Welcome to another exciting season with the GCB. If you are with us for the first time, a special welcome. As much fun as it is making music together, there are a number of things we need to know and do in order to make things run efficiently. Please read these carefully whether you are a new or returning member.

**Dues:** $40 per year, cash or check payable to *Gainesville Community Band, Inc.* This, along with the dues form, should be turned in to Susan Spain, clarinet section no later than September 30, 2017. Members who join after that date should turn in dues and forms by the rehearsal following the rehearsal they receive the forms.

**Uniforms:** Members are required to provide their own uniforms.

**Formal Uniforms:**
Men: Black dress pants with black shoes, socks, and belt, a white long-sleeve dress shirt (NOT a tux shirt), and a black bow tie.

Women: All black in whatever form works for you--dress pants (not crop or ankle pants) or floor length skirt with a shirt or blouse with ¾ or long sleeves, or a floor length dress with ¾ or long sleeves. Shoes should be black as well. No ties.

**Informal Uniforms:**
Khaki pants with a navy short-sleeve polo shirt of your own or a GCB monogrammed navy short-sleeve polo shirt. The cost for the GCB shirts is $30. We will not be selling those shirts until later in the season.

Questions about uniforms should be directed to the uniform manager.

**Website:** [www.gnvband.org](http://www.gnvband.org) The website contains a lot of information including our Concert Schedule, Member Contacts and Member Handbook. You will find the answers to many of your questions in the members only sections.

And you can find us on **Facebook**!

**Rehearsals** are on Thursday nights from 7-9 pm at Kanapaha Middle School band room. Attendance at every rehearsal is a priority. If you must be absent, contact our director, Gary Langford, at glangford@arts.ufl.edu or (352) 514-7752, and your section leader.

**Music Folders:** You will be given a music folder for each concert and sign it out on the sheet provided by your section leader/facilitator. If a piece of music is missing when you receive your folder, see the librarian. You are responsible for your folder and music. Take it home and practice! Use pencils only to mark your music. And be sure to return it. Boxes for folders will be provided at the end of each concert. If you are not going to play in a concert or are leaving the band, please remember to give your folder to your section leader or to the librarian.