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# THE QUARTER NOTE

BAKER HIGH SCHOOL BAND

## BACK TO "NORMAL"!

We are officially into the 2021-2022 school year and thankfully we are going back to a little sense of normalcy. No more virtual AND face-to-face classes simultaneously! Masks are still mandatory inside but at least we get to see each other instead of through Google Meet.

## OVERVIEW:

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## Summer Recap

We had a full packed summer of rehearsals and practices for each section as well as full band! Starting in June we had 2 hour weekly sectional practices. End of June started Colorguard Tech Camp and then Choreography Camp. July WAS BUSY! We had Percussion Camp, Rookie Camp, and most importantly Band Camp! We ended our summer with our annual Parent Show on July 30th.

## Marching Band schedule

The football season has started and we have already participated in 2 home games. Please go to the website ([prideofbaker.org](http://prideofbaker.org)) and click on 'Calendar' at the top to see the rest of the football game locations. We have 2 competitions lined up in October. We will be travelling to Prattville, AL on Oct. 9 for "Heart of Dixie" Band Festival and on Oct. 16 to Opp, AL for the LittleBig Horn Band Contest. Saturday December 11 will be the annual Dawes Christmas Parade. **All performances are mandatory.**



**After school rehearsals are mandatory as well.** They are every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00pm-5:00pm throughout marching band season. We ask that all doctor appointments be scheduled on Monday and Wednesdays. Please read our handbook (located on website under 'Forms') for all policies regarding missed rehearsals, etc. It is vital to our program that everyone attends these rehearsals.



## Fundraisers

Back in June, we started a DonorsChoose project to help replace our 20+ year old bass drums. In just 7 days, donors all over the country helped us out and we were able to get 3 brand new bass drums. We plan on doing it again to see if we can replace our tenor/quad drums. Over Band Camp we started a VerticalRaise fundraiser that is similar to DonorsChoose. Students sent out emails and family and friends could donate. We also sold FundRays coupon books. All 3 fundraisers were very successful for the band and Band Boosters! We will do 1 more fundraiser closer to November (a Boston Butt sale) for all your Iron Bowl parties.

## What's Ahead

To switch gears, Concert Season is approaching **fast**. Auditions for the 3 "sit down" bands we offer will be the last week of October. Tuesday 10/26 will be woodwinds and Thursday 10/28 will be brass, both after school. Percussion will be all week during class. Depending on your audition, you will be placed in an ensemble, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, or Concert Band. Our first performance will be a Christmas concert on Tuesday December 7 at 6:30pm in the Auditorium which is mandatory. \*Please see calendar on website\*

In January, when we return after the break, students will be in their assigned band ensemble class and our primary goal will be the annual Music Performance Assessment that we host for our District.

Students also have the opportunity to audition for Mobile County's Honor Band Clinic. This will be held at Davidson HS (after school) on November 18, 2021.

**All audition music can be found on your marching band Schoology page.**

## Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer with the Baker Band we need you! Please go to website ([prideofbaker.org](http://prideofbaker.org)) and at top under Support Us, click on Band Boosters/Volunteer. There is a Google Form you can fill out which will go to our Parent Liason, Stephanie Weatherly. She will rally the troops to get everything organized for us. The 3 of us COULD NOT do this without our parent volunteers. There are so many odd jobs that happen on game days and competition days. We truly applaud all our parents for helping us out and supporting not just their children but the program as a whole.



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