

July 21, 2020

Hello SHS Band Families,

We hope this email finds you well. We have been thrilled to see over 140 band students so far for our virtual sectionals. It has been great to connect with students over Zoom and get started on our music and marching for the new year. We have been incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication students have shown over the last few weeks. As a reminder, we will have one more afternoon virtual sectional this Wednesday, July 22nd from 1:00pm to 2:30pm (percussion sectionals will be virtual on Wednesday from 6:00pm to 7:30pm).

**We are currently planning to transition to evening sectionals next Monday, July 27th from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. We are prepared for these sectionals to be held either in-person or virtually, pending updated health data for our region and/or future guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education and Illinois Department of Public Health. Further details regarding rehearsal protocols and procedures will be shared with students and families via email prior to the start of in-person rehearsals.** In-person sectionals will also be live-streamed via Zoom, so students may participate virtually if they would prefer.

Should we need to make any adjustments from this point forward (i.e. changing from in-person to virtual), our intention is to keep the same rehearsal times and simply change from rehearsing in-person to rehearsing virtually. This means that next week's sectionals on Monday and Wednesday would take place at 6:00pm whether in-person or virtual.

**Finally, thank you to all of our families who completed last week's survey regarding band camp rehearsal times. We are currently awaiting final approval of new times based on your feedback and plan to announce those updates within the next few days.**

Alongside District 211 administration, we are keeping a close eye on all relevant information coming out from ISBE/IDPH to maximize the safety of all individuals involved with the Saxon Marching Band. We greatly appreciate families' continued flexibility and understanding. Thank you for your support, and please look for additional information regarding band camp and next week's rehearsal plans in the coming days.

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