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Parents and Students-

Thanks for all the wonderful parent support to start the year. We truly couldn't do what we do without all the help from many of you! Below you will find information for the upcoming weeks. As always, email me with questions.

Booster Meeting

Tonight (Tuesday) at 7:00 p.m. in the band room we will have our first booster meeting of the year. Please enter through door Z on the West side of the building. This is the best way to get information about upcoming events and also trip updates for the NYC trip.

Jazz Combo (4th hour)

The students are doing a great job getting more comfortable with improvisation. Our required concerts for this group this semester are as follows:

1. Tuesday, October 10th- Concert Band and Jazz Combo Fall Concert- 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Report time for students TBA.
2. Thursday, December 7th- Winter Concert- 7 p.m. in the auditorium. This event features all of the bands at Olathe East. Report time for students TBA.

Concert Band (3rd hour)

This group has their first playing test tomorrow during class. They have three

required events they need to attend this semester as part of their grade.

1. Monday, October 2nd- We will travel together by bus to the District Marching Festival as part of our unit this semester on marching band. Report time for concert band students will be 5:15 and the bus will leave at 5:30. The approximate return time is between 8:30 and 9:00 p.m.
2. Tuesday, October 10th- Concert Band and Jazz Combo Fall Concert- 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Report time for students TBA.
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6th Hour Percussion Class

These students are doing an excellent job with both mallets and snare! They will have their first playing test this Friday.

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Marching Band

We had some very challenging weather to work through last week and the students did an excellent job of being flexible. I am very excited for the marching band students to get out there and show off their hard work on Friday. Because of the schedule last week and losing a significant amount of time outside, we will only be performing the first movement of the field show Friday night. We have learned other sections of the show, but they are not quite ready for performance yet. Below is specific information about each event. Please email me with any questions. Just a reminder, there can be no on-site transportation arrangements made. The special permission travel form is in the band office or on the front page of the band website. Students need to turn this form in if they are not using school transportation to or from a performance because of a conflict. Also, there are still some students who have not turned in their forms. Those names are posted in the band room. Students are not allowed to board the bus on Friday night without their forms and will lose credit for the performance. Students are also not allowed to perform without tall black socks. Any student with long hair needs to put it up in a tight bun. This is to both help it fit under the shako without looking messy and to make us look more uniform in the stands when we don't have our shakos on. All jewelry should be left at home as well. That makes us look

more uniform and also keeps it from getting lost.

A quick reminder that all Percussion, Tubas and Bari Saxes should be the first students to arrive at every performance so that they can help get their instruments loaded. Those students should load their equipment first and then change into their uniform. Because our dry-fit shirts have not been delivered yet, we will be using the Black Cat show shirt under our uniforms for Friday's game.

New Marchers

If you have a son or daughter who is new to the marching band at Olathe East they were required to purchase marching shoes. They have arrived and will be handed out Friday when they arrive for the game. All brass and woodwind players are also required to purchase gloves. They were sized for shoes during camp and they have already arrived. Shoes are \$35 and gloves are \$5. Please make a \$40 check payable to Olathe East.

Friday, September 1st Home Football Game

Report time: 5:00 p.m. Buses leave at 5:30 p.m.

Please eat before arriving for call time. Students should show up to East in shorts, black socks, and show shirt. Drumline will have a very short performance at the tailgate shortly after we arrive. We will then rehearse briefly on the side of the stadium and then perform our pre-game show around 6:40 p.m. In order for us to have our uniform jacket off it is important that students have their show shirt on to wear under their uniform. Arrival back at East depends on how quickly the game goes. I usually estimate an arrival time at East between 9:30 and 10:00 p.m.

Wind Ensemble

Even though this group hasn't started yet, I wanted to share that with our selection to perform at the KMEA In-Service Workshop I have some dates for everyone to put on their calendar. We will perform in Wichita at KMEA on Thursday, February 24 in the Century II Concert Hall at Noon. Parents are welcome to attend, and I will have more information later about that. We plan to bring the entire group down on Wednesday evening and stay the evening in Wichita, rehearse in the ballroom at the hotel that morning and then head to the performance hall.

We have also scheduled a Send-Off concert on February 20th in the

Auditorium at East for parents that will be unable to attend the performance in Wichita.

Thanks,

Mr. Smikahl