

May 28th, 2020

Good afternoon Crimson Students, Parents, and Guardians,

Hello from the Sunshine State! I hope all of you are staying safe and well during this still extremely difficult time. I wanted to email all of you to touch base, and to say that I am extremely excited to get started in July. We still do not know what the state of affairs will look like, however rest assured that when I know any information, I will pass it along to you.

For those who do not know me, hello. My name is Nick Williams. I was the Middle School Band director from 2007-2014, as well as the Assistant Director for Crimson during that time. I have 13 years of band directing experience, including 7 years in CUSD 186, 5 in Carterville Unit 5, and 1 with the Charter School USA company down here in Orlando, Florida. I have many ideas to update our current system (which will not be changing too much), and I am looking forward to implementing those ideas to take this program as a whole to the next level.

After having conversations regarding instrumentation with Mr. Moreland, here is what I am needing as we are looking towards beginning the Fall 2020 competition season. We have a total of 22 woodwinds approximately in the band. To help balance the 8 brass players, I am looking for 2 woodwinds to convert to Baritone, and 2 to convert to Tuba. Any woodwind student who is willing to make this change, please reply this email as soon as you can, so I can pass it along to Mr. Moreland. He will then get instruments to those volunteers so they can start practicing. I will then work with those volunteers in July individual lessons to get them where they need to be. Woodwind players, I know this is something a lot of you have probably never thought about. However, to be successful in balancing our band's instrumentation, this needs to happen. Please get in contact with me if you are interested.

That is all I have for now. I will be using this distribution list and email (nicholasp.williams@icloud.com) until I am able to get my new school email account going, so please feel free to reply with questions and concerns. I try to respond within 24 hours.

Lots of exciting things happening, including an updated Crimson logo, jacket design, etc. Handbook, schedule, and any information Mr. Moreland has sent out will not change. We are set up for success because of him, and I thank him for that. I am officially back in the area from Florida around July 17th and will be at the school during the week of July 20th-24th (the week before camp begins). Please stop by and say hi. I am looking forward to seeing old faces again and meeting new ones.

Look for my next email in June at some point. It is my plan to update you guys as much as possible. Talk with you soon!

Sincerely,

Mr. Williams