

Parents and Students:

I hope that you have all been enjoying a fantastic summer! I wanted to send out a few reminders and updates for camp and the season.

- A reminder that Saturday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. we will be having an open house for Mrs. Creek. This is a come and go event and gives parents and students a chance to say thank you to Mrs. Creek for her 13 years at Olathe East.
- For camp, a reminder that we keep the same schedule as pre-camp: Outside from 7 to 11 a.m. and inside from 1 to 3:30 p.m. for music rehearsals. Students need to remember to hydrate not just at camp but all day and evening to prepare for the next day. Lunch will still be an “open” lunch where students may stay and eat at school or go home or go out to eat. This lunch period is unsupervised as staff will be meeting or out to eat as well. Similar to pre-camp please make sure to have tennis shoes with laces, sunscreen, and anything else you need to be successful. If you haven't purchased a flip folder and music lyre from Meyer Music, please do so before camp.
- Here is the full schedule for camp:
- Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> – Drumline and drum majors all day
- Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>- Drumline and drum majors all day, Leadership Team in the morning only
- Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>- First Full day of camp- all members report for the full day
- Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>- Full camp continues for all members
- Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>- Camp Carwash at Meyer Music. We will go over section report times at camp, but they are not the same as pre-camp. Everything else is just like the one at pre-camp
- Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>- Full camp continues for all members
- Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>- All members rehearse for the morning session from 7 to 11 a.m.- Only Leadership Team returns in the afternoon to setup for the BBQ and performance.
- Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>- End of camp performance with the Orange and Blue BBQ and silent auction. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the performance starts at 6:00 p.m. This is our single biggest fundraiser for the year. Please help us start the year in a good financial position by attending this event! A flyer is attached with more information. You do not have to pay to attend the performance, only the BBQ. This is the first performance of the year for the marching band and is a required performance for all members.
- A reminder for all students that your homework for the summer was to get your warm-ups memorized by the time you show up to camp in July. Please make sure you are doing your part individually to help us be successful as a group. You still have some time to make it happen if you are not quite there yet. Leadership team members would be happy to help you, please don't hesitate to reach out to them! With the group being smaller this year, it will be critical that everyone is doing their part.

- For the BBQ we are in need of a lot of help to make this a successful event. If you are available to help, please sign up here:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054aaea829a5f85-orange#/>
- There is an amazing event that is happening here in Olathe that I want to encourage students and even parents to attend. On Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> there will be a Drum Corp International show held at CBAC. If you are not familiar with DCI these are college and high school students who spend their entire summer performing in bands. The best of these groups are as close to professional marching bands as we have in the U.S. Tickets are available online for a few more days or you can purchase a ticket at the event. Here is a link with more information: <https://colts.org/brass-impact>
- Finally, I would like to take a moment to introduce our new Assistant Director of Bands. Her name is Mrs. Fillingham and she most recently held the same position at Shawnee Mission North. She is a former Olathe East student and drum major and has even worked Olathe East band camp in the past when Mrs. Creek was on maternity leave and earlier in her career. She is going to be an amazing addition to our staff, and I am really excited for all of you to meet her! Her bio is attached to this email if you would like additional information.

Thanks,  
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