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**PA510-0116 - Marching Band (Caroline Billam) - OE Band Update 11-28-21**

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Message sent from Olathe Public Schools

Parents and Students:

I hope everyone had a fantastic fall break! I wanted to send out some important reminders as the last three weeks of the semester will fly by!

**Hen House Fundraiser-**

Thanks to everyone who participated in the fundraiser. It went very well! We will have the totals credited to student accounts soon.

**Winter Concert**

Below are very important reminders about uniforms for the Winter Concert. **The concert will start at 7:00 p.m. on December 7<sup>th</sup>** and will feature all of the groups in the Olathe East Band Program. Attendance is required and students will receive a 21% grade reduction for an un-excused absence. The doors to the auditorium will not open until 6:45 p.m. to allow time for pictures and warm-ups.

We will be taking pictures for the year book of each concert band and the jazz combo at the Winter Concert on December 7<sup>th</sup>. At this point I believe all students have been sized for concert uniforms. Students that are wearing a tuxedo are required to purchase their own tux shirt and bow tie. If you haven't placed the order yet please do so as soon as possible to make sure it arrives before the concert. Students who do not have a shirt or bow tie will not be in the yearbook photos. Below is the links that I sent out to order two weeks ago. We also require students to wear dress shoes with their tux, not tennis shoes. We have donated marching shoes that students can wear if they do not own dress shoes, please do not feel obligated to purchase shoes.

- Here are the links for the Tux shirt and Bow tie ordering. If you are using a concert dress you can ignore this message. The school only supplies the tux coat and pants and then the cummerbund. Instead of doing a group purchase we are asking for parents to go ahead and purchase them on your own through this website. We need them by December 7<sup>th</sup> for the Winter Concert so please purchase them as soon as possible. If you have a tux shirt that was purchased for middle school band that has the same collar as the shirt in the link and it still fits you can just use that but will need to purchase the black bow tie. There are two separate links to lead you to the correct items but it is the same vendor.
  - Tuxedo shirt with Wing collar in White:
  - [https://www.tuxedosonline.com/tuxedo-shirt-wing-collar-tuxedo-shirt.html/?attribute\\_pa\\_colors=white](https://www.tuxedosonline.com/tuxedo-shirt-wing-collar-tuxedo-shirt.html/?attribute_pa_colors=white)

- Uniform Bow Tie in Black Satin:
- <https://www.tuxedosonline.com/bow-tie-black-satin-cheap-bow-ties.html/>

### **Drumline**

We will be performing Ghost Train one last time at the Olathe East pep assembly on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Uniform will be the same as the performance at PT (dry fit shirt, jeans, black socks and marching shoes). You don't have to wear all day to school but you need to wear it for the performance.

### **District Band**

Just a quick reminder for those students that auditioned into District Band, it will be this coming Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>! If you wake up the morning of the event and are too ill to attend please text me. If you do not attend the performance you will not be eligible to audition for State. Students selected as alternates, please keep your phone turned on that morning. If someone is sick they will call alternates within the first hour of rehearsal. The setup is completely different for this event as they are trying to divide concerts between two schools to have less students in one place because of COVID. So, even if you have participated before please make sure you read the letter that was sent with your parts. We have had students come to the wrong school because they didn't read the information closely. We have also had students oversleep and they called an alternate and they lost their spot! Please make sure you are well prepared on the music! It is much more enjoyable if you are not stressed about your own preparation.

### **Tuba Christmas**

This message is for all baritone and tuba players. The middle school band directors have come together to create their own version of Tuba Christmas. They are calling it Heavy Metal Christmas because of copyright concerns but it is still normal Christmas tunes. Students you will miss a large portion of classes on Wednesday so please let your teachers know. Attached is a flyer with some information. Students below is the schedule. We will be sharing buses with CT and PT. We will pass out the music on Monday (it is easier than the traditional Tuba Christmas music, you should have no problem with it!).

### **SCHEDULE:**

- 9:30-9:45 - arrive at College Church
- 10:00 - rehearsal (led by middle school directors and Luke Johnson)
- 10:45 - short break
- 11:00 - performance (open to the public!)
- 11:30ish - performance concludes
- Lunch at Pizza Street with CT and PT tubas and baritones

### **BRING:**

-instrument (decorated, of course) :)

-HMC music book

-folding music stand

### **OTHER DETAILS:**

-Please leave cases on the bus as we do not have a way to store/organize cases in the building

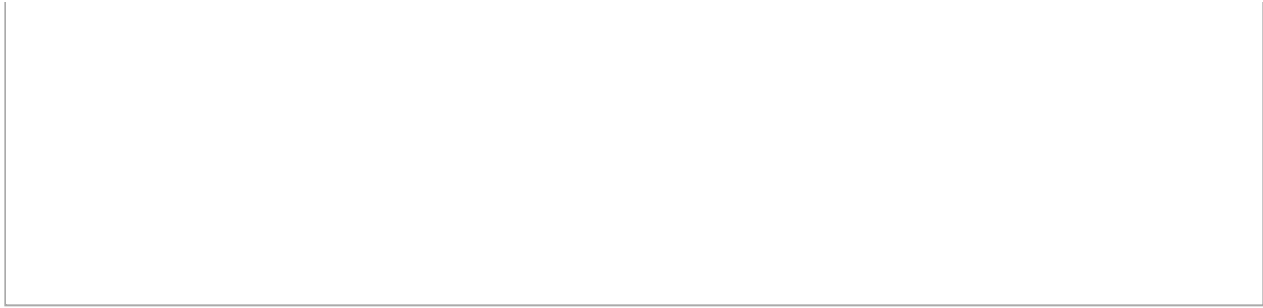
-Decorating instruments is absolutely encouraged!!!!

-Buttons will be handed out that morning

-Please have students help with chairs and such following the performance - we need to be sure to get the building back to its' original state.

This is a free event and open to the public but we will have a donation box to accept monetary donations - funds raised will help go toward the building usage fee, the buttons, AND we look forward to donating to Dr. B's Musical Instrument Fund.

Thanks,  
Mr. Smikahl



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