

# UNIVERSITY BAND

## Some thoughts from Mr. Brown

When we first announced our show “250,” I think it’s safe to say the general reaction was lukewarm at best. As Mr. Willis put it, “A lot of people think America isn’t *cool* right now.” However, I think it’s also safe to say that as the show has started coming together, most of us have been won over by the concept. Our incredibly diverse country has borne so many unique musical styles, and the show has turned out to be really fun to perform. The band has been working incredibly hard these past few weeks to put the show together. Pray for good weather because we are looking forward to finishing it next week!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank you to everyone for your patience in dealing with our ADDitions process. Although it may seem inconvenient, it is an important step in keeping our kids safe.

The volunteer list has been updated as of September 16, 2026. If you have been approved, please log into [www.UHSband.com/volunteers](http://www.UHSband.com/volunteers) and sign up for some of our upcoming events.

We are especially in need of help at the concessions stand at the Freedom Home Game on Friday, September 25.

## TENNESSEE PERMISSION FORMS

Students were sent home with one of two permission forms for the BOA performance in Tennessee. Please fill out and sign the appropriate one and return it as soon as possible.

### Day Trip Form

This is for students who are taking the bus up on the evening of October 16 and returning right after the show.

### Overnight Trip Form

This is for students who have paid for the full four-day trip with hotel stays from October 16 - 19.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday, September 18**  
Away Game | 4:45 PM  
Oak Ridge High School

Participation in this event was based on the sign up list.

**Saturday, September 19**  
All State Auditions  
Ocoee High School

Audition times are available on the members' page.

**Tuesday, September 22**  
Rehearsal | 3-8 PM

**Thursday, September 24**  
Rehearsal | 3-8 PM

**Friday, September 25**  
There are several events this day celebrating UHS Homecoming.

Pep Rally | 6:30 AM

Pep Rally | Periods 6-7

Home Game | 5 PM



## MORNING PEP RALLIES

You may have noticed the pep rally scheduled for 6:30 AM on Friday, September 25. This is not a typo; it is one of three such events initiated by our new principal to celebrate our school's "Cougar Pride." She has (correctly, to be sure) been adamant that the band is an essential component of school spirit and that these events simply wouldn't be the same without our audible

and visible presence. Mrs. Gorberg has requested *the entire marching band* for these events, including percussion, hornline, and color guard. The pep rally itself takes place from **6:50 - 7:10 AM**. Please report to the band room at **6:30 AM** so that we can get our equipment and warm up together. We will be wearing our **blue member shirts**. Please note that there are additional morning pep rallies scheduled for **Friday, October 9** and **Friday, October 23**.

## TENNESSEE DAY TRIP

### CHAPERONES NEEDED

Naturally enough, we can't go to the Volunteer State without volunteers! We are looking for six to seven chaperones for the **Tennessee Day Trip** - this would involve departing the school on the evening of Friday, October 16, riding the charter bus up to Tennessee (yes, sleeping on the bus), being with us for the BOA Regional during the day, and departing immediately after the show, returning to Orlando around mid-day on Sunday, October 18. If you would like to chaperone this trip, please sign up at [www.UHSband.com/volunteers](http://www.UHSband.com/volunteers).

## SNAPRAISE

Last month's SnapRaise Campaign earned **\$22,395** for our program! While this is certainly something to celebrate, it is actually the smallest amount we have raised in recent years, and does not cover our operational costs for the band.

Please continue to help out by volunteering, helping out at events and concessions, and making sure your band assessments are up to date!

### UHS Band Vision

*The University Band is a comprehensive musical arts program that develops students as musicians, performers, and leaders. We believe in the importance of each student's personal dedication to excellence in every endeavor, in the concert hall, on the performance field, and in the classroom. Our members strive to put in the time, effort, and energy to achieve greatness in whatever we do.*