

PA515-0316 - Symphonic Band (Caroline Billam) - OE Band Update 2-17-22

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Message sent from Olathe Public Schools

Parents and Students-

Thanks to everyone who came out and supported the Olathe East Area Festival. It was great to be back in person and have this important event again! It was also fun for us to be able to play some of the music we have been preparing for the trip.

Trip Rehearsals

A reminder that this coming Monday, February 21st all students attending the trip will need to attend a rehearsal from 10 a.m. to noon at East. With all of these snow days, this rehearsal will be critical to getting us fully prepared for our performances in L.A. I would also like Wind Ensemble percussionists to meet at 9:30 a.m. to have a sectional before the rehearsals start.

Wind Ensemble trip students may also have a rehearsal tomorrow Friday, February 18th, depending on approval from the district. I will communicate with those students via the GroupMe app in the morning.

Wind Ensemble will also have a 7 a.m. rehearsal on Monday, February 28th.

Calendar Updates

Even though we are busier than normal with trip preparations, all of our "normal" events are back in effect this year! There have been some updates to a few dates on the calendar. We had to move the Contest Warm-up Concert in April because of a building conflict. We also have a special guest that will be performing at that concert. The Washburn University Wind Ensemble will perform on the second half of the concert that night. It should be an awesome night of music! All of the dates for the rest of the semester are on the band website. Here are some of the upcoming dates for March and April:

- In-coming Freshman Marching Auditions in band room (drum majors needed)- Monday, March 28th
- Olathe District Symphonic Band Festival- Hosted at Olathe East during the school day- Wednesday, March 30th
- Olathe District Wind Ensemble Festival- Hosted at Olathe East during the school day- Thursday, March 31st
- Olathe East Drumline Auditions for the Fall 2022 season at 3:30 in the band room- Friday, April 1st
- MNU Jazz Festival- Wednesday, April 6th during the school day
- Regional Solo/Ensemble Festival @Olathe South- Saturday, April 9th We are required to provide some parent volunteers for this event and the link is below.
- Contest Warm-up Concert with special guest the Washburn University Wind Ensemble at Olathe East auditorium 7:00 p.m.- April 11th (date change from original posted date)
- State Large Group Festival- We will host this event for many of the bands in Olathe and Shawnee Mission at Olathe East. It is during the school day, and I will need a few parents to help with the event.
- Chipotle Fundraiser- Tuesday, April 19th
- Drum Major Auditions for the Fall 2022 season- Friday, April 22nd at 3:45 in the band room
- Pizza Jazz at PT- Friday, April 22nd
- Final Booster Meeting of the year and New Marcher Parent Meeting- Tuesday, April 26th

- KCKCC Jazz Summit Festival During the school day at KC Community College- Friday, April 29th
- State Solo/Ensemble @ Topeka Washburn Rural- Saturday, April 30th

All State Band

I will be sending out an information sheet this weekend for the students traveling to KMEA next week. We will leave Thursday morning early. We will provide transportation down to Wichita but ask that parents come down and attend their child's concert and drive their student back home afterwards. Many more details to come.

Trip Meeting

A reminder that the mandatory trip meeting is next Tuesday, February 22nd at **6:30 p.m.** in the large auditorium. It is critical that everyone is there to get important information about the trip as well as Covid information. For those people that have emailed me with conflicts on that evening, I will record the meeting and send out a link to watch it. If you are unable to attend your child can pick up the parent packet in the band office.

Solo Ensemble Festival

With everything else that is going on in the program, this event is sneaking up on us very soon. I will need students to get registered before we leave for Spring Break. Participation is not required, but it is one of the primary ways that students can earn points towards lettering in band. If you get a one at regionals you get to perform at state. Regionals is hosted by Olathe South and every participating ensemble will be asked to provide some parent help.

Here is the sign-up for students link: <https://forms.gle/WoTVmLSZqFW3z2i76>

Here is the link for parents to sign-up to help: <https://bit.ly/RegSEvolunteers2022>

Marching Season Camp Dates

We have our camp dates for this summer confirmed.

Pre-camp: May 31st to June 3rd

Pre- camp carwash is not confirmed yet

Full camp: July 18th to the 22nd and July 25th to the 29th

Orange and Blue BBQ and End of Camp performance will be in the evening on July 29th

Full camp Carwash on July 23rd

Thanks,

Mr. Smikahl