

# UNIVERSITY

# UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL BAND

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### FROM THE DESK OF MR. BROWN

I called one of my college professors last week to talk about the state of music education right now. After mentioning some of the creative approaches a lot of people have been trying to take, he pointed out that something really has been missing is ensemble playing. Music is a vast field with a history spanning thousands of years, so there is plenty to learn about, and I genuinely have appreciated the chance to focus more on solo literature and individual technique; however, at its heart, music is meant to bring people together, teach them to work together, to listen to each other, to allow others to be more important than themselves. There's no question our society is in great need of these lessons, and those are the lessons we learn by playing in a musical ensemble.

Well at long last, we are beginning to make some progress toward a return to doing just that. Our drumline and color guard were actually able to rehearse yesterday. All students wore face coverings, were placed at least 6' apart during rehearsal, and underwent temperature checks upon arrival, so we are still playing it safe, but there everyone was, staff and students, working together toward the common goal of creating art and music with each other. You know, as it was meant to be.



Some further details about Pep Band are available in this newsletter and more will be sure to come via e-mail in the next week or so. But in some small way, I am happy to say the UHS Band is back in action!

## PEP BAND DETAILS

All students participating must check in at the band room each day for a temperature check.

### Rehearsals

Tuesday, October 6, 3:30 – 5:30 PM

Tuesday, October 8, 3:30 – 5:30 PM

After reporting to the band room, Drumline will be rehearsing on the practice field, Color Guard will be in the band room, and Hornline (Brass and Woodwinds) will be in the stadium.

### Performance

Friday, October 9, 6:00 (report) – 9:00 PM

We will be wearing blue member shirts for the game. New members will receive one soon. Other than that, there are no restrictions other than the OCPS Dress Code.

Remember that the Covid-19 Release Form must be turned in before you can participate in any of these events. This form is available at [www.UHSband.com/Parents](http://www.UHSband.com/Parents).

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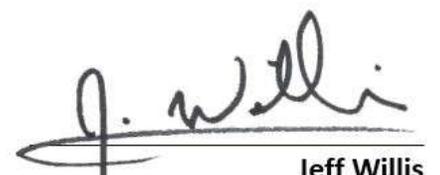
Each year since 2006, our band program has hosted a Florida Marching Band Championships (FMBC) Regional Competition called *The University Classic*. Since we can't hold our live event this year, we are putting on a "Showcase of Champions," broadcasting all the shows that have won our regional since 2013.

Tune in to our band's YouTube channel (which you can find at [www.youtube.com/UniversityBand](http://www.youtube.com/UniversityBand)) or the Classic page ([www.UHSband.com/Classic](http://www.UHSband.com/Classic)) at **7 o'clock PM on Saturday, October 3** to watch the live premiere. The following shows will be aired, along with interviews with directors and alumni from these shows:

- Winter Park "Firebird" (2013)
- Oviedo "Les Misérables" (2014)
- Cypress Creek "Edifice" (2015)
- Timber Creek "Visionary Perspective" (2016)
- Jupiter "The Celestial Project" (2017)
- Windermere "No Place Like Home" (2018)
- Bishop Moore "Simon Says" (2019)
- University "Out of the Silent Planet" (2019)

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or Mr. Willis and we will do our best to make sure you have everything you need.

  
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