

UNIVERSITY BAND



Some thoughts from Mr. Brown

There are two extremes to avoid when discussing competition. On the one hand, we don't want to over-emphasize its importance. Music is inherently valuable and band would still be well worth doing without any competitive aspect. What's more, judges' opinions are inherently subjective. It would be a huge mistake to hitch the value of all our hard work to a number some judge typed into the adjudication app. At its worst, competition can get ugly when people start getting bent out of shape about results or resort to disparaging the adjudicators or trash-talking other teams.

On the other hand, it's naïve to pretend competition isn't an important part of life. Auditions, job interviews, college applications, even dating... we compete all our lives, so we ought to learn how to do it well: not only how to use that competitive edge to push one's own standards higher, but to learn how to remain

humble in victory and gracious in disappointment. The goal is never to beat another band, but to inspire those around us with the artistic and athletic results of all our hard work. Marching band is a game, and when you play any game, whether it's football, Uno, Mariokart, or marching band, you have to try to win because that's simply how you play the game. In most games, not trying to win is actually a form of cheating.

It's important to hold all of that in balance as we enter our competitive season. Don't get worked up about scores or numbers or placements... just enjoy the thrilling level of achievement that can be fostered by a healthy competitive environment.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, October 6
Rehearsal | 3-8 PM

Thursday, October 8
Rehearsal | 3-8 PM
Parent Meeting | 8 PM

Friday, October 9
Pep Rally | 6:30 AM

Home Game vs. Cypress
Creek (Middle School
Night) | 5 PM

Saturday, October 10
FFCC Lake Howell

Monday, October 12
Columbus Day Holiday
Rehearsal | 10 AM - 8 PM

Tuesday, October 13
Rehearsal | 3-8 PM



FFCC OVIEDO

Having said all that, congratulations to everyone on a highly successful day at FFCC Oviedo! Our band gave an electrifying performance, bringing the audience to their feet and earning the following accolades:

- Class 5A, 2nd Place (and a very close one)
- Class 5A, Best Music
- Class 5A, Best Percussion
- Overall 3rd Place

Our strongest captions were Individual and Ensemble Music, Individual Visual, and Percussion. Our biggest areas for improvement were Ensemble Visual and Visual Effect, which, considering we were missing six props, makes a lot of sense. Our staff is analyzing the adjudicators' comments and developing a rehearsal plan to put us in as strong a position as possible as we look ahead to FFCC Lake Howell and especially BOA Tennessee.

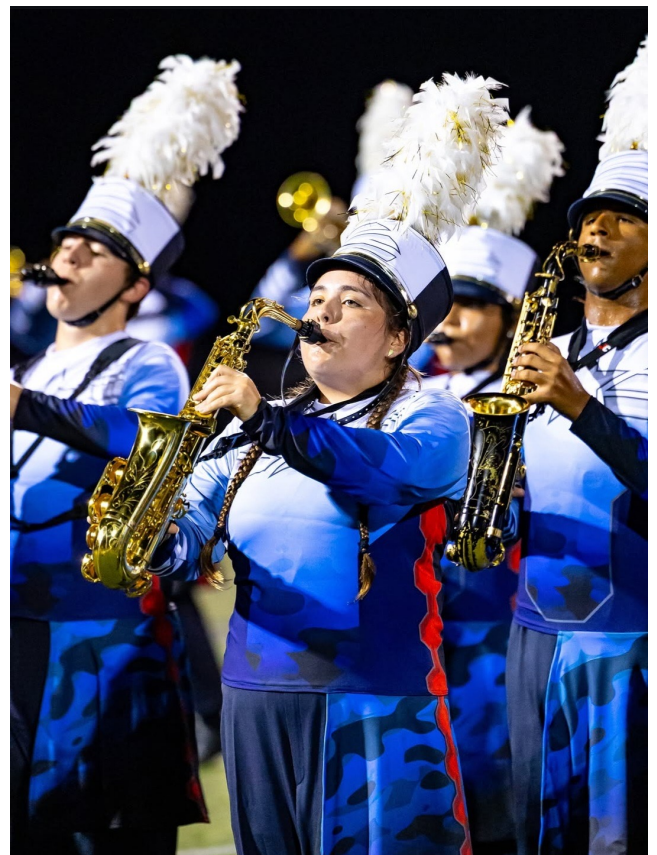
THANK YOU!

Thank you to Nicole Dobson for heading up concessions at the JV Game vs. Wekiva last week!

There are too many people to name, but a *huge* thank you to all the chaperones who made sure our students were fed, watered, plumed, and otherwise cared for, and to all the volunteers who helped with loading the truck, building props, and moving equipment throughout Saturday's competition. We *literally* could not have done it without you!



And of course, thank you to our students for being such incredibly hard workers and outstanding performers! But beware: you set the bar high on Saturday and it's not going to get any lower!



UHS Band Vision

The University Band is a comprehensive musical arts program that develops students as musicians, performers, and leaders. We believe in the importance of each student's personal dedication to excellence in every endeavor, in the concert hall, on the performance field, and in the classroom. Our members strive to put in the time, effort, and energy to achieve greatness in whatever we do.



MORNING PEP RALLY

Another morning pep rally has been scheduled for Friday, October 9. Report time is 6:30 AM. By our principal's request, the whole band should attend.

ATHLETIC CLEARANCE

Many of you may have received notifications from the FHSAA stating that your physical has expired and your child is no longer cleared for participation in marching band. I have been told this was an error, automatically sent out from the old Home Campus website. If you've had your physical exam within the last year, you are still clear.

SCHOOL INSTRUMENTS

We had a perfect school inventory audit last week. Thank you to everyone for making sure all our school instruments were on campus and properly accounted for.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHT

This Friday's game will be our annual middle school night. We will be joined by students from Legacy, Odyssey, Corner Lake, Arbor Ridge, Renaissance, Liberty, and Clemente Middle Schools.

Cypress Creek will perform post-game. Please be sure to stick around so we can give them a great audience!

