

Parents and Students:

I wanted to send out some information and reminders about our upcoming camps the next two weeks. As always, please feel free to email me if you have any questions.

- Parents just a reminder that lunch is an open, unsupervised lunch period. Students are free to come home, go out to eat, or bring a sack lunch and eat. However, the staff usually leaves for lunch so there will not be any supervision available during this time. A lot of students at this camp choose to go home and shower and change clothes before the afternoon session. Students who are bringing their lunch and staying at East over lunch should stay in the band room.
- All times are just like the camp in June; 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Please make sure you have arrangements to have your child picked up no later than 3:45 p.m. There are leadership team students willing to give students a ride if they need it.

Band Camp Schedule

- Monday July 18th and Tuesday July 19th - **Drumline Only** (battery and front ensemble) and Leadership Team as scheduled in the group chat.
 - Wednesday July 20th - **First Full Day of Band Camp** - All members report from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m.
 - Thursday July 21st, Friday July 22nd - **Camp continues** for all members with the same schedule
 - Saturday July 23rd - **Camp Carwash** - All members required to fill a two-hour shift. All band carwashes are held at Meyer Music. Shifts are as follows:
 - 10:00 to 11:30- Drumline and Low Brass
 - 11:30 to 1:00- Flute, Clarinets, and Saxes
 - 1:00 to 2:30- Trumpets, Mellos
 - If you cannot attend your assigned shift please email Mr. Smikahl about possibly attending a different shift
 - Monday July 25th to Thursday July 28th - **Camp continues** for all members with the same schedule
 - Friday July 29th - **Morning rehearsal** for all members 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. - Leadership Team members stay to help setup for evening performance after rehearsal. No rehearsal in the afternoon.
 - Friday July 29th- End of Camp Performance and Orange and Blue BBQ and Auction. Please see the attached flyer for more details!
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- The weather will be very warm. We have held camps in weather this warm or warmer but it has been several years. We will have safe guards to keep you as healthy as possible, but some of the preparation will fall on individuals to be prepared. Make sure to pre-hydrate by drinking a lot of water the night before your rehearsal. Drink water and not energy drinks or drinks with a lot of sugar in them. Make sure you bring your own water bottle with your name on it and drink even when you don't feel thirsty. Make sure you eat breakfast before you come to rehearsal. Make sure you use sunscreen, wear appropriate clothes to help with the heat, and a hat if needed. Make sure to wear tennis shoes that can be tied and socks to keep from getting blisters. Get plenty of rest each night so that your body doesn't get worn down. Finally, if you are in rehearsal and not feeling well you always have our permission to pull yourself out of rehearsal and get an additional drink or do what you need to stay healthy. It will also be helpful if you get outside a bit the next couple of days, especially if you have been inside most of the summer.
 - All brass and woodwind instruments will need their own flip folder and lyre. These are available for purchase at Meyer Music. I suggest students take their instrument in with them so they are sure they get a lyre that fits their instrument. Even though we memorize the music for the half-time show we need lyres for the music in the stands and for pre-game. If you have financial concerns with being able to purchase one in time for camp please contact Mr. Smikahl.
 - Percussion students are expected to have a three ring binder and ear plugs. All students should have a pencil in their case.

- Just a reminder that camp is required and it is where we will learn approximately 60% of the show. Students should report to the band room first each day, and then they will be directed to either the field or gym to start the day. Students who are absent from camp without making arrangements with Mr. Smikahl will be written out of the show.
- A reminder that all members should have their warm-ups and parade tune Confident and the Fight Song memorized by the first day of camp. We will start music pass-offs right away on that music.
- We will be taking photos on Thursday, July 28th. We will be taking the large group photo for the program and yearbook and then the senior picture for the banner.
- For any front ensemble students who took home a mallet instrument for the summer we will have a load in at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday night. This is so you don't have to get to school extra, extra early on Monday to have your gear loaded in. If you have a portable xylophone you are using to practice you can just keep it at home until we tell you we need it back. If you are not able to make it on Sunday night I will be at East by 6:45 a.m. on Monday.
- We are doing spirit day competitions again this year and are also bringing back section competitions. I will have a separate handout on the first day of full camp with information. We will have our first spirit day of camp on Thursday, July 21st.
- If there are any parents who have some time to come by in the mornings and take some pictures of camp our parent that has done it for several years no longer has a child in the program.
- We are in need of parents to help with uniform sizing. We run sizing every day during camp during the times students are there. Please email Mr. Smikahl if you can help. We must get everyone sized in order to take pictures at the end of camp.
- Football boosters are offering the following option for senior band parents: If your parents want to do individual pictures like we do with some of our Senior parents, we will charge \$100 and it needs to be turned in and paid for by **Friday July 22nd**. That is the exact same amount we charge football parents. I attached some Senior ads placed by our football parents last year for ideas. Usually, it's a pic of them younger, current pic, and short little message. We format it up and make it fun the parents just send the picture they want to use and a short message.

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- **Payment Options:**
 - 1) **PREFERRED:** PayPal to: OlatheEastFootballBoosterClub@gmail.com
 - or Venmo to: OlatheEastFootball-BoosterClub (if Venmo asks for the last 4 digits of the account its 6653)
 - 2) Check Payable to Olathe East Football Booster Club and mail to:
 - Olathe East Football Booster Club, PO Box 3382, Olathe KS 66063
- We still need help with the BBQ. Please sign up if you are available: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054aaca829a5f85-20224>
- One last item I wanted to cover is the ACT. The September test date conflicts with the Old Settlers Day parade. The October test date conflicts with KBA Competition in Lawrence. My first choice would be for students to take it in December. If you are a senior and need to take the test and can't wait until the December test date you will need to take it in September and miss the parade as missing a contest performance is not an option. It would be helpful if we know this information in camp so we can adjust the parade block. Juniors will have several test dates in the spring which is the recommended testing schedule because they will have received more experience with some of the material on the exam in their Junior classes.

Thanks,
Mr. Smikahl