

UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL BAND

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FROM THE DESK OF MR. BROWN

Today, for the first time since March, the University hornline actually played some notes at the same time! After temperature checks and carefully arranging everybody to maximize spacing, about forty of our woodwind

and brass players joined us in the stadium for our first full pep band rehearsal. Though it might have been tempting to jump right into playing some tunes, we took the time to establish our ensemble sound, focusing on air support, fundamentals, and basically treating it like the first day of band camp. It will pay off when you hear the group for the first time... they are small but already having some nice moments!



Please note that bell covers were given out to our wind players today and are theirs to keep. Don't lose yours, as we only have a limited supply and you'll need to pay for a replacement. I recommend leaving it on the instrument unless you're washing it.

Speaking of the first day of band camp, here are some pep band reminders we missed this summer:

Remember to Bring

- instrument
- bell cover
- sunscreen
- water jug
- Covid-19 release form

Remember to Wear

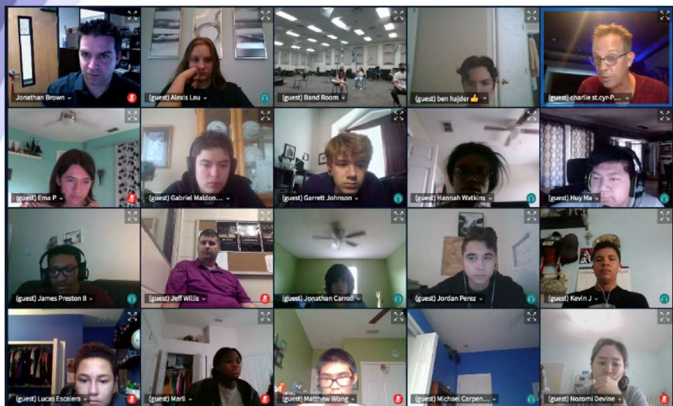
- t-shirt
- athletic shorts
- hat (with brim)
- sunglasses
- deodorant

Remember to Practice

- National Anthem
- You'll Never Walk Alone
- Vivir Mi Vida, Hey Song, Dynamite
- Alma Mater
- Fight Song

One final reminder about Pep Band: our directors and volunteers cannot give a student any kind of medicine, even something as simple as Tylenol, unless you have filled out and turned in the Health Packet for the 2020-2021 school year. The health packet can be found at www.UHSband.com/Parents under "Forms."

Master Class with Charlie St.Cyr-Paul



A big thank-you goes out to Mr. Charlie St.Cyr-Paul (it sounds like "saint sir paul"), who put together a master class for our students this week entitled "Essential Skills for the Working Musician."

He then treated our Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble to a live Q&A where students were able to ask questions about professional life in the music industry, everything from playing on cruise ships to networking

with other musicians. The students came up with some great, insightful questions and Mr. St.Cyr-Paul was ready with an incredible wealth of professional advice and experience.

Here are some of our favorite quotes from our discussion:

"There's two types of music: good and bad. Genre doesn't matter."

"Be a great musician who plays an instrument, not an instrumentalist who plays music."

"We want a good hang, great music, and phenomenal pay. Every gig should have at least two of those."

"Music programs are wonderful. Private education can accomplish a lot. But your determination and discipline will accomplish most of it."

Overall it was a fantastic experience for our students and we look forward to continuing this partnership. You can watch Charlie's master class on our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/UniversityBand or by scanning the QR code to the right.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Full Pep Band Rehearsal

Thursday, October 8
3:30 – 5:30 pm

Pep Band Performance

Friday, October 9
6:00 – 9:00 pm

Percussion/Guard Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 13
5:00 – 7:00 pm

Percussion/Guard Rehearsal

Thursday, October 15
5:00 – 7:00 pm

Pep Band Performance

Friday, October 16
6:00 – 9:00 pm

Full Pep Band Rehearsal

Tuesday, October
3:30 – 5:30 pm

SnapRaise Fundraiser

Our third annual SnapRaise fundraiser was a great success! Thank you to everyone who participated, whether by donating or helping to get the word out. We exceeded our goal, earning **\$20,845!**

Student band accounts will be credited 50% of what was raised in their name. The proceeds from the fundraiser will help to pay for FBA assessments, medical and safety supplies, and will help us to get a jump start on some fun projects next semester!

Recital Consortium

The Recital Consortium is a project spearheaded by our own University High School Band, in cooperation with Apopka High School, Oak Ridge High School, Windermere High School, and Winter Park High School, in which students prepare solo literature for the opportunity to represent their school in a joint virtual recital broadcast.

Congratulations to the following University students who passed the Open Round and will move on to a Panel Round next week:

Nozomi Devine, piano

Piano Sonata 13 by Ludwig van Beethoven

Marli Myles, trombone

Six Sonatas by Johann Ernst Galliard

Dominic Gonzalez, horn

Horn Concerto, Movement 1 by Paul Hindemith

Pharit Smitasin, clarinet

Clarinet Sonata, Movement 4 by Camille Saint-Saëns

Benyamin Hajder, clarinet

Concerto No. 2, Movement 1 by Carl von Weber

Kayla Elias, flute

Flute Concerto, Movement 1 by Carl Reinecke

Alexis Lau, trombone

Morceau Symphonique by Alexandre Guilmant

Nate Thatcher, marimba

Prelude No. 1 for Marimba by Ney Rosaura

Thank you!

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or Mr. Willis and we will do our best to make sure you have everything you need.



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