



South Granville Band Parent Association

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Good afternoon everyone!

I just wanted to reach out with a quick update for everyone.

Currently, we still have no word on if we will be able to hold band camp. I do know that Texas was allowed to start with extreme precautions being taken, but were asked to shut down due to rising numbers of COVID-19 cases being reported.

Colorado Bandmasters Association has recently cancelled all state-sanctioned marching band events as well. I believe more states will follow suit in the near future.

I also read a story today where a summer camp was shut down due to widespread COVID-19 infections of over 60% of the campers & staff.

There is also a study being conducted by a University on the aerosols given off during the playing of a wind instrument & when singing in connection with COVID-19. I am anxiously awaiting the results of this.

With athletics being pushed back I believe the 20th, I strongly believe they are going to continue to push back until they ultimately cancel fall athletics as a whole.

I understand that many of you have varying opinions on the reopening of our schools and the ability for our students to participate in extracurricular activities. I never would have imagined the scenario that we find ourselves in currently. As always, the health and safety of every member of our ensemble is top priority!

With that being said, if we are able to have marching band in any capacity, it will undoubtedly have quite a bit of safety protocols put into place.

I have recently spoken with the SGBPA Executive Board about some practices to be put in place if we are given the green light to hold camp, however, I am not overly optimistic that we will be allowed to have camp.

With whatever decision is made, I will do whatever I can to make the absolute best of it! If the marching band season is cancelled, I am entertaining the idea of readjusting our show into an Indoor Winds show.

I hope that you and your families are all doing well and I can't wait to see the kids again and make some music! As always, thank you for your understanding & support. If you have any questions, please contact me through my school email, mastonbm@gcs.k12.nc.us

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