



Memo August 24, 2020 - September 4, 2020

Hello Sound Wave Families!

As we are finishing our first week of school, I hope student schedules are closer to being figured out and some questions for the year have been answered. As we go along, we are going to be answering more of them as we know more information. This year is sure to be different than most. We are going to do our best with the information we are given at the time, make plans, and adjust accordingly.

Rehearsals

Since this is already a different start to the school year, we are going to do a series of “rolling start” rehearsals. When we are given permission from the administration, we will have rehearsals with the full band. (I hope you’re excited as I am by that sentence!)

We will start rehearsals the second week of school (August 31 - September 4). Students will be expected to maintain all Covid-19 guidelines during rehearsals until further notice. Health screenings will be administered before each rehearsal. Remember - If you are sick, please stay home.

Students will need to be prepared to be outside during their rehearsals with water, sun protection, athletic clothes, etc.

I’ve also included this schedule as time blocks on the last page for your convenience & printing.

- Monday, August 31
 - Drumline 3:45 - 5:45
 - Color Guard 5:00 - 8:00
- Tuesday, September 1
 - Brass & Woodwinds 4:00 - 6:00
 - Front Ensemble 3:45 - 5:45
- Wednesday, September 2
 - Drumline 3:45 - 5:45
 - Color Guard 3:45 - 6:00
- Thursday, September 3
 - Drumline 3:45 - 5:45
 - Front Ensemble 3:45 - 5:45
 - Brass & Woodwinds 4:00 - 6:00
 - Color Guard 5:00 - 8:00

Paperwork

Students will soon be receiving band paperwork for the school year. Please note the forms that will need to be notarized before being returned. All forms are for the entire school year and will be kept on file in the band office. Students will not need a physical prior to the school year for band.



Volunteers & Boosters

If you are able to help volunteer with the band, please let us know! We need your help and cannot survive without our band parents! If you would like to be a part of our Band Boosters, please contact Barb Scott at barbscott3607@gmail.com.

By law, any parent that comes in contact with a student through the school must have a Level 1 Clearance & be approved by our school board. This is valid for 1 school year. You can find that information here: <https://sites.santarosa.k12.fl.us/forms/sr000003VolunteerApplication.pdf> Please be sure to fill out the form in its entirety. Anyone wanting to chaperone an overnight trip with the band must also complete the Level 2 Volunteer Clearance, which is valid for 5 years.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are not currently able to have volunteers on campus during the first 9-weeks. Although this is very inconvenient, it is for everyone's safety & gives you some time to get the paperwork in and be approved by the district.

Uniforms

We will be utilizing our "summer uniform" for any performances with the marching band until further notice. Again, Covid-19 restrictions require that all students come dressed to performances and do not change at the school. Additionally, it is to keep our wonderful uniform volunteers safe without having to come in contact with uniforms that are worn by students.

The summer uniform is as follows:

1. Khaki shorts (school dress code appropriate)
2. Brown belt
3. Socks & athletic shoes (any kind)
4. Band T-shirt (designed by the band students!)
5. Long hair pulled back/off the collar
 - a. Pony tail, braids, bun, etc.
6. No makeup or jewelry
 - a. Color Guard makeup/accessories per staff
 - b. Guard may need to purchase dance shoes but will default to athletic shoes.

Football Season

During this year, we will only be allowed to have 50 students at the game representing the band & we are unfortunately not able to travel to away games and will not be seeing any other bands come to us. To allow for the limit, I have split the band into two bands - "Blue Band" and "Gold Band" with as equal representation of students/instruments as possible. Students will be asked to perform at least twice this year during the regular season, possibly more depending on the playoff season. Please mark on your calendars with the following dates. Band performance



announcements will be done as soon as possible.

1. September 25 (GBHS vs. Milton HS) *Senior night!*
2. October 2 (GBHS vs. Navarre HS)
3. October 9 (GBHS vs. Pensacola HS)
4. October 23 (GBHS vs. Choctawhatchee HS)
5. November 6 (GBHS vs. Tate HS) *Homecoming*
6. November 13 - Playoff TBD
7. November 20 - Regional Quarterfinals TBD
8. November 27 - Regional Semifinals TBD
9. December 4 - Regional Final TBD
10. December 10-12 - State Semifinal TBD

Rehearsal/In-Class Needs

Please be sure your student has a half-gallon (minimum) water jug with them for all rehearsals and performances. Due to restrictions on water refill stations, I would highly suggest that students purchase a full gallon water jug this year. I do not care what color your water jug is - I care that you have one! Students that show up to rehearsals or performances without water will be sent home.

Wind players will need to bring a small hand towel with them to rehearsals. They may keep this towel in their instrument case. This is to contain any condensation from instrument water keys/spit valves and reduce the spread of germs.

Band Room Wish List

If you are unable to volunteer, but you would like to help the band program out somehow please consider donating items such as hand sanitizer, Lysol/Clorox wipes or spray, tissues, or hand soap. Anything to help keep everyone safe and clean! Additionally, I have created an [Amazon Wish List](#) for anyone that wants specific ideas for how to help the band program.

If you do any online shopping through Amazon, you can use the link here & shop as normal. Proceeds will go straight to the band with no extra cost to you! [Sound Wave Amazon Smile](#)

My Fair Share

As we all know, the arts are not always well-funded. The Band Boosters help us by raising funds for the band and we typically have several fundraisers throughout the year. To allow for us to continue with the outstanding staff members we have, purchase new instruments, repair current instruments, buy new music, have students evaluated at competitions/performances, and create our marching shows each year, we have our "Fair Share." You can think about it as each student's "piece of the pie." **The fair share for this year will be \$300 for all students.** We will have it set up on the school website that you can use a credit card if you wish, but there is a



convenience fee. If you do not want to pay online, please write a check to *Gulf Breeze High School Band* and put your student's full name in the memo line. You may send it to school with them and to turn into the safe in the band office.

Additional costs may be incurred throughout the year and are additional purchases depending on what section the student is in & materials needed. The additional costs are typically items that students keep and may use for several years after the first purchase (shoes, bibbers, etc.)

Fundraisers

We are currently finishing up our *Flags in the Breeze* fundraiser. If you would like more information, please visit <https://www.gbssoundwave.com/flags-in-the-breeze>

All-State

Students interested in auditioning for All-State need to see Ms. Donahoo. There are new procedures this year for auditions. If you would like to start getting used to the app that they will be using for auditions, you can download it. It is called *HeartOut* and you can find more information on their website: <https://www.heartout.io/> We will discuss more in detail when we meet in person. **If you are a remote student, you are still able to audition for All-State!**

Communication

As always, please be sure that you are in the appropriate Band App Groups to receive information. I can always post in the band apps to reach all students & parents, but I can't always send emails to get to everyone.

This point in the year is very busy, and this year especially has a lot of questions that I may not know right away. Your patience is appreciated moving forward within this year.

- The Band App
 - Students: <https://band.us/@gbsoundwave>
 - Parents: <https://band.us/@gbsoundwaveparents>
- Remind
- *Note: Please only join the group that applies to you. There is a limit to how many may join each Remind group.*
 - All Parents: @GBWAVE2021
 - Concert Winds: @GBCON2021
 - Symphonic Winds: @GBSY2021
 - Percussion: @GBPERC2021

If you made it this far - congrats! Have a great week!





Rehearsal Schedule August 31 - September 4

	8/31 MONDAY	9/1 TUESDAY	9/2 WEDNESDAY	9/3 THURSDAY	9/4 FRIDAY
3:30 PM					
4:00 PM					
4:30 PM					
5:00 PM	Drumline (3:45 - 5:45)	Front Ensemble (3:45 - 5:45)	Color Guard (3:45 - 6:00)	Color Guard (5:00 - 8:00)	
5:30 PM		Brass & Woodwinds (4:00 - 6:00)	Drumline (3:45 - 5:45)	Drumline (3:45 - 5:45)	
6:00 PM	Color Guard (5:00 - 8:00)				
6:30 PM					
7:00 PM					
7:30 PM					
8:00 PM					