

CLOVER GARDEN MARCHING GRIZZLIES

June 2019

MISSION STATEMENT

Clover Garden School will foster community, generate enthusiasm, challenge students academically, and produce successful citizens.



The Clover Garden Bands will strive to inspire excellence, foster community, encourage success and provide opportunities for students to discover and perform instrumental music and reinforce positive life skills that will lead to continued success in personal and professional life.

DEAR CLOVER GARDEN BAND FAMILIES,

Welcome back to school and to the band program! I cannot express how excited I am to be your director for the 2019-2020 marching season. In my time here getting ready for the year, I have already experienced firsthand the dedication, enthusiasm and excitement that this band program exudes. I cannot wait to share a part in encouraging that dedication to music and success with you all.

In this newsletter, you will find information concerning our 2019 Marching show, our camp schedule, and announcements from our administration, instructors and booster organization. If there is anything that isn't touched on in this newsletter that you are curious about, please send me an email. My contact information is included at the end of the letter.

Have a great rest of your summer – can't wait to hit the ground running!

- Mr. Babb

FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Clover Garden School Band Parents & Students,

We hope that you all are enjoying your summer vacation and are resting and relaxing with your family and friends! We have missed all of you and can't wait until you all return to campus in a few weeks. Summer Band Camp is right around the corner! We have an EXCELLENT marching show prepared for you for this school year. We hope that you have been practicing your instrument this summer and are ready to challenge yourself musically.

This summer, we have been busy working all over campus in ways to improve our school to be the BEST that it's ever been! As you step on campus, you will see some construction projects taking place, teacher classrooms in different locations, and landscaping improvements. We are also working diligently on upgrading our current CGS website which we will be "unveiling" before the start of the school year. We greatly appreciate your patience and support as there have been some transitions taking place in our band department. It is with great honor that I introduce to you, our new Band Director, Mr. Babb. Mr. Babb comes to us as a scholarship recipient musician who recently graduated from Appalachian State University. We are excited about where our band program will go this school year under Mr. Babb's leadership. There will be new programs and activities that will be implemented this school year to help you become stronger musicians.



The title of our 2019 Marching Show is "American Rhythm". The show features an exciting compilation of 20th century composer George Gershwin's jazz-inspired music. Selections include "An American in Paris", "Rhapsody in Blue", and "Fascinating Rhythm!".

There will be many opportunities for you to perform and perfect your skills. There will be guest musicians coming in to help you “hone in” on areas in which you may need assistance in addition to Mr. Babb’s daily guidance.

Our Arts Department is growing and we are excited about the collaboration that will take place this upcoming school year! Parents, thank you for continuing to choose Clover Garden School as your student’s “School of Choice”. We have an AMAZING school, AMAZING students, and AMAZING parents. We couldn’t do what we do without your support! Enjoy the rest of your summer!

“Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and charm and gaiety to life and to everything.” –Plato.

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As always, thanks for all that you do.

Mrs. Vereyken & Mrs. Moore

SO... WHAT'S NEW?

1. **Marching Show:**

Our 2019 Marching Show is entitled, “American Rhythm”. The show features a catchy and exciting compilation of 20th century composer George Gershwin’s jazz-inspired music. Selections include, “An American in Paris”, “Rhapsody in Blue”, and “Fascinatin’ Rhythm!”. An electronic recording of the show and parts for each instrument will be released to you in a separate email.

2. **Instructors:**

I am very happy to welcome back Mr. Gary Deem and Ms. Jamie Smith to the team! Mr. Deem will be returning as the Drumline Instructor and Ms. Smith will be returning as the Colorguard Instructor. They have been a vital part in encouraging the success of the band program for years, and we look forward to working together to continue that success.

Additionally, we welcome some new instructors visiting us from Appalachian State University for camp. Mr. Michael Haynes and Mr. Andrew Hicks will be joining us as visiting instructors to assist in achieving our cohesive success for the marching season. Mr. Haynes is a former Drum Major of the Appalachian State Marching Mountaineers, a former member of Pioneer Drum and Bugle Corps, and has served as a private teacher, ensemble director, organizer of educational clinics and marching instructor in Surry and Watauga Counties. Mr. Hicks has participated in directing instrumental and vocal ensembles, coaching individual lessons and small groups, organizing large-scale Honor Band Clinics and Marching Band Competitions, and has assisted marching programs in Lincoln County and the city of Hickory, NC. I am excited to have their talent added to the table for this season!

WHAT'S THE CAMP SCHEDULE?

- **FRIDAY, JULY 12th:** All leadership (9am-12pm, 1:30pm-5pm) and first year marchers (1:30pm-5pm).
- **MONDAY, JULY 15th – WEDNESDAY, July 17th:** All drum and guard (9am-12pm) FULL BAND (1-8:30pm)
- **THURSDAY, JULY 18th:** No camp, open house (5pm-7pm)
- **FRIDAY, JULY 19th:** Full band (1-8:30pm)
- **MONDAY, JULY 22nd:** Full band (1-6:00pm), **PARENT PREVIEW NIGHT**

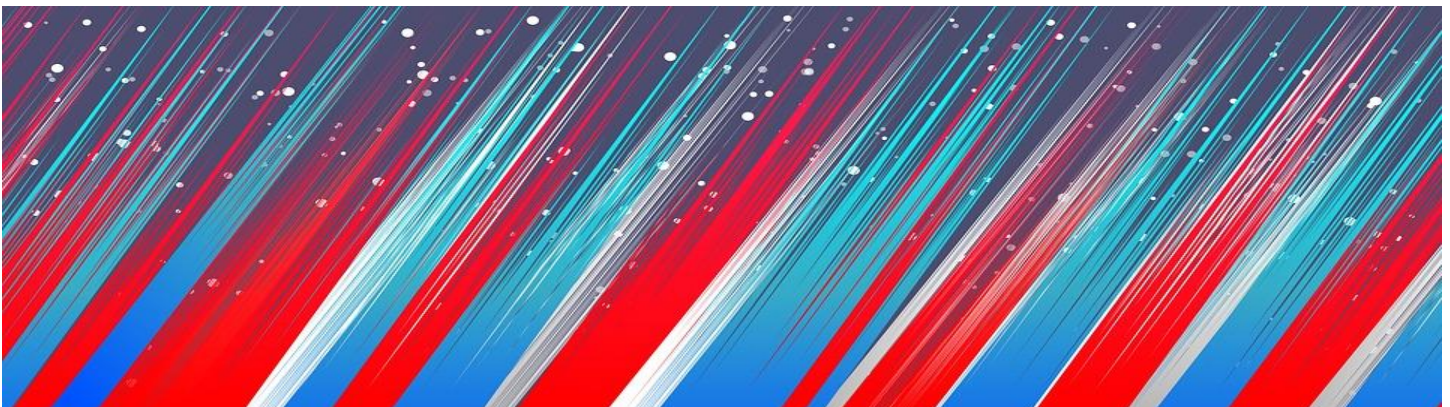
WHAT SHOULD I DO BEFORE CAMP?

1. Get your body moving! Engage in varying intensities of aerobic exercise – walking around the neighborhood, riding a bike, jogging or running. It's important to get your body used to being outside and in the heat before it becomes an issue.
2. Eat balanced, nutritious meals and snacks. Drink plenty of water – stay away from sugary drinks! The sugar can dehydrate you faster. Food equals fuel, so make sure you're picking options that will keep you fuller longer and avoid discomfort.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

1. A LARGE water jug to keep with you during the day
2. Comfortable, light athletic clothes. Please do not wear jeans or heavy materials!
3. **For wind players and drumline – a lyre (clip) specific to your instrument and flip folder with extra protective sheets, purchasable from Music and Arts. Please let me know if you have any questions on what to purchase. I have a limited number of extra flip folders available for those in need.**

Please note – all remaining band fees are due on the first day of band camp to the Band Boosters. Please email cgsbandboosters@gmail.com for any questions concerning balance or payment.





WHEN ARE AFTER-SCHOOL REHEARSALS?

After-school rehearsals will be held on the practice field outside of the band room on **Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30-5:30**. Please make arrangements to attend all rehearsals, and let me know well in advance if you find that you need to be absent. These are the only times in the week where we can **all** be together to rehearse. I understand that our students are some of the most involved in the school, and as such there will be moments where flexibility is required. There is a better chance that I will be able to accomodate if I know about an absence well in advance.

WHAT DATES SHOULD I PUT IN MY CALENDAR?

Here are our competition and parade dates:

- **(POTENTIAL)** September 14th: Walk to End Alzheimers – Alamance County (Parade)
- Saturday, September 28th – George Washington High School Dixie Classic Marching Competition (all day)
- Saturday, October 5th – Southeast Guilford High School Marching Invitational (competition, all day)
- Saturday, October 19th – Western Alamance High School Central NC Band Festival (competition, all day)
- Saturday, October 26th – Northwest Guilford High School Marching Competition (all day)
- Saturday, November 9th – Veteran's Day Parade, Graham NC at 9AM
- Saturday, November 23rd – Burlington Christmas Parade at 9AM
- Friday, December 6th – Mebane Christmas Parade at 5:30PM
- Saturday, December 7th – Graham Christmas Parade at 9AM

My Information

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QUESTIONS?

Please email or call me using the contact information above with any questions that you may have. I am so excited to begin this year soon and enjoy an engaging and productive marching season. **Our first band boosters meeting of the year will be on Thursday, July 11th at 7PM to discuss new uniforms and fundraising opportunities and to address any lingering questions concerning camp and the school year. All are welcome.** I look forward to seeing you all soon! Have a great rest of your Summer break.

