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Hi All!

I hope you are all doing well and staying safe! This has been a most unusual year! I miss you all, and I’m looking forward to seeing you soon!

I’m enclosing the current summer schedule. Please be mindful that THINGS MAY CHANGE. I haven’t been given any changes to the upcoming school year or school calendar. If changes are made I will notify you through Remind and Lanett High School Band on facebook.

As we begin this new school year and marching band season, it is important to keep safety in mind. I haven’t been on campus in several weeks, and last time I was, some things were different. Water fountains are not turned on. **YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING ALL OF YOUR OWN WATER. NO WATER WILL BE PROVIDED**! Also, we will be outside as much as possible. I do plan to be inside some, but even when we are, **YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO MAINTAIN A SIX-FOOT DISTANCE**. There will be no sharing of reeds, mouthpieces, water bottles, food, pencils, anything.**Masks are HIGHLY ENCOURAGED when we are not marching outside or playing**.

Also, we will not have a traditional camp this year. Instead, I will work with one section a day. **You will only be allowed on campus when your section has rehearsal**. **YOU CANNOT JUST COME TO VISIT**. (I hate this, but it is a matter of safety.) No siblings, friends, or relatives can come to practice with you. As always, you have my cell phone number; please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. It is my top priority to keep you all safe.

**Brass Instruments/Sections:** Trumpet/Baritone/Trombone/Tuba

**Woodwind Instruments/Sections:** Flute/Piccolo/Clarinet/Saxophone

**Percussion Instruments:** Drumline/Snare Drum/Cymbals/Bass Drum

Also, if you or a member of your family, a member of your extended family or family friend that you see regularly (maybe you live with them, they watch you during the week, you babysit their kids, you get a ride from them, etc…) is sick with a fever or has tested positive for COVID, you should notify me immediately. If you are sick or have come in contact with someone who is sick, you should not come to rehearsal. You will not be punished for these absences as long as I’m aware of what’s going on. This is VERY IMPORTANT!! I will help you and our band in whatever way I can, and part of that commitment is keeping us all safe. You are my family, and family has to look out for one another.

This year’s theme will be ….. R&B Block Party! Songs will include *Brickhouse, Can We Talk,* and *Before I Let Go* (based on Beyonce’s Homecoming edition. 😊 I think we will have fun with it!

The schedule and calendar are included in this letter. They can also be found on Facebook and the district website. As always, eat a good breakfast, drink plenty of water, wear tennis shoes, wear light colored clothing, use sunscreen and bug spray, and bring a snack.

Sincerely,

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