

Parents and Students:

I wanted to share a few important time sensitive reminders with you.

1. We started the cookie dough fundraiser for the trip today. It will end on April 27th and cookies will be delivered in May. I do not have a delivery day yet but I will share it with you as soon as I have it. We are using a different vendor than we have in the past. It is one that many of the middle school band directors in the district use. Checks should be made out to Olathe East. A reminder that we are keeping an account here at East with the funds that each student raises from all the fundraisers and then those will all be applied to the **last** trip payment. We are spreading out the fundraiser to coincide with the trip payments, but we will not be deducting some from each trip payment as that is too time intensive with a group this large. This vendor includes an online option for this fundraiser. You do not have to do the online portion and can use the order form sent home, but if you want more information on that aspect please watch this video they have put together: [OLATHE EAST BAND VIDEO ASSEMBLY.mp4](#)

A reminder that students are not required to participate in any of the trip fundraiser, it is simply a service we are providing for those families that are interested in trying to offset the cost of the trip.

The initial trip deposit is due this week. If you are signed up and have input your card information into their system \$100 per student will be deducted on April 16th. For those families that are working with Mrs. Lane on financial assistance I have already notified our tour organizer and he is aware that we will be still be adding some students to the trip at a later date.

2. There are two meetings tonight that are very important. First at 6:30 p.m. there will be a meeting for new marchers. Any student who has never been in marching band at Olathe East needs to login in to this zoom with a parent or guardian. If you are unable to attend please email me and I will setup another time for us to zoom. I will not put any new student in marching band that has not attended this meeting with a parent or guardian. For those students that were new to marching band this year and didn't get the full version with camps and contests please feel free to join again this year even though you attended modified version last year. We will have information about calendars, camps, contests, costs and answer any questions you may have.

After the first meeting we will have our last full booster meeting of the year. We have several very important positions that I sent out in my last email that are still open. I have attached that list to this email as well. In addition we need to approve next year's budget and I will be discussing some additional aspects of next year's trip.

Both meetings will use the same link so parents wanting to attend both meetings can just stay on the link: <https://olatheschools.zoom.us/j/6657628326>

3. Those students that have tuxes or dresses still at home we need those turned in by Friday. Ladies should launder their own dress and hang dry it before bringing it back. Tuxes will all be dry cleaned and paid for by the boosters, but we need them turned in this week so we can get them to the cleaners.

4. I still need a lot of seniors to email me a senior picture by Friday (so far I only have 5). We need to get the program to the printers and don't want to leave anyone out.

Thanks

Mr. Smikahl