stuck * Tracey Sulka * Melissa Turmo * Brandy Wasick * Jill Weber * Leigh Wheeler * Janna Wolfe * Sue Zomer *

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Raph Rittenhouse * Don Eastman * Kris Simms * Karyn Furlong * GLCS Transportation *

THANK YOU for ensuring that our students and their DREAMS took FLIGHT

What's on the Calendar?

Thurs, Oct 22 – Parent/Teacher conferences by appointment, 5:00 – 8:00 PM
Fri, Oct 23 – NO SCHOOL for students
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9:00 AM – 12:00, 1:00 – 4:00 PM
Tues, Oct 27 – PSAT and SAT testing, 9th and 12th grade students only
Thurs, Oct 29 – PSAT/NMSQT testing, 10th and 11th grade students only
Fri, Oct 30 – Deadline to order/submit payment for MCBA pins, 2:30 PM
Thurs, Nov 12- GLBPA general membership meeting, 7:00 PM

2020 Special Edition MCBA Collector's Pin

This year has been full of challenges and missed moments for our band students. MCBA wanted to carry on the tradition of commemorative pins, so they designed a Special Edition MCBA pin for this year.

"MCBA BANDS Marching On Together" is the perfect motto for 2020. While MCBA may not be together in person, we are in spirit. We have all found a way to band together and march on, as we make the most of this year. Pinning this sentiment to our lapels, band jackets, and backpacks is a great way to show our continued love of band and music!"

Please check BAND for the order form. Pins are $10 each. Orders and payment are due to the band office by 2:30 PM, October 30. We cannot accept late orders due to the quick deadline, and orders without payment will be cancelled. We will place one group order to combine shipping costs.

Payment can be made by check written to Gull Lake Community Schools or cash. Please note – pins are not required. Ordering is entirely optional.

GLBPA News

Mark your calendars for the next GLBPA general membership meeting on Thursday, November 12 at 7:00. Details will be announced closer to the meeting.

Be sure to check out the Hibernate Sheets fundraiser information below to learn how your student can earn funds toward their Disney trip while also raising funds for the GLBPA.

Want to get involved? Visit the website for more information about the GLBPA, the ongoing Partnership program, upcoming meetings, events and more: http://www.gulllakeband.com

It's time to HIBERNATE!

Hibernate Sheets are a new fundraiser for us. With non-contact ordering and delivery; products with excellent reviews; and the opportunity to earn individual funds toward the 2021 Disney trip while raising much needed funds for the GLBPA, this is an easy, socially distanced way to support the Gull Lake Bands Program! Due to COVID restrictions, we will not open the fall concession stand or sell Peel-It Cards this year. The Hibernate Sheets fundraiser will help make up the shortfall from eliminating those annual events. The kick off meeting recording can be found on BAND. Here you will find out how to set up an individual "Pop Up Store" and information about the products available from ***Hibernate Sheets***. Our group ID is 6780. This is an on-going fundraiser – products can be purchased throughout the year.

Start your sales – and your earnings - today!

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