

OE Band Update 10-12-21

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Parents and Students-

What a great week we have had with the Orange and Blue Brigade taking home Grand Champion at the OMI marching festival! Thanks to the many parents who came out and cheered and helped out! We have some very important events coming up in the next 7 days. A reminder that there is a band booster meeting tonight in the band room at 7:00 p.m. These meetings are a great opportunity to ask questions about our performances.

Band Trip Fundraiser

Our next big fundraiser for the trip will be the Mattress Sale on November 14th. The last time we participated in this fundraiser we raised over \$8000 for individual student accounts! More information to come about this fundraiser next week.

Concert Band and Jazz Combo

Students in hours 3rd, 4th, and 7th will have their first concert of the year on Tuesday, October 19th.

- Report time will be 6:15 p.m. for students in 3rd and 7th hour so we can do a short rehearsal before the concert. 4th hour students will report at 6:30 p.m.
- The concert will be in the main auditorium. We will be keeping the house locked until 6:45 p.m. so that we can hold our short rehearsal. At 6:45 the doors will be unlocked and parents will be allowed to come in and find a seat.
- A reminder that masks are required inside all USD 233 buildings.
- We have not had a chance to size students for concert uniforms yet so I have asked students to "dress nice". I have outlined with them in class what I consider appropriate nice clothes. I want to stress that students do not need to go purchase new clothes. I have clothes available to borrow if needed.
- This concert is fairly short since we only have two groups performing. The entire concert should be finished in under an hour. Students are expected to remain for the entire concert.
- A reminder that students who miss a required performance will lose 21% of their grade. Performances are the "unit tests" for band and student attendance is critical to the success of the entire group.

Marching Band

Thursday's home game will be senior night and the glow show. Report time will be 5:00 p.m. and we will leave for the stadium at 5:30 p.m. Below are specific details about the night:

- We will perform a shortened version of our show at halftime. Seniors will perform without shakos and with the Powerhawk uniform front. Everyone else will use our normal uniform setup.
- Senior parents/guardians should report down to the field at the start of halftime. Mrs. Creek will be there helping get parents organized in alphabetical order.
- As soon as the band is finished performing their shortened show the seniors should come to the front of the field and join their parents/guardians who will be lined up. All other students will help get all props, front ensemble equipment, and flags off the field. When they announce your name you should step forward and wave and then step back into line.
- Once senior recognition is finished seniors and their parents can have their picture taken quickly and then students will need to start getting prepared for the glow show.
- During 3rd quarter students will need to change into dark clothes that they bring with them for the glow show. Students should have already paid their section leader \$5 for glow sticks. Tape will be provided. Please make sure to pick-up all trash and leave the area even better than we found it. Please do not tape glow sticks to school instruments, the tape is not good for the finish on brass instruments.
- During 4th quarter students will return to the stands to play for the rest of the football game. They only have 3rd quarter to prepare their glow sticks so they need to be smart about how many they try to use.
- The Glow Show will start approximately 5 minutes after the game is over. We will not be using front blinds or props for the Glow Show because of safety concerns. There will be a count down before they turn off the lights.
- After Thursday the only remaining scheduled performance (not including a possible playoff game) is our performance at the KBA Festival which will be held in Memorial Stadium at the University of Kansas on October 30th. The following week we will transition to concert season and split into our concert ensembles.

Thanks,
Mr. Smikahl

