

**OE Band Update 10-6-21**

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Parents and Students:

A lot of information in this email that applies to all students so please look through all the sections of the email.

**Trip**

There has been two changes on cost structure for the trip in the past month. As detailed at the last booster meeting, the cost of the trip had increased by \$70 because the airfare came in above what was budgeted even with an extra buffer I had put into the trip. However, this week Disney released ticket costs and we had over estimated this cost by a significant amount. The end result is that we are only raising the cost of the trip by \$25 instead of \$70. There are other groups in our district who are raising their trip cost by three or four hundred dollars so I am very happy we were able to keep our cost so close to the original estimate.

At this point chaperones have been selected and contacted. Chaperones if you haven't signed up yet please do so as soon as possible. For those of you who have contacted me about rooming questions that is my number one item to work on next week. I am very thankful for everyone that expressed interest in holding a position. It is never a fun process for me to turn away parents that wanted to help but I was able to get a good balance of freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior parents.

**Conferences**

This year conferences will have a mix of in person and zoom options for parents. All teachers will be available on Wednesday, October 13 from 4:30-8:30 pm for walk up conferences in the gym/commons at Olathe East. Appointments are not needed for the in person conferences on Wednesday. I am also available Monday and Tuesday October 11th and 12th from 3:15 to 4:45 by appointment for conferences on zoom. Please use the sign-up genius link below to sign up for Monday or Tuesday conferences. If these options do not work for you please contact me and I will find a time that will work for your schedule.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090845AEAD2FA31-olathe>

**Marching Band**

It is hard to believe we are talking about senior night, but next Thursday, October 14th is our last regular season football home game. We will do a shortened halftime show performance (about half of it) and then we will recognize senior band students and their parents. We will send out more information next week about how the recognition process will work at the game.

After the game we have a tradition of doing our Glow Show performance. Students should bring their section leader \$5 (as soon as possible) and they will be in charge of purchasing glow sticks for their section. We have found that this looks best if each section is organized and has their own plan for how their section will look versus having just complete random chaos. After the game we will perform the show (without props or blinds) with the stadium lights turned off. All students need to supply their own two small flashlights that can be taped to their legs. Those are pointed down at the ground and then show their footsteps as they march the show this is actually the most important part of making the performance really look cool. Students will bring a set of dark colored clothes to change into and tape their glow sticks to. We will provide the tape.

A reminder that every team makes the first week of the playoffs so there is still a chance we could host a late October home game. I will share more as soon as I know any additional information.

**Concert Band 3rd and 7th hour and Jazz Combo**

The first concert of the year will be 7:00 p.m. in the large auditorium on Tuesday, October 19th.

Thanks,  
Mr. Smikahl

