

Mighty Owl Band
Student/Parent Handbook



2010 - 2011

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Purpose of this handbook

This handbook provides an introduction to the philosophy and policies of the Garland High School Mighty Owl Band and useful information you need about membership in the Band and MOB Booster organization. We welcome you to the Mighty Owl Band family and hope you will share our spirit and passion for excellence.

The directors are dedicated to making the Mighty Owl Band experience the best it can be. They believe in working hard, playing well and having fun. Each is available by phone or email to address questions or concerns you may have.

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Welcome to the MOB

On behalf of all parents of Garland High School Mighty Owl Band members, the Band Booster Board welcomes you to the MOB family.

Band provides valuable experience in leadership, teamwork, and self-discipline that goes beyond what students learn in academic subjects. Ultimately, involvement in this band also provides rich rewards of friendship, fellowship and personal satisfaction. We invite you to jump right into this band experience and have fun.

Mighty Owl Band website: www.mightyowlband.org

Mighty Owl Band Directors

The Directors of your Garland High School Mighty Owl Band are:

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Above and Beyond

Above and Beyond is the Mighty Owl Band student leadership organization. Auditions for these positions are held each year in the Spring. Membership in Above and Beyond requires a year-round commitment and willingness to adhere to scheduled events during summer break as well as during the school year. These students are committed to doing whatever it takes to make the MOB the best it can be.

MOB Booster Organization

Garland High Schools' Mighty Owl Band Booster Club is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the growth and support of the Mighty Owl Band program. Our goal is to make it possible for our students to experience the highest quality music education possible. Our activities include fundraising to cover band expenses not provided for in the school budget, providing volunteers for band events throughout the year and supporting the directors and student leaders in every way.

We hope every adult family member will join MOB Boosters and get active. You make our organization strong and your band student(s) needs your support to be successful. So please plan on volunteering, attending booster meetings, attending games, contests and concerts. We look forward to welcoming you to the family.

2010-2011 MOB Boosters Executive Board

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Communication

One of the most important things our organization does is try to make sure you are informed and aware. Your student will receive a great deal of information from the directors to share with you throughout the year. Sometimes students forget to pass on what they've seen and heard so we encourage you to ask questions.

Our directors share information with parents and students via the MOBBoosters yahoo group. If you haven't joined MOBBoosters yet, follow the link on the [Boosters](#) page of the Mighty Owl Band website. Our directors also share important information with students in one or more of the following ways:

- Announcements made in class during the school day and at the end of marching practice.
- Information posted on the band hall announcement board, doors and/or chalkboard.
- Calendar and schedule information for the entire year is posted on [Charms](#) which you can access after creating an account with your student's id. The link to Charms is also on the band website.
- Handouts given to the students in class.
- Periodic emails sent via MOBBoosters@yahoogroups.com. Please subscribe to this email group to receive all the information you need on a regular basis. MOBBoosters is our most comprehensive form of communication.
- If there is information you need that you don't have, feel free to contact any MOB Booster Board member, check www.mightyowlband.org, or ask one of the directors, we are all here to help!

The New Parent Meeting and MOB Booster meetings provide opportunities to meet other parents and the MOB Booster Board. Get phone numbers and email addresses to build your MOB support network.

Attendance

Attendance for many band events is mandatory. These events are denoted on the Charms calendar with an ®. Attendance at rehearsals and performances is essential for the band to accomplish its goals. Serious effort is needed from all students to make the final product one which everyone can be proud of..... serious fun!

Students are expected to arrive on time, ready to participate. Being on time means being in place with instrument, music, and a pencil in hand (concert season) five minutes before practice is scheduled to begin.

Summer Band Camp

Summer band camp begins on Monday, August 2 for freshman and Wednesday, August 4 for upperclassmen. Students are expected to memorize the music they will play in the stands and on the field during sectionals and be prepared to "pass-off" or play the music from memory for their squad leaders. All students are expected to develop and demonstrate proficiency in marching and playing to march in the show. Auditions on August 6 will determine which students will be selected to march in the UIL show program. This audition is clearly competitive and attendance is necessary.

Check Charms for schedule updates.

Marching Practice

Week 1

Marching practice is 8:00 am – 12:00 noon in the Garland High School front parking lot Monday – Thursday, August 2 – 5. Friday, August 6, UIL Marching Show auditions will be held 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. Color Guard practices every day 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

Week 2

Marching practice is from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm at Williams Stadium Monday – Thursday, August 9 – 12. Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors call time for Fish Camp only is 9:45am on Friday, August 13. Fish Camp Pep Rally is 10:00 – 12:30ish followed by Full Band Rehearsal from 2:00 – 5:00 at GHS. Color Guard practices every day 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

Week 3

Marching practice is from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm in the Williams Stadium visitor's parking lot Monday – Thursday, August 16 – 19. Friday, August 20, Full Band Rehearsal – 7:00 am – 10:30 am. Color Guard practices Monday – Thursday, 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Band show off starts at 6:30 pm in the GHS Fine Arts Parking Lot.

Sectionals

Afternoon sectionals are generally inside the building. Check Charms for schedule updates.

Percussion meets Monday - Thursday 1:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Brass meets Monday and Wednesday 1:15 pm – 5:15 pm

Woodwinds meet Tuesday and Thursday 1:15 pm – 5:15 pm

Full Band Rehearsals occur on Fridays

Safety

Any outdoor activity in August and September can pose health risks to the students due to the heat and humidity. Please make sure your student takes precautions to avoid heat illness.

Staying hydrated is extremely important. Students should also have and bring a water bottle or camelback, a hat, sunscreen, and other protective gear as you deem necessary to rehearsal. Water bottles and camelbacks can be refilled during practice.

Precautions to avoid heat injury

Any time your student is marching in the heat of the day, they need to:

- Drink plenty of cool water
- Eat breakfast and snacks for energy
- Wear and reapply plenty of sunscreen
- Wear sunglasses
- Wear light, loose-fitting clothing, tennis shoes and a hat that allows ventilation

Please encourage your student to **eat** breakfast, lunch and carry a snack with them to band practice. If they do these things, they will be ready mentally and physically to make the most of their practice time.

Carpooling

You have probably already noticed that the rehearsal schedule creates transportation challenges that will eventually get worked out.

We encourage networking and carpooling because it is easier and safer for everyone when it is possible. Any time MOB parents gather you will meet new friends that may be able to help out. The new parent meeting and booster meetings are excellent times for you to meet and get to know other parents that may be able to carpool. You can also reach out via MOB Boosters email and/or your student can contact an Above and Beyond member for help.

Band parent life is much less stressful when you learn who lives near you that can carpool so we can support each other. Many MOB members drive to and from rehearsal themselves and may be available to help if you are comfortable with your student being the passenger of a student. This is a matter of family preference and it is very important that you discuss and enforce your preference with your child(ren).

Rehearsal during marching season

A copy of the rehearsal calendar can be found on the Charms band website. After school band practices will be in the parking lot on the visitor's side of Williams Stadium. Bus transportation is provided to and from the school/stadium for afternoon practices. If you plan to pick your student up at Williams, you must arrive before 5:15. All students that remain at the stadium at 5:25 will return to school on the bus back for safety reasons.

On rainy days, after school marching practice will take place at the regularly scheduled time but in the band hall at GHS. After school band practices may also be in the parking lot at GHS. A MOB Boosters email will be sent if the practice location is NOT Williams Stadium. Please be sure you know where (Williams or GHS) the rehearsal is taking place so you can pick your child(ren) up after practice.

Monday practices are in the evening from 7:15 pm to 9:15 pm on the football field at Williams. **A white T-shirt is required for Monday rehearsals to help the directors see the formations more clearly.** White band t-shirts can be purchased for \$5.00 in the band hall.

Students must be picked up no later than 9:15 on Monday night. Ideally you or your designated pick up driver should plan to arrive at the stadium by 9:00 to watch the final run through. The progress the band makes from week to week is amazing and this is your opportunity for a preview. Tuesday and Wednesday practices are from 3:15 to 5:30 pm in the Williams Stadium visitor parking lot. Thursday/Friday practices are from 3:15 to 4:45. The band practices on Friday from 3:15 to 4:45 pm on weeks when there are Thursday night games.

Students are encouraged to bring shorts and a t-shirt to wear with their tennis shoes for practice. The bathrooms at the stadium are open before, during and after practice to change clothes. For home games at Williams Stadium, the band may have a run-through practice from 4:30-.5:30. Families are encouraged to come out and watch evening band practice whenever they can. They love and need your support.

Uniforms

Marching

The band wears different uniforms on different occasions. The pep rally uniform is worn for the Labor Day parade and the first few football games of the season while the weather is hot. The marching uniform is worn for all other football games and marching competitions. Students and

parents will be notified via MOB Booster email when the switch from pep rally to marching uniform will occur.

Marching uniforms are distributed during the first week of band camp from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm as follows:

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| Seniors | 8/2/10 |
| Juniors | 8/3/10 |
| Sophomores | 8/4/10 |
| Freshmen | 8/5/10 |

There is a new policy for band uniforms this year. All marching jackets and gauntlets must be taken back to the band hall after each game. The hats and pants **only** go home with the student. The pants for marching are to be hemmed without a cuff to a length with no break in the front of the leg, this may seem too short but remember the band wears solid black socks and shoes, so it will not be noticeable.

When hemming the pants, **DO NOT CUT OFF THE EXCESS MATERIAL**. These uniforms are used for several years and need to be long enough for subsequent band students. There are several band mothers available to hem pants at no charge. Their names and phone numbers will be made available to the students during band.

If a student has long hair, it needs to be worn up and tucked under the uniform hat. Hat plumes will be distributed and collected at the marching event.

It is the student's responsibility to clean and care for the uniform during the marching season. The marching uniform can be turned in dirty at the end of the season. The uniform manager takes all the uniforms at one time to be dry-cleaned.

The garment bag, hanger, and hat box issued to your child are considered part of the uniform and must be returned at the end of marching season to avoid payment of a fine. Fines must be paid before the end of the school year for your child(ren) to receive all grades at the end of the school year.

When a student is wearing the official band uniform they are representing Garland High School, the GISD Fine Arts Magnet Program and the Mighty Owl Band. In keeping with the pride we have for these institutions students will show respect for the uniform and what it represents.

When in uniform students will:

1. Have hair of a color that occurs in nature. No green, red, pink, blue or other color that does not occur naturally is acceptable in streaks or on the whole head.
2. Wear no accessories other than those supplied with the uniform – no bandannas, scarves, etc.
3. Not wear face paint - No G's, owls, etc.

A complete marching uniform consists of:

| Pep Rally Uniform | Marching Uniform |
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| Pep Rally T-Shirt | Uniform jacket and Band Pep Rally shirt worn under the uniform jacket. |
| Khaki shorts (tan in color) made of heavy material, such as denim or canvas, with a minimum of a 6" inseam – modest length – cargo shorts are fine | Uniform pants with zipper worn in the front hemmed to length with no break above the shoe. |
| Tennis shoes that are made of 90% white material | Marching shoes |
| White socks that can be seen above the ankle (ankle-top) | Solid black socks |
| | Gauntlets |
| | White band gloves—except drum line and color guard |
| | Uniform hat |
| | Black rain poncho—issued only during games when they might be needed |
| | Hat plume—issued at the football game before half time and collected after the band performs |

Concert

The concert uniform is worn for all concert performances. Each band has specific uniform requirements that will be shared by the band director prior to the first performance. The band has some concert tuxedos and black dresses available for students to check out, IF needed. You do not have to use them; you may purchase your own.

Concert uniforms will be distributed by Mr. Ramirez and must be returned after the final concert performance in the spring. Failure to return concert uniform will result in a fine.

Football Games/Marching Season

Garland Owl football season begins this year on Saturday, August 28th at Standridge Stadium in Carrollton, TX. A copy of the entire MOB schedule, including football games is included at the back of this handbook. We encourage you to remove it and post it on your refrigerator or bulletin board for reference.

Tickets

Season tickets for home games cost \$25.00 and go on sale at the athletic office on the home side of Williams Stadium (the side by the field house entrance) on Monday, August 2nd thru Friday, August 6th for those who purchased season tickets last year, and Monday, August 9th for new purchasers of season tickets. The ticket office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Season tickets are for home games only.** Band parents generally buy tickets for seats in the reserved seating section next to the band. Discounted tickets are available at the athletic office until noon the day of the game for games where we are the visitor at Williams Stadium (games marked with a V on the schedule at the end of this handbook).

Tickets for district games in which Garland High School is the visitor generally go on sale the Tuesday prior to game day at school. You can call the ticket sales office at 972.494.8588 if you have questions. Tickets for away games outside of the district must be purchased at the site of the game. If Garland progresses to the football play-offs in November, the band directors inform the students and parents as soon as dates, times and tickets are available.

Game Days

On game days, the entire MOB will meet at the Garland High School campus in the auditorium at the designated call time. Students will be assigned a specific row in the center portion of the auditorium. At the conclusion of the inside rehearsal, students will single-file line into the band hall to check-out their uniform jacket. This year's new uniform has two jackets. One is a lighter weight for the hotter days. All percussionists and larger instrument musicians will load their instrument and then get their jacket.

A clear expectation of efficiency is shared by all members of the MOB. Please use the restroom before loading the bus.

When we arrive at the destination, everyone will remain on the bus until Mr. Beshears comes to each bus with further instructions.

During the game students will continue with the great traditions we have shared during the past few years. Always be ready to play. Watch and enjoy the game. Play well in the stands and especially at half-time.

After the game we will remain in the stands until dismissed. The busses will leave immediately after the game. Do not delay.

All students will return to GHS. Students must remain for 100% of the game. Students who can not remain for the entirety should not attend. We are a very large group of people. We need to move efficiently. In order to do this everyone needs to be abiding by the same expectations (rules).

Busses

As previously stated, we are taking busses to all events.

Call Times

Call time is the time the student needs to be at the meeting location in uniform with his or her music and instrument. Students should arrive at this location at least 15 minutes prior to call time. Call times are set by the band directors and depend on where the game will be played. The call time for each game is announced in band classes, included in the weekly email and posted on the announcement board in the band hall.

Transportation

All home games are played at Williams Stadium. Band members will ride the bus to and from Garland High School to Williams Stadium and Homer B. Johnson Stadium for **all** games. No exceptions.

For away games outside the district, the band meets in the band hall and is transported to and from the game as a group on busses.

Parents may send a note to the band directors **no later than the day before a game** if their student will be riding home with a parent rather than on the bus from an away game. This is done to protect the safety of our students. The parent must be present at the game and the student must notify his or her bus chaperone at the time they leave. **No ride notes will be accepted on game day.**

During the week prior to an away game or competition, the band directors will announce the approximate time the busses will return to the Garland High School Fine Arts parking lot after the game. **Parents are expected to make appropriate transportation arrangements to and from practice, games and other band events.** Students are also encouraged to call home from the busses when returning to school so authorized drivers are there to meet them when they return.

Please park in a parking space in the parking lot so the busses and equipment truck can pull through the driveway to unload.

It is critical that you, or another designated driver, be there to pick up your child(ren) when the busses return to GHS. It is dangerous for students to wait outside of the school at night without adult supervision or protection. Chaperones will depart 15 minutes after the trailer is unloaded. *If your student has not been picked up by that time they may be penalized. Penalties might include being moved to A-line or not participating in the show.* Your courtesy and consideration is deeply appreciated.

Snacks

A drink and snack is offered to each band member during the third quarter of each football game. The cost is covered by band enrichment fee paid at band registration. Water is also provided in the stands for band members throughout the game.

Marching Contest(s)

Each year the band participates in at least one Dallas-area marching contest. This year we will be participating in the Plano East marching contest Saturday, October 9th. This contest is likely to last all day as the band progresses through the levels of competition. The band directors will set the call time the week before the contest and students will be transported by bus to and from the event. Families and friends are encouraged to attend contests to support the band and help maintain order and discipline in the stands. Arrangements for food will be announced.

UIL Grade Eligibility Procedure—No Pass, No Play

If a band member has a failing grade at the end of a grading period, that student is not eligible to participate in band performances for the next grading period. The exception is when the student is passing **all** classes on the progress report date of the following grading period, they can be reinstated to performance eligibility for the balance of the grading period.

As you might imagine, academics are a high priority for the band directors. They are notified by teachers if a student is failing and they urge that student to participate in the individual teacher's tutorial periods either before or after school. Parents, please take advantage of the [GISD Online Gradebook](#) to stay on top of your students' classroom grades and performance and maintain regular contact with their teachers.

There is NO reason for any MOB student to fail a class. In addition to classroom tutorials provided by every teacher at GHS, MOB upperclassmen are ready, willing and able to tutor just ask.

Spring Band Trip

Each spring the band takes a trip to spend some time relaxing, performing and having fun as a group. On three of every four years, the trips are limited to a destination within 800 miles of the school. On the fourth year, the band may take a longer trip to a location further than 800 miles from the school.

This year the band trip will be Saturday, April 16th - Tuesday, April 19th. The destination is Atlanta, Georgia. The cost for the trip will be \$550 - 650. Participation in fundraisers helps defray the cost of participation (see the fundraising handout to find out which fundraisers are designated to provide trip account funds). Many students are able to fundraise for the entire cost of their trip by participating in multiple fundraisers.

Each student must meet the UIL eligibility requirements at the time the trip is taken to go. Each student will be given and asked to sign a trip contract that outlines the specific details of the trip including dates, location, payment and refund schedules.

Parents will receive a detailed trip packet including itinerary and chaperone information at the parent meeting prior to the trip departure date. Parents can volunteer to chaperone this trip by contacting Mr. B.

Volunteer Opportunities

Parent commitment and involvement are crucial to the success of the Mighty Owl Band. A wide variety of volunteer opportunities exist to help you feel like part of the MOB family. Following are some of the many opportunities for parents to get involved as volunteers:

Bus Chaperones

Parents are encouraged to volunteer to chaperone bus trips with the understanding that chaperone duty is rotated so all parents who wish to can have the opportunity to chaperone at least once. A [Volunteer Background Check Form](#) must be on file with the band director for you to volunteer as a chaperone.

Fundraising

Students are encouraged to participate in fundraising to defray the cost of the Spring Trip and help meet band financial needs not covered by the school district. Volunteers are needed to help with all of the fundraisers below. Please contact any or all of the chair people you are interested in helping below.

| Fundraising Chairs | | |
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| Rebecca Elkins rebecca.elkins@verizon.net | 2 nd VP Fund Raising | 972.530.3020 (h) 972.754.6303 (c) |
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| Rose Hainline rosehainline@yahoo.com | Photo Buttons | 972-475-0339 |
| Kym Banks kymberlaine@verizon.net | Dining for Dollars | 972-414-0992 |
| Angie Sprinkle adsprinkle@verizon.net | Flower Cards | 972.278.7738 |

| Fundraising Chairs (con't) | | |
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| Paula Neal paula.neal@corgan.com Blanca Worrell bew1120@yahoo.com | Homecoming Mums and Garters | 469-366-5577 972-463-1162 (h) |
| Stephanie Hamid Zephra99@gmail.com Sharon Gray spdgray@verizon.net | Alumni Concessions | 972-814-1297 972-496-4448 |
| TBD | Cookie Dough | TBD |
| Rebecca Elkins rebecca.elkins@verizon.net | Decals | 972.530.3020 (h) 972.754.6303 (c) |
| TBD | Brax Spirit Cups | TBD |
| Teresa Fararro tess4now2@aol.com | Concert CD Sales | 972-840-3237 |

Publicity

Band activities and events are publicized in the Dallas Morning News Neighbors section and online at neighborsgo.com throughout the year. Send photos and/or stories you believe are worth sharing to James and Velicia Henry at jamesandvelicia@verizon.net. Stories can include activities outside of band including scout, academic, athletic, church and other achievements.

Social Committee

The social committee coordinates events and activities throughout the year. They can use parent help preparing and contributing food for functions including the Lock-in, TAKS breakfast, and UIL. Contact Rose Hainline or Tammy Chambers if you would like to help out.

Senior Activities Committee

The Senior Activities Committee is composed of parents of Seniors and Juniors who are interested in putting together special treats for Seniors at Homecoming and the end of the school year. Contact Rose Hainline if you're interested.

Events throughout the school year

Band Show-Off: The band presents a show-off performance at 6:30 pm on Friday, August 20 to give family and friends a preview of the showmanship they have developed in Summer Band Camp.

Band Lock-in: The Mighty Owl Band directors sponsor this fun-filled event to give the band an opportunity to relax, play games and have fun together before the school year begins. We are the only school in GISD that does this for its band and it's an incredible tradition, which marks the end of summer band camp. Details will be provided no later than the final week of band camp.

Garland Labor Day Parade: All GISD High School bands participate in the annual Labor Day parade that begins at the downtown Garland DART station at the corner of Walnut and Fifth Streets. The parade runs south on Fifth Street to Main, west on Main to Garland Avenue and south on Garland Avenue to Avenue F and Central Park. The Garland High School band stops in front of the high school and plays the alma mater. **Volunteers are needed to walk the parade and help keep the band cool with misters and drinks of water.** The band boosters gather in front of the parking lot on Garland Road next to the street to cheer our band on from front row seats. Wear your booster shirt, and bring chairs. Meet your student at the Teacher's Parking Lot on Avenue D after the parade.

Winter Concert: This concert, scheduled for Thursday, December 9 at 7:30 pm, caps the first semester of school. The Concert, Symphonic and Honors Bands will perform at the concert. All concert performances are in the Garland High School auditorium.

Martin Luther King Day Parade: The Mighty Owl band will be participating in the 2010 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade on Saturday, January 15.

Chamber Percussion Show: The Chamber Percussion show is a one-of-a-kind performance and will be held in April at the Plaza Theater. Tickets sell out very quickly so make sure you purchase yours as soon as the Band Directors announce availability.

Spring Jazz Concert: The final Jazz concert will be held Thursday, May 5. Players from the Jazz Bands may be joined by guest performers including former members who have gone on to college and beyond and maybe even the directors. It is a wonderful evening of fabulous jazz.

Spring Concert: The spring concert will be held on Thursday, May 26 at 7:30 pm. The Concert, Symphonic and Honors Bands will perform at the Concert.

Band Banquet: This year's banquet is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 21 at 6:00 pm. This is an evening the whole family will not want to miss. Everyone gets to dress up, the directors present awards, senior wills are read and a video retrospective of the year is shown. The evening will be filled with fun, lots of laughter and a few tears.

| 2010 - 2011 MOB Schedule | | | |
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| Day/Date | Event | Location | Time |
| Monday, 8/2/10 | 12 th Grade Uniform Checkout | Garland High School - Band Hall | 6:00 – 8:00 pm |
| Tuesday, 8/3/10 | 11 th Grade Uniform Checkout Season Tickets go on sale | Garland High School Band Hall Williams Stadium Athletic Office | 6:00 – 8:00 pm |
| Wednesday, 8/4/10 | 10 th Grade Uniform Checkout | Garland High School - Band Hall | 6:00 – 8:00 pm |
| Thursday, 8/5/10 | New Parents Meeting 9 th Grade Uniform Checkout 9 th Band Registration | Garland High School - Band Hall | 6:30 – 8:00 pm 6:00 – 8:00 pm |
| Friday, 8/6/10 | 10 th – 12 th Registration | Garland High School - Band Hall | 6:30 – 8:00 pm |
| Friday, 8/13/10 | FISH Camp FISH Camp Pep Rally | Garland High School | 10:00 – 12:30 pm |
| Friday, 8/20/10 | Band Showoff Lock-in | Garland High School – Fine Arts Parking Lot | 6:30 pm |
| Saturday, 8/28/10 | Owls vs Flower Mound Marcus | Standridge Stadium 1330 W. Valwood Parkway Carrollton, Texas 75006 | 7:30 pm |
| Friday, 9/03/10 | Owls vs. Duncanville (v) | Duncanville High School Natatorium 900 W Camp Wisdom Rd Duncanville, TX 75116 | 7:00 pm |
| Monday, 9/06/10 | Labor Day Parade | Meet at DART Station | TBD |
| TBD | MOB Booster Meeting | Garland High School - Band Hall | 7:30 pm |
| Thursday, 9/10/10 | Owls vs. Lake Highlands (v) | Lake Highlands High School 9449 Church Road, Dallas, TX 75238 | 7:30 pm |
| Friday, 9/17/10 | Owls vs. South Garland (v) | Homer B Johnson Stadium 1029 E Centerville Rd, Garland | 7:30 pm |
| Saturday 9/18/10 | All Region Jazz Auditions | Sachse High School 3901 Miles Rd, Sachse | By appt. |
| Thursday, 9/23/10 | Owls vs. McKinney Boyd (v) | Williams Stadium 510 Stadium Dr, Garland | 7:00 pm |
| Thursday, 9/30/10 | Owls vs. North Garland | Homer B Johnson Stadium 1029 E Centerville Rd, Garland | 7:00 pm |
| Tuesday, 10/05/10 | Special Evening Rehearsal ® | Williams Stadium 510 Stadium Dr, Garland | 7:00 – 9:00 pm |
| Friday, 10/08/10 | Open | | |
| Saturday, 10/09/10 | Plano East Marching Invitational | Clark Stadium 6600 Stadium Dr, Plano | TBD |
| Monday, 10/18/10 | GISD Band Festival | Homer B Johnson Stadium 1029 E Centerville Rd, Garland | 6:00 pm |

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| Day/Date | Event | Location | Time |
| Wednesday, 10/13/10 | UIL Marching Contest | Memorial Stadium 2411 W Scyene Rd, Mesquite | TBD |
| Thursday, 10/14/10 | Owls vs. Rowlett (v) | Homer B. Johnson Stadium 1029 E Centerville Rd, Garland | 7:00 pm |
| Friday, 10/22/10 | Owls v Lakeview HOMECOMING GAME | Williams Stadium 510 Stadium Dr, Garland | 7:30 pm |
| Saturday, 10/23/10 | UIL Area Marching | Memorial Stadium 2411 W Scyene Rd, Mesquite | TBD |
| Thursday, 10/28/10 | Owls vs. Naaman Forest (v) | Williams Stadium 510 Stadium Dr, Garland | 7:00 pm |
| Saturday, 10/30/10 | All School Reunion Alumni Concessions | Garland High School - Commons | 11:00 am |
| Thursday, 11/04/10 | Owls vs. Sachse SENIOR NIGHT | Williams Stadium 510 Stadium Dr, Garland | 7:30 pm |
| Saturday 11/13/10 | 9 th Grade All Region Auditions | Rockwall Heath HS 801 Laurence Dr, Heath | By appt. |
| Thursday, 11/18/10 | All Region Jazz Concert/Clinic | Sachse HS 3901 Miles Rd, Sachse | TBD |
| Saturday, 11/20/10 | All Region Jazz Clinic/Concert | Sachse HS 3901 Miles Rd, Sachse | TBD |
| Tuesday, 11/22/10 | Benny and the Fitz | Garland High School - Auditorium | TBD |
| Saturday, 12/04/10 | All Region Phase I Auditions | Berkner HS 1600 E Spring Valley, Richardson | TBD |
| Monday, 12/06/10 | All Region Phase II Auditions | Berkner HS 1600 E Spring Valley, Richardson | TBD |
| Thursday 12/09/10 | Winter Concert | Garland High School - Auditorium | 7:30 pm |
| TBD | Winter Jazz Concert | Garland High School - Auditorium | 7:30 pm |
| Saturday, 1/08/11 | Area Band Audition | | By appt. |
| Thursday, 1/20/11 | All Region Bands Clinic | TBD | TBD |
| Friday, 1/21/11 | All Region Bands Clinic/Concert | TBD | TBD |
| Saturday, 2/05/11 | Solo & Ensemble Contest | North Garland HS 2109 Buckingham Rd, Garland | By appt. |
| Wednesday, 2/09/11 - Saturday, 2/12/11 | TMEA Convention | Austin, TX | |
| TBD | Chamber Percussion Dress Rehearsal | GHS Fine Arts Auditorium | 2:00 - 8:00 pm |
| TBD | Chamber Percussion Show | Plaza Theater 521 W State St. Garland | 7:30 pm |
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| Tuesday, 3/08/11 | Band Booster Meeting | Band Hall | 7:30 pm |
| Thursday, 3/10/11 | Pre Pre UIL Concert | GHS Fine Arts Auditorium | 7:30 pm |
| TBD | Pre UIL | Rowlett HS 4700 Kirby Rd, Rowlett | TBD |
| TBD | Band Booster Meeting | Band Hall | 7:30 pm |
| Tuesday, 4/12/11 - Thursday, 4/14/11 | UIL Band Contest | Richardson HS 1250 Beltline Rd, Richardson | TBD |
| Saturday, 4/16/11 - Tuesday, 4/19/11 | Spring Band Trip | Atlanta, Georgia | TBD |
| TBD | Leadership Banquet | TBD | TBD |
| Thursday, 5/05/11 | Jazz Band Concert | GHS Fine Arts Auditorium | 7:30 pm |
| Saturday, 5/21/11 | Band Banquet | Atrium | 6:00 pm |
| Tuesday, 5/26/11 | Spring Concert | GHS Fine Arts Auditorium | 7:30 pm |
| TBD | Texas State Solo & Ensemble Contest | UT Austin | TBD |