

OE Band Update 10-22-21

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Message sent from Olathe Public Schools

Parents and Students:

Please check all the sections of this email. There is a lot of new information shared.

Concert Band/Jazz Combo

We were very happy with how well the students performed at their first concert of the year! Thanks to everyone who was able to attend! Both classes have their fourth quarter playing test coming up in November. In addition, their next performance will be the Winter Concert held on December 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the main auditorium at Olathe East. This is traditionally one of our best attended concerts so seating will be at a premium. Doors to the hall will open at 6:45 p.m.

Wind Ensemble

As we get ready to pull the Ghost Train into the station for the last time next week a reminder to Wind Ensemble students that your playing test over the district music will be held in class the first week of November. You will not need to play the scales for the playing test and will use the same cuts that they use for District Auditions. This test will determine chair placing for the majority of the concert season including the trip so please take the time to prepare well. For students who are auditioning for the few open spots we have in the group, those auditions will take place the first week of November as well. Those auditions are not over the district audition music, but rather the district placement material.

District Band Auditions

A reminder that district band auditions will not be in person but will instead be recorded. Please visit the link below for information. Do not worry about the first page that covers fees and enrolling for the audition, I have already taken care of that. Pay close attention to the details of the process. Last year I had **SEVERAL** students who did not read the directions close enough and did it incorrectly. I had to have them re-submit their recording to me at the last minute and that greatly impacted their chances of being selected. To have time to get all of your videos loaded in the system I need your recordings submitted to me by November 2nd so that I can meet the final deadline of November 3rd! The final music cuts that you will need for the audition will be released in the next couple of days.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZGcqicOxTWA-AQFMJZDfsKvXB9sejYKaVH0jonCJfVo/edit?usp=sharing>

Marching Band

I have the trip sheet ready for next Saturday but there are several important pieces of information we have not received from KU/KBA yet. With that in mind, I will wait to send out the specific information and maps for the event in a stand-alone email next week with the hope that we will have more complete information by then. However, I will go ahead and provide the schedule so you can begin to plan out that day:

KBA Marching FestivalSaturday, October 30th 2021 at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas

- 10:00 AM- Report to the field for rehearsal
- 10:30 AM- Rehearsal ends- Student should eat their sack lunch the brought
- 11:00 AM- Change into uniforms and load buses
- 11:30 AM- Depart for Lawrence
- 12:30 PM- Arrive in Lawrence
- 1:45 PM- Warm-up
- 2:15 PM- Report to Gate
- 2:30 PM- Perform
- 3:00 PM- Put away instruments and shakos and then return to the stadium. Stay in uniform!
- 3:45 PM- KU Performance/Awards
- 5:00 PM- Change out of your uniform into East gear and then eat dinner
- 6:30 PM- Finals begin. The remainder of our schedule will be determined by random draw. Assume that we will be up in the stands watching other groups in finals until we need to leave to get ready to perform.
- 9:45 PM- Finals awards
- 10:30 PM- Depart for Olathe
- 11:30 PM- Approximate arrival in Olathe

Please note that students will need to bring a non-perishable lunch with them to eat after our short rehearsal that morning. They will not have time to leave and go get food so it is important they remember to bring one with them.

Trip Fundraiser

The next trip fundraiser for us will be the Mattress Sale. We have had individual students make as much as \$600 towards their trip in the past. Please see the information below from the organizer including the important information at the bottom of the note about an important zoom meeting

next Thursday evening. We are holding this fundraiser in conjunction with the Orchestra program but the funds raised will still go towards individual student accounts.

Olathe East Music Parents,

The Mattress Sale Fundraiser for Olathe East is on November 14th. We have less than month to promote the event – so please tell your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers about the sale!

Quick overview: On November 14th we will have a mattress showroom set up at Olathe East high school from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be 25 floor models on display for customers to try from name brands like Simmons Beautyrest, Wellsville, Therapedic, Southerland, and more. All models come in all sizes, are made to order, and come with 5-10 year factory warranties. Pillows, adjustable power bases, sheets, frames, and mattress protectors will also be available. Delivery and haul away are available. Best of all, prices will be 30-50% less than retail stores because of the fundraising company's unique business model. All forms of payment accepted, and there are financing options with special promotions. Every purchase helps support the students in the Olathe East Music program!

Below are a few things we need EVERYONE to do; it'll take just a few minutes of your time, so please help us out...

1. If you're not familiar, watch this 2- minute video that explains the fundraiser: https://youtu.be/nlJE0_fipSU
2. Visit the Facebook event page, list yourself as "Interested" or "Going" and then use the Invite function to share with all of your friends! <https://fb.me/e/1zNNtrJkr>
3. Share the attached flyer by email, text, or handing out print copies
4. **Please plan to attend the information zoom call on Thursday Oct. 28th at 6:30 pm:** <https://zoom.us/j/96232532986?pwd=Tzh0aFRVcGVzRzRkVFJ4S1RsbStEZz09>

For every parent in attendance to the zoom call, CFS will donate \$5 up to \$500! What a great way to have a good start to the fundraiser!

Thanks,
Mr. Smikahl