



Message sent from Olathe Public Schools

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Subject: Band Update 9/15/24

Greetings OE Band Families,

The marching band took a huge step forward in the execution of their field show this week. The sound was significantly stronger, and we added an entire movement in less than a week. Believe it or not, we are now less than five weeks from the end of marching season, so let's dig deep and keep the momentum strong.

Concert band has narrowed down their concert selections, and they're working towards more fluent rhythm reading and sight-reading abilities. I'm very excited for their first concert on Oct 1!

CONCERT BAND Calendar at a Glance:

Sep 16—Booster Meeting 6:00 PM in the band room—ALL ARE WELCOME!

Sep 27—All District Band/John Philip Sousa Honor Band audition fees due

Oct 1—Concert Band/Jazz Combo Concert at OE. Call time 6:30 PM. Concert at 7:00.

Oct 7—Olathe Marching Exhibition—Call time 5:15 to load buses.

MARCHING BAND Calendar at a Glance:

Sep 16—Monday Night Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 PM

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Sep 23—Monday Night Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 PM

Sep 24—Olathe Marching Invitational volunteer info meeting, 6:30 PM at OE—required for all students and adult OMI volunteers

Sep 27—BAND PHOTOS 4:00 PM

Sep 27—Home football game at CBAC. Load buses after photos. Performance at 6:40 PM due to Homecoming. Game at 7:00 PM.

Sep 27—All District Band/John Philip Sousa Honor Band audition fees due.

Sep 28—Saturday Rehearsal 9:00-11:00 AM (New time)

Sep 30—Monday Night Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 PM

Oct 5—Olathe Marching Invitational—ALL DAY. Band performs around 9:15 PM.

Oct 7—Olathe Marching Exhibition 7:00 PM at CBAC. Call time 5:00 PM in band room

Oct 10—Home football game at CBAC. Middle School Night! Senior Night! Glow Show!

Oct 12—Shawnee Mission North Invitational—All day

Olathe Marching Invitational (OMI) Volunteers:

We are asking that all marching band students and an adult from each family volunteer at least one shift at OMI. You can sign up for jobs below. Please note that there will be a mandatory meeting at OEHS on September 24th for all OMI volunteers.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CA8A722AAF5CF8-50954836-omivolunteer>

OMI Sponsorship:

We are looking for event sponsors for the Olathe Marching Invitational! If you or someone you know has a business that would like to be featured via jumbotron

commercial, banner, digital program ad, or live announcement during the Olathe Marching Invitational on October 5, please direct them to the flyer linked below and attached to this email. Sponsorships are tax deductible, and the money goes right back to the Olathe East and Olathe Northwest band programs!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qOXu9_78c7Wv8KNH9EySS6tJYlpaLprk/view?usp=sharing

If you or someone you know makes a contact with a potential sponsor, please make a note of on the document linked below:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Eb_HWj0ObRsQB9rN6FdcPdX1exjpizdUTdxXvpmMPDI/edit?usp=sharing

All District Band/John Phillip Sousa Honor Band Auditions:

Honor Band auditions always sneak up pretty quickly as marching season is winding down. Students need to sign up for auditions this week!

- **KMEA All District Band**—Live auditions will be at Gardener Edgerton High School on Saturday, November 2. Students that sign up need to submit their \$18 registration fee to Ms. Fillingham by Friday, September 27. Checks should be made out to Olathe East High School.
- **John Phillip Sousa Honor Band (Freshmen only)**--Recorded auditions are due to Mr. Reed by Oct 10. Students that sign up to audition for JPS Honor Band need to submit their \$15 registration fee to Ms. Fillingham by Friday, September 27.

As always, if the audition fees are a financial burden to your family, do not hesitate notify Ms. Fillingham.

Band Photos—Sep 27, 4:00 PM:

All marching band students will need to report for a photo in full uniform, and then small groups or individuals can have photos taken as time permits. Photos will be available for purchase by families shortly thereafter.

Homecoming Football Game at CBAC—Sep 27, bus departs after photos at 4:00 PM:

Students will arrive in their SHOW SHIRT and be sure to have long black socks. All hair below chin length will need to be up away from the face and off the neck, and longer hair should be in a bun. Buses will leave at 5:30 for CBAC.

Special Arrangement Transportation Forms:

All students are required to ride the bus to and from performances (with the exception of OMI) If you need your student to arrive at or leave from a performance in some other way, you must fill out the special arrangement transportation form and hand it in BEFORE we depart for the event. The Special Arrangement Transportation Form can be found on the band website, or students can pick up a hard copy in the band office. No onsite transportation arrangements will be made.

FROM THE BOOSTERS:

Volunteer Opportunities:

We have introduced a new "Co-Chair" position in many of our key roles to create an opportunity for those that would like a chance to get some training and experience before taking on a role in the booster organization. This is a chance for family members to get involved without the risk of unknowingly taking on more responsibility than they bargained for. If you have ANY interest in pitching in any way. Please reach out to oehsbandboosters@gmail.com.

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