

## Omaha Homeschool Band & Orchestra Updates 5 Aug 2020

We are looking forward to starting the fall semester though with some distinctions brought on by the current DHM. Thanks for your participation and cooperation!

- The DHM situation remains fluid and out of our control, so we will need to be flexible as to if/how we can comply. The fall schedule is attached.
  
- \*We are asking families to register for the semester, in order to better plan for class sizes, spacing etc. [www.ohbo.org/register](http://www.ohbo.org/register) Information regarding Instrument Demonstration Day and Auditions was sent in a separate email. Registration for these is also available at [www.ohbo.org/register](http://www.ohbo.org/register)
  
- Rehearsals will again be held Tuesday afternoons beginning August 25<sup>th</sup> at Grace Central Church, [344 North 115<sup>th</sup> St Omaha](#). We are very grateful for their continued hospitality especially during this time.
  
- Note payment (by check or cash) is due September 8<sup>th</sup>, which gives you a couple of weeks to determine if OHBO is a good fit. For those returning from spring 2020, we offer a \$50 discount per family, due to the COVID-shortened semester.
  - Out of consideration for OHBO families, if a student, sibling, or parent is ill with fever, cough, or sore throat or is feeling sick to their stomach, or if he/she has been exposed to a confirmed COVID case (or other major virus) in the last two weeks, he/she should please stay home. We will work with you long distance should this arise.
  
  - Students, parents and siblings are strongly encouraged to wear a mask inside the GCC facilities. Please respect six foot social distancing whenever possible indoors when not wearing a mask. Seating for the band groups will be six feet apart, and seating for strings will be adjusted accordingly or masks worn.
  
  - Apply hand sanitizer or wash hands! Cover your cough and sneeze!
  
- We will plan to allow families and siblings to wait in the buildings in appropriate sized groups which are set apart from each other at an appropriate distance. Tables can be used but will need to be sanitized after use. \*Please limit further mixing and socializing to the green space or parking areas outside the buildings. Unfortunately no social/rec time in the gym area, at least for the first part of the semester.

- Please make sure your middle school and younger students are supervised when they are outside. We need to respect the staff and property at GCC and maintain the safety of our OHBO members. **Parents are accountable to supervise their children**, and if you are sending them with someone (like an older sibling) you have to make sure it is happening.

- Keep in mind there is a nice park to the south of the church. Costco, Menards, Westroads, and grocery stores are also in the area.

Please let us know any questions.

Sincerely,  
Omaha Homeschool Band & Orchestra