



Message sent from Olathe Public Schools

Parents and Students-

Marching Band/Drumline

We were very happy as a staff with how well the students performed at Blue Springs South! We were one of the only groups out of the 16 bands that performed our entire show. I think that will really pay off for us moving forward in the other contests. The students have worked very hard this week as we look to raise the performance level of the group.

Friday is our next to last home game. We will have the same report time of 5:00 p.m. and buses will leave promptly at 5:30 p.m. We are only using Dry Fit shirts for performances for the rest of the season. Because of the homecoming celebrations we will perform our field show **before** the football game at 6:40 p.m. At halftime we will participate in homecoming court. I will also add that at our last regular season home game on October 14th we will only perform **one movement** of the show at halftime because of senior recognitions and then will do the glow show after the game. Sometimes parents are upset that they attend the last home game expecting to see the entire show but that is not possible because of time restrictions.

Monday night (October 3rd) is the District Marching Exhibition at CBAC. The report and bus times will be exactly the same as a game. I encourage parents attending this event to arrive early as it will be an extremely full stadium for this event and the parking lot can get very backed up. We will perform 2nd this year.

Similar to Blue Springs South, I will be sending out an event sheet next week for the Olathe Marching Invitational next Saturday the 8th. This is the event we won Grand Champions at last year. I hope we will have a very big crowd that day to support us!

3rd and 7th Hour Concert Band/Freshman Percussion Class

A reminder that students in this class will need to attend the Olathe District Marching Exhibition on Monday night October 3rd. Their report time is 5:15 p.m. in the band room and the bus will leave at 5:30 p.m. We will return to East around 8:30 p.m. Students are encouraged to wear East gear and should eat dinner before they come or bring dinner with them.

I will be making an alternate assignment for JV football players that also suit up for varsity games. Freshmen football players who do not suit up for varsity can either check about getting out of practice a little early on Monday so they can attend the event Monday night or they can attend the home football game this Friday or on October 14th with the band. If they are attending a game to make it up they would have the same report time of 5:15 p.m. and would bus with us to and from the game and stay with the band the entire game.

A reminder that these students will have their first concert of the year on Tuesday, October 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

We have also posted grades from their first quarter playing test. We do not do chairs in Concert Band except to identify who the principal player in each section is. Principal players can change depending on the results of each playing test. This group is playing well and I am really enjoying teaching them!

Thanks,
Mr. Smikahl