

Message sent from Olathe Public Schools

Parents and Students:

We have a great first semester and look forward to wrapping it up with our Winter Concert on Thursday, December 8th. This concert will include every student in the band program at Olathe East. We will share report times with the students closer to the event but the doors to the auditorium will be locked until 6:45 p.m. so we can do some warm-ups on stage and take group pictures. Students should wear the concert uniform they were checked out (there a few students who we will get sized this week). As a reminder, students are responsible for providing their own tuxedo shirt and bow tie. If students need dress shoes, they may check out some donated marching shoes from us. Students should not wear tennis shoes with their concert uniform. Once students have been checked out a concert uniform, they should bring it home.

We are also holding the following 7 a.m. rehearsals to prepare for the concert since percussion and winds rehearse in separate hours. These rehearsals are required and part of their grade in band.

- Wind Ensemble- 7 a.m. on Wednesday, December 7th.
- Symphonic Band- 7 a.m. on Tuesday, December 6th

Congratulations

Recently, we have had several students selected to honor bands. This is a huge accomplishment, and we are very proud of their hard work!

Madeline Burke- Clarinet and Lilly Battese- Trombone were both selected to the John Phillip's Sousa Honor Band!

The following students were selected to the East Central District Honor Bands and will be eligible to audition for All-State Band in January!

Cherie Liu- Flute

Jack McGregor- Flute

Kaitlyn Curtain- Flute

Ty Cayot- Bassoon

Claire Heigele- Clarinet
Wesley Janssen- Clarinet
Sydney Watson- Clarinet
Payten Mayfield- Clarinet
Jordan Culton- Bass Clarinet
Ben Lodge- Alto Sax
Brooklyn Borgelt- Bari Sax
Cameron Castaldi- Trumpet
Brandon Hahn- Trumpet
Gus Leon- Trumpet
Jackson Malone- Trumpet
Julia Sibson- Alt Trumpet
Liam Courson- French Horn
Christian Rawalt- French Horn
Carter Davis- Trombone
Jackson Bowman- Tuba
Ryne Poindexter- Percussion
Emerson Prather- Percussion
Nick Webb- Alt Jazz Bass

Tuba Christmas

As mentioned in a previous email, the district has created their own version of Tuba Christmas called Heavy Metal Christmas. It will be Thursday, December 8th and is free to the public. The performance is at 11:00 a.m. at the College Church of the Nazarene here in Olathe.

Help Needed

We need a parent with a good camera that could take pictures of all of the concert bands on stage before the concert to put in the yearbook. Please email me if you would be able to help out.

For the winter concert refreshments for our concert, we are requesting families bring one dozen cookies. Here is the link to sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E054AAEA829A5F85-202211>

We are still needing a few more parents to sign-up to serve refreshments at the choir concert (since choir parents are serving at ours). Here is the link to sign-up-
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E054AAEA829A5F85-202210>

I am extremely excited to announce that thanks to a very generous donation from an Olathe East Band parent we were able to purchase a third trailer for marching season so we will no longer have to rent a box truck. I am looking for a small group of parents to work on securing sponsorships so that we can get our old trailers re-wrapped and we can also wrap the new trailer. Please email me if this is something you would have time to work on in January.

Thanks,
Mr. Smikahl