

KKHS Band Boosters Informational Meeting

Friday, August 14, 2020

6:30pm

Google Meet

Topics for Discussion:

- Syllabus
 - Posted on band website under “Documents” tab
 - Last page of syllabus will be due at first face-to-face rehearsal
 - Google Form for student/parent info is under the syllabus - due ASAP
- Technology
 - Google Classroom and the Remind app will be used to communicate with students
 - Booster emails and the website will be used to communicate with parents
- Calendar
 - Performances:
 - Subject to change based on HIDOE/KKHS distancing guidelines
 - Possibility of having livestreamed concerts without an audience
 - Dec. 12 (Sat.) Winter Concert in PAC
 - Feb. 13 (Sat.) Swing Dance at Binhi at Ani or Tavares Center
 - Apr. 6 (Tue.) Spring Concert at MACC
 - May 15 (Sat.) Aloha Concert in PAC
 - Festivals:
 - Currently unsure on the participation of other schools
 - Festivals are dependent on the relaxing of distancing guidelines
 - Dec. 4 (Fri.) Winter Feeder Concert in PAC
 - Feb. 3 (Wed.) Maui District Honor Band in PAC
 - Feb. 27 (Sat.) Maui District Choir Festival at MHS Gym
 - Mar. 5 (Fri.) Upcountry Music Festival in PAC
 - May 1 (Sat.) Maui District Band Festival at MHS Gym
 - Fundraising:
 - We still have carryover funds from SY 2019-2020
 - Band Dues will not be collected at this time
 - New fundraisers may be necessary but are on hold until after Fall Break
 - Band Trip:
 - Everything is on hold until Fall Break
 - Off-island travel is not being allowed by the DOE at this time
 - Staycation is an option if Oahu/Mainland/Japan is not possible
- In-School Band Class
 - They should (hopefully) already have their instruments and some music
 - If they do not have instruments/music yet, they can pick it up next week
 - We’re starting off the year with pep band music to shake off rust and transition to more difficult HS music
 - I will be posting more music on Google Classroom as the quarter progresses
 - During school hours, I’ll be using a combination of Google Meet and weekly assignments and activities posted to Google Classroom
 - On Mondays we will be on Google Meet and will cover the week’s assignments
 - On Tuesdays I will hold office hours and be available for student questions

- On Thursdays we will meet to summarize the week's assignments
 - Weekly practice goals will be set on Monday and due by the following Monday
 - Ex: Flutes: measures 3 to 16, clarinets: measures 9-24, etc.
 - Students will record themselves playing the excerpt and submit through www.flipgrid.com
 - Practice sheets (found at www.kekaulikeband.weebly.com/documents) will be assigned once things have settled down
 - Students will be practicing and logging minutes at home until we can come back to school
 - When after school rehearsals start, attendance will automatically count as practice minutes
 - I want to keep things on a lighter, fun side to start off the year (band should be fun)
 - Focusing more on "getting to know each other" type assignments and getting used to the new tech than serious music pedagogy at first
 - I don't want to burn out students by assigning a bunch of work right off the bat (they'll have enough work from their core classes)
 - Once everything gets settled and I know the kids a little more, we'll get to work on the serious stuff
- After School Rehearsals:
 - First rehearsal on Tuesday, Sept. 1 (backup start date: Oct. 13 - after Fall Break)
 - Completely Optional - parents/students can choose to participate or refrain without penalty to their grade
 - Period 2 band students are allowed to participate
 - 100% distance learning (Acellus) students are allowed to participate
 - Rehearsals will be outside with 10-minute circulation breaks every 30 minutes
 - Bandroom courtyard
 - Staff parking lot
 - Cafeteria parking lot
 - Quad/amphitheater
 - Students will be seated 6-feet apart with music in sheet protectors
 - Masks will be required (disposable face mask with horizontal slit)
 - Looking at investing in instrument bell covers
 - Sunscreen, hats, and breathable clothing recommended (think marching band practice)
 - Phase 1 - Sectionals Only
 - Tue: Flutes/Oboe 2:00-3:10pm, Clarinets 3:20-4:30pm
 - Wed: Saxes/Low WW 2:00-3:10pm, Horns/Trumpets 3:20-4:30pm
 - Thu: Low Brass 2:00-3:10pm, Percussion 3:20-4:30pm
 - Fri: Open Jazz Combo/Jam Session for interested students 2:00-3:50pm
 - Phase 2 - Larger Groups
 - Tue: Woodwinds 2:00-4:30pm
 - Wed: Percussion 2:00-4:30pm
 - Thu: Brass 2:00-4:30pm
 - Fri: Jazz II 2:00-3:10pm, Jazz I 3:20-4:30pm
 - Phase 3 - Full Band
 - Tue: Wind Ensemble 2:00-4:30pm
 - Wed: Jazz II 2:00-3:30pm, Jazz I 4:00-5:30pm

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Q&A Session:

- **Q: We have an instrument but no music. What should we do to get music?**
- **A:** Instruments and/or music can be picked up at the bandroom between 8-10am or 4-6pm from August 17-20. If those times are problematic, feel free to text or email me and we can arrange an alternate time or location.

- **Q: Do we pick up instruments for percussion?**
- **A:** I ordered practice drumpads for each of the percussionists but they haven't come in yet. I'll be contacting them when they do. If they already have a drumpad at home, they would just need to pick up music. I also have a couple of smaller mallet instruments (glockenspiel and marching xylophone) if they would like to sign one out to practice.

- **Q: So students will get a grade for after-school band?**
- **A:** Yes, however there are a handful of students each year who are not officially enrolled in the after-school Ensembles class but who participate as if they were in the class. This could be because their GPA is above 4.0 due to AP courses and adding an extra elective would dilute it, or it could be because they are unsure of the time commitment. They still rehearse, fundraise, and perform with the band but they don't receive a grade or credit for the class.

- **Q: October rehearsals at school seem too long/far away... I'm concerned that students will lose interest in not meeting for another two months.**
- **A:** That's also a big concern of mine, however the safety of your children and families is my number one priority. As soon as it is safe to start rehearsals, we will. In the meantime, I'll be doing some online activities with the students to help keep their chops up. If you have any suggestions, feel free to contact me.

- **Q: When are auditions for jazz band?**
- **A:** Auditions for Jazz I (advanced jazz band) will be held shortly after we're cleared to enter Phase 1 of after-school rehearsals. Anyone who is interested is automatically accepted into Jazz II (beginning jazz band).

- **Q: Can you be in after-school band if you are also doing sports/cheer/drama?**
- **A:** Yes! In the past, we've had band members showcase their talents in football, volleyball, basketball, tennis, swimming, track, and cheerleading while still being in the after-school program. We've also had members of the symphonic and jazz bands starring on stage as leading and supporting actors in our amazing drama program. The key is communication. We can make it work as long as we all know what's going on.

- **Q: When is the next Band Boosters meeting?**
- **A:** I'll be posting our next meeting date soon. We're currently looking at early September, possibly right after Labor Day. Due to the constantly changing nature of the pandemic, I'd like to meet at least once a month until things get settled.

For more information:

- Check out www.kekaulikeband.weebly.com for updates
- Syllabus and Google Form can be found at www.kekaulikeband.weebly.com/documents
- Email me at cnagata@kkhs.k12.hi.us or call/text (808)264-6378 if you have any questions