



## 2020-2021 Ensemble Placement Auditions & Other Information

Hello Future 2020-2021 Sound Wave Band!

Due to COVID-19, the auditions for the next school year will be online. Please be sure to read the information below carefully so that you are prepared and comfortable with the audition material.

The deadline for the audition to be submitted by will be **Saturday, June 13, 2020**.



We will be utilizing Flipgrid for these auditions. The current 2019-2020 classes have already been using flip grid and it is very easy to use - and it's FREE! You will need to sign in to FlipGrid using your school email address

([57XXXXXX@students.santarosa.k12.fl.us](mailto:57XXXXXX@students.santarosa.k12.fl.us)) or a Gmail address.

Please let me know if you have another email service that is not available on Flipgrid.

You can do this either on a computer or a cell phone/mobile device. The code to access the flipgrid audition is **SOUNDWAVE2021** or you can follow the direct link here:

<https://flipgrid.com/soundwave2021>

### Please Note

- You must be completely visible performing in your video submission. This is so I can see your embouchure, hand positions, and posture.
- Each section has their own submission area. You will see this when you access the grid. Please make sure that you are submitting in the correct area.
- All students are required to audition for ensemble placement. All audition placements are at the professional discretion of the Director and instrumental need in the ensemble. We will distribute parts and arrange chair seating when we return. This is only for the ensemble placement for the year.
- If you have any questions, please be sure that you have asked your friends, parents, Google, etc. before emailing with technical problems. If you can work Tik Tok, you can work Flipgrid!
- With that said, you may email me with questions if needed ([donahoov@santarosa.k12.fl.us](mailto:donahoov@santarosa.k12.fl.us)) but I will be checking my email sparingly during the summer.



## 2020-2021 Audition Components

### Brass & Woodwind Video Submissions:

1. Introduce yourself!
  - a. First & Last Name
  - b. Preferred Name (If applicable)
  - c. 2020-2021 Grade
2. 7 Major Scales
  - a. In the following concert pitch order: C, F, Bb, Eb, Ab, Db, & Gb
  - b. Performed with a metronome at  $\text{♩} = 120$
  - c. 2 octaves minimum where possible - You may play more!
  - d. Must be performed in complete octaves - incomplete octaves will not be counted.
  - e. FBA All-State Pattern - Tongue Up/Slur Down
3. Chromatic Scale
  - a. Performed with a metronome at  $\text{♩} = 120$
  - b. FBA All-State Pattern - Tongue Up/Slur Down
  - c. Each instrument will start on the pitch designated below
    - Flute - 3 octaves from C
    - Oboe - 2 octaves from C
    - Clarinet/Bass Clarinet - 3 octaves from E
    - Bassoon - 2 octaves from F
    - Saxophone - 2 octaves from C
    - Trumpet - 2 octaves from G
    - French Horn - 2 octaves from F
    - Trombone/Baritone - 2 octaves from F
    - Tuba - 2 octaves from F
4. Audition Etude Per Each Instrument (Attached)
  - a. Play with a metronome at the marked tempo to the best of your abilities.
  - b. The metronome needs to be audible in your recording.
  - c. Students will be evaluated on the following components
    - Note Accuracy
    - Rhythmic Accuracy
    - Tempo
    - Tone Quality
    - Musicality



### **Percussion Video Submissions:**

1. Introduce yourself!
  - a. First & Last Name
  - b. Preferred Name (If applicable)
  - c. 2020-2021 Grade
2. Audition Etude Per Each Instrument (Attached)
  - a. Play with a metronome at the marked tempo to the best of your abilities.
  - b. The metronome needs to be audible in your recording.
  - c. Please play with matched grip.
  - d. If you do not have a drum to use at home, you may play on a pad, book, table, stool, the floor, etc. Be smart about your choice!
  - e. Students will be evaluated on the following components
    - Note/Roll Accuracy
    - Rhythmic Accuracy
    - Tempo
    - Tone Quality
    - Musicality
5. Marching Percussion placements (battery or front ensemble) will be determined at a later date. Currently drum camp is **July 13 - 17, 2020**.
6. Students that intend to “switch” to percussion must speak with Ms. Donahoo prior to auditioning outside of their section and will be discussed on a case-by-case basis. (Hint: It is not likely that I will say yes.) **Students that are permitted to play percussion for marching season are expected to play their primary wind instrument during concert season.**
7. Indoor Percussion auditions will be determined at a later date and are open to all students in the Sound Wave Band program.

### **Color Guard Video Submissions:**

1. Introduce yourself!
  - a. First & Last Name
  - b. Preferred Name (If applicable)
  - c. 2020-2021 Grade
2. Answer the following questions:
  - a. Do you have any experience with color guard (flags, rifles, sabres)?
  - b. Do you have any dance experience?
  - c. Do you have any gymnastics or cheerleading experience?



- d. Do you play an instrument?
3. If you don't have any experience with any of the above mentioned questions - that's ok! We will teach you! :)
4. Color Guard equipment auditions/experience camps will be determined at a later date. Currently, color guard camp is **July 13 - 17, 2020.**

### **Jazz Band Auditions**

1. Students that can proficiently perform on a standard jazz instrument are welcome to sign up for jazz ensemble using the Gulf Breeze High School course sign-up.
2. If you are interested in Jazz Band but did not sign up on the GBHS Course request, please contact Ms. Donahoo ([donahoov@santarosa.k12.fl.us](mailto:donahoov@santarosa.k12.fl.us)) or your GBHS Guidance counselor.
3. Part placements will be determined in class.
4. Standard Jazz Instruments include:
  - a. Saxophone: Alto, Tenor, & Bari
  - b. Brass: Trumpet & Trombone
  - c. Rhythm Section: Piano, Guitar, Bass Guitar, Percussion (Drumset, Vibes, Auxiliary Percussion)
  - d. If you do not play one of the previous instruments, you can still join!
    - Many arrangements can be played on other instruments.
    - It is also an opportunity to learn a new instrument!
    - Many of our jazz students this past year learned a second (or third!) instrument for jazz band.

### **Communication Until School/Band Camps**

There are a few ways that we will communicate throughout the school year. I will send emails periodically with information for students and parents. Please make sure that your email is correct when filling out communication forms. You may also join the following groups for easy communication. If you have a question or private matter that is for Ms. Donahoo, it is best to directly email. Attendance procedures will be explained in more detail at a later date.

#### **1. Sound Wave “Band” App**



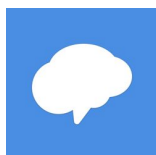
- Download the “Band” app on your app store for FREE! It is also available on desktop or in a browser.
- Students Only Group - <https://band.us/n/a3a53b52L1qfF>
- Parents Only Group - <https://band.us/n/afa83355LcR25>



## Sound Wave “Band” App Cont...

Ask to you the specific “Band” and you will be added to the group. Please add your student’s name to your username so that I can easily connect the parents to students, especially if you are new to the program!

### 2. Remind



- Text the following codes to 81010 or download the “Remind” app for push notifications sent when needed. The App is FREE!
- Students & Parents that are already in the Remind group, you will not need to join again.
- Please only join your specific group. There is a limit to the amount of contacts in each Remind Group.
  1. Parents - @GBWAVE2021
  2. Color Guard - @GBGU2021
  3. Percussion - @GBPERC2021
  4. All other groups will have their own group per their ensemble placement (concert, symphonic, jazz band, etc.)
- Attendance will only be handled through Remind if it is of an emergency nature. Please email Ms. Donahoo for all attendance matters.

### 3. Sound Wave Band on Facebook

- a. Please “like” and “follow” the band on Facebook!
- b. You can either search for “Gulf Breeze High School Sound Wave” or follow this direct link:



<https://www.facebook.com/gbhssoundwave/>

- c. Due to Santa Rosa County Restrictions, Ms. Donahoo will not add students or parents to her personal facebook & all written communication must go through the previously mentioned platforms.

### 4. Sound Wave Website

- a. Please be sure to bookmark and visit our Sound Wave website. It is updated with information often and should be the first place to look for information.
  - <https://www.gbhssoundwave.com/>





**Have a wonderful summer!**

There are no activities scheduled for the month of June. Please keep in an eye on email and the previously mentioned means of communication. I am hoping that all currently scheduled band activities and camps will continue in the month of July. However, we will strictly follow directives given by Santa Rosa County School District and the Gulf Breeze High School administration. Student safety is always our #1 concern!

When we are able to come together again, we are looking at having “half-day” camps for color guard and percussion to get some instruction prior to their audition/camp week. I plan on sending music out for the marching season digitally so that students may start to work on new music. I would also like to have a “FAQ Band Night” for parents and guardians that would like more information on this next adventure with the band! I am excited at the prospect of a new school year, new leaders emerging within the band program, and a new group of students to work with. Until I get to see you all in person...

