

The ***SPIRIT*** of Great Oak

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT CLASS SHOULD I SIGN UP FOR?

All Freshman Brass, Color Guard, Woodwinds & Percussion sign up for Intermediate Band A & B

Should an advanced 9th Grader Sign up for an Intermediate or Adv. course?

Intermediate: All 9th and 10th Graders are automatically in the Int. Ensemble. The UC and Cal State Universities want to see students in a progression of courses over their high school career.

Can a Freshman be in the Jazz Ensemble or Concert Band?

Yes. The Intermediate Jazz Ensemble (4th Period) is made up of 9th and 10th Graders, while the Concert Band is open to all 9th-12th Graders as a traditional concert band offered during the class day. When you audition, be sure to indicate what ensemble you are auditioning for.

What can I do now to begin preparing for Auditions?

Woodwinds, Brass, & Mallet Percussion: practice your major scales (C, F, Bb, Eb, Ab & Db); the chromatic scale (to show your range); and warm-up exercises (mallets, in particular).

Percussion (Drumline): practice your rudiments and exercises.

Jazz Ensembles: in addition to the info. listed above (woodwinds, brass, etc..) practice the blues scales and improvisation skills (e.g., 12 Bar Blues Solo).

Can a freshman be in the Marching Band & The Concert or Jazz Ensembles?

Yes. The 7th Period Marching Band Class can be “audited,” meaning they are signed up to be in the class, but will receive a Pass/Fail grade rather than a standard grade (A, B, C, & F).

Can I be in Multiple Ensembles?

Yes. We have several students that are in both The Spirit of Great Oak and another ensemble (e.g. The Jazz Ensemble). But, remember you will need to audition for all ensembles you want to take part in. Jazz Auditions will take place on the same days as the “The Spirit of Great Oak” auditions (see below), but will be at an earlier time (4:30-5:45 PM).

How do the classes count toward Graduation?

Freshman Year: Fine Arts or Elective. Sophomore Year: Fine Arts, Elective or P.E. (Marching) Junior Year: Fine Arts, Elective or P.E. (Marching) Sr. Year: Fine, Arts, Elective or IB (I.B. SL Group).

Can I fit Marching Band in my schedule?

Yes. Band & Guard members are given a great opportunity to take 7 courses (the normal school day only has 6 courses) so you can fit in Band. Not only that, you are given PE Credit your Soph. and Jr. Year for the Marching Band (Fall Semester)

What is the Rehearsal Schedule for Marching Band?

Marching Band is the “Sport of the Arts.” A student should not be in The Spirit of Great Oak if they can not commit to practices or Competitions. Below is our rehearsal schedule:

- ♪ *Monday, Wednesday & Friday's 6-9 PM*
- ♪ *Tuesdays & Thursdays 2:45-3:30 PM*
- ♪ *Friday Football Games & Evening Rehearsals; Saturday Competitions (Oct./Nov)*
- ♪ *December Parades*

Do members need to be at Band Camps?

Yes. It is expected that every member of the team will be involved critical time of learning. 90% of the members who arrive to campus late, or do not attend band camp, are overwhelmed with getting “caught up” with the rest of the group, and can't catch up. Please note: the final audition is the June Camp.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



AUDITIONS

April 24th & 26th; May 1st & 3rd (6:00-8:00pm); "Kindness Matters," Performance May 5th (Time TBA)

- All Routines will be provided and taught by the Director and the Coaching Staff
- The Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble Clinics & Auditions will be on the same days (as above), but from 4:30-5:45 PM.

Note: All Music & Visual routines will be provided and taught by the coaches

PERFORMANCE DATES TO SAVE ON YOUR CALENDAR

- ♪ *Friday May 5th (Spring Auditions "Kindness Rally," Performance)*
- ♪ *Monday June 5th-Friday June 9th, Spirit Summer Camp I (Great Oak Campus)*
- ♪ *Monday July 3rd Star Spangled Parade Rehearsal*
- ♪ *Tuesday July 4th (Star Spangled Parade in Old Town Temecula)*
- ♪ *Monday July 31st-Saturday August 7th, Summer Spirit Camp II (Great Oak Campus)*
- ♪ *Friday Aug. 25 Varsity Football Game vs Heritage HS*
- ♪ *Friday September 22nd Varsity Football Game vs Upland HS*
- ♪ *Saturday September 30th Spirit Run for the Arts*
- ♪ *Saturday Oct. 7th SCSBOA Competition*
- ♪ *Friday Oct. 13th Varsity Football Game vs TVHS*
- ♪ *Saturday Oct. 14th SCSBOA Competition*
- ♪ *Friday Oct. 20th Varsity Homecoming Football Game vs Murrieta Mesa HS*
- ♪ *Saturday Oct. 21st Homecoming 2017*
- ♪ *Friday Nov. 3rd Varsity Football "Sr. Night," vs Vista Murrieta*
- ♪ *Saturday Nov. 4th SCSBOA Competition*
- ♪ *Wednesday Nov. 8th SCSBOA Competition*
- ♪ *Saturday Nov. 11th SCSBOA Competition*
- ♪ *Saturday Nov. 18th SCSBOA Championships*
- ♪ *Friday Dec. 1st The Temecula Electric Light Parade*
- ♪ *Thursday Dec. 7th "The Spirit Spectacular"*