
OE Band Update 10-3-21

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Message sent from Olathe Public Schools

Parents and Students:

I apologize that this update is getting to you later than normal. I had planned to send it out on Friday but I was not feeling well and missed school and our game Friday night. This time of year there is so much going on that missing one day really throws off my entire schedule.

Concert Band 3rd and 7th Hour

Monday evening is the district marching exhibition. I made a mistake and forgot to request the extra bus for the additional students. I am working to get an additional bus for us but I will not have finalized information until tomorrow morning. Right now students should plan to report to the band room at 5:30 p.m. on Monday. I would like for them to wear an Olathe East shirt if they have one. If I am not able to secure a bus then I will let students know during class 3rd hour and they will not be required to attend. I will also plan to email parents either way and let you know the final plan. I would have been able to catch this mistake and fix it if I would have been at work on Friday. My apologies for the lack of clarity at this point as this is definitely not how I like to operate. Assuming students are able to attend, we will return to East at approximately 9:00 p.m.

A reminder that our first concert of the year for these classes will be held on October 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Olathe East auditorium.

Marching Band

Thanks to all the parents who have been volunteering! Your help is noticed and very appreciated! This is our biggest and probably most important week of the marching season. After this week we only have two remaining events on the calendar (not counting potential football playoff games). A reminder everyone makes the playoffs regardless of record, so we may host a playoff game in the first round. We will share more information as that gets closer. Potential playoff games are listed on the calendar on the band website.

- Report time for Monday is 5:00 p.m. We will load buses and leave at 5:30 p.m. We are the first group to perform so we will just get all of our props and front ensemble pre-set and not worry about a field entrance. I have been so impressed with our field entrance and exit crew so far, keep up the great work!
- We will wear our black show shirt for this performance since we just used our dry fit on Friday night. We will use our dry fit on Saturday for the contest. It is supposed to be warmer again, so we will need to all match so we can take our jackets off.
- There will be a special point of emphasis this year during Monday night's exhibition that spectators should not enter the stands while a group is performing. Since we are performing first please plan to arrive early if you are coming to watch so you don't get caught waiting on the staircase. A reminder for the students to keep it classy at all times and don't engage in

discussions with other band students who are critical of our group. Parents from all groups sit throughout the bleachers so always assume that there is a parent from every school sitting right behind you during the performances. We want other parents to talk about how great our show was AND how nice our kids are.

- Friday the students do not have school but we will rehearse from 1 to 3:30 p.m. to prepare for the contest on Saturday. This rehearsal was on the original calendar that was distributed last January so hopefully everyone has requested off of work. We have a lot of drill cleaning to work on and we can't do that without everyone in attendance.
- I will send out a separate schedule for next Saturday's contest. We perform at 3:00 p.m. in prelims. We will meet at East and do a short rehearsal/warm-up before heading to the contest. More info to come.
- If you have any issue with your marching uniform please do not wait until the end of the season! Tell a parent on Monday so we can be sure to have anything that needs fixed corrected by Saturday!

Thanks,
Mr. Smikahl