

Hello, Blanchard Band Students & Parents!

We are writing to inform you about some changes for this year's marching season. At their board meeting on Sunday, the OBA Executive Board unanimously voted to cancel OBA contests this year. It is likely that all other marching contests will follow suit, therefore we won't have a competitive marching season this year.

We WILL still be proceeding with our marching show and we WILL be performing - we have a number of ideas and our Leadership Council and seniors will be helping us with other ideas. We think that not having contests hanging over our heads actually opens up our options for lots of other events that we don't always get to do, like a glow show! However, since we won't have to worry about judges, we can calm down on the hours required for summer band! The dates will remain the same (July 27-31 and August 3-7) but the **times have changed!**

The times (and schedule) for summer band are as follows:

6:00-6:30pm - Non-contact student activity in the gym

6:30-7:30pm - Music in sectionals (small groups)

7:30-10:00pm - Outside activities including marching, full band music, exercising, and student activities

Our reason for adjusting these times is to spend significantly less time indoors and eliminate the need for students to eat on campus. Students should eat dinner at home and if they need a snack, they can bring one with them. There will be no evening snack provided.

All of the information on how to enter the band room that was sent out on Friday is still in effect. Be sure that you have reviewed that info with your student and that he/she is fully prepared for their first day of summer band next Monday.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, we're all ears. We are looking forward to seeing all of the kids next week!

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