

Wando Band Families,

Welcome to Band Camp 2018! We are excited for the traditional start to our season. This year, we have so much accomplished already and are already accustomed to working hard. We have much to do with much already accomplished. This promises to be one of the most successful seasons for our program with an amazing show, outstanding cast, and wonderful staff members. We need you to stay strong. Parents, your students will be incredibly tired. Please support them. Students, you will become frustrated with yourself and others. Be patient.

Mostly, you will find out things about yourself that are incredible. You are smarter than you thought, stronger than you were, and better than you imagined. Basically, you are becoming one of the best in the country. Some will chase a state championship or other reward. We will chase excellence on a national scale in everything we do. Better still, we will chase personal bests each day to live up to our band motto: Great People Doing Great Things.

It is not for the faint of heart or even for the average. It takes great will and "grit" to be the best in the country. It takes musicians, athletes, dancers, and all-around outstanding effort to become elite. So many groups set low goals. Our Bands of Wando never will. If we do it, we want it to be our very best (and then some). The amazing thing, is we have more at this time of year than we've ever had--more drill, more music, more staff, more insight, and more planning.

We congratulate you for making it with us. Not everyone could. YOU DID. If you've made it this far, you are over the hump. You have proven to the staff and your peers that you are ready to grow and achieve. You have proven it to yourselves. All of the doubt is gone. What remains, are students and staff who are willing to do their best each day--no more and no less. You will likely not be the best member of each section especially everyday. What you can be is your best for that one day and then get better for the next day. If you do that, we don't care WHERE you are now, you will arrive with us at satisfaction. Satisfaction with your work, with yourself, and with being one of the best. When we travel, people will want to see Wando. They are already talking about us. They want to know what we are doing all across the country. Let's show them exactly what we are doing--becoming GREAT.

Below is some more information concerning the weeks ahead.

Remember to check the supplies list below and bring all you need especially, a healthy lunch. Remember to join us Thursday evening at 5:30 for our pizza party and Car Raffle Kick Off.

We have much to do with a different schedule. We won't be able to go slowly or stop our way through anything, especially afternoons. We are set up wonderfully but must keep pushing forward. We can't wait to see what you can do. Freshmen, you are no longer rookie members. You are our peers and we are so glad you are here. Keep making us proud. Everyone, welcome to the beginning of something special.

Daily Goal Schedule

Time	Morning - 8-11	11-12	Sectionals - 1-3	Ensemble - 3:15-5:30
Monday	Review Opener / Battery per Mr. Handel	Breathing and Split Arcs	Winds in Sectionals Percussion on field Guard field or inside	3:15—Concert Arcs 3:30—Opener Drill w Music
Tuesday	Opener Ballad setting	Breathing and Split Arcs	Winds in Sectionals Percussion on field Guard field or inside	3:15—Concert Arcs 3:30—Continue Opener Drill
Wednesday	Ballad Setting Opener w/ Tubes	Breathing and Split Arcs	Winds in Sectionals Percussion on field Guard field or inside	3:30—Middle School Concert 4:30—Marching Band Performance for Middle School 5:00—Treats w/ middle schoolers
Thursday	Review	Breathing and Split Arcs	Winds in Sectionals Percussion on field Guard field or inside	3:15—Concert Arcs 3:30—Finish Opener Drill —Ballad Drill w/ Music 5:30—Pizza
Friday	Review	Breathing and Split Arcs	Winds in Sectionals Percussion on field Guard field or inside	2:30—Concert Arcs 2:45—Review Ballad Drill / Review Opener Drill 3:45—Run what we know

MUST HAVE

1. Sunscreen for morning and afternoon.
2. Water. Continuous hydration must start Sunday before.
3. Lunch for each day.
4. Dotbook (sheets we have given you or book for guard)
5. Instrument

6. Music / Pencil
7. Towel
8. Gloves for brass (Band will provide if needed)
9. Good athletic shoes and socks.

SHOULD HAVE

1. Hat
2. Sunglasses for outside

**Check with your section leader for any specifics you may also need.