

Message sent from Olathe Public Schools

Parents and Students:

A reminder that tonight is our booster meeting. We will start at 7:00 p.m. in the band room. Please enter through door Z, which is on the West side of the building.

### **Pep Band**

The group sounded great on Friday night, and we received a lot of positive comments! Tonight, will be the last regular season pep band game for this year. There is another home game next week but since we will be in Wichita we will not perform at that game. If we host Sub-State we will play at those games, but if those games are away, we will not play.

### **Wind Ensemble**

A reminder that we will have our KMEA send-off concert on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Mission Trail jazz band will perform first and we will perform second.

Attached to this email is the itinerary for our KMEA Wind Ensemble trip. I am very proud of how hard the students have worked for this performance considering the many scheduling challenges we have faced. Students need to make absolute certain that they have their entire concert uniform with them on Wednesday evening when we leave, as well as their instrument(s) and music. I am also asking that brass and woodwind students bring a folding music stand with them if they own one. We will have a short rehearsal in the hotel ballroom on Thursday morning and they will not have any regular music stands. Students need to make sure to eat dinner before they arrive for the bus on Wednesday evening.

For parents that are traveling to Wichita to hear our concert you will need to obtain a guest pass when you arrive. They are free but need to be picked up in person. Here is the process for guest passes:

- Guest Passes will be available at the KMEA On-Site Registration area (at the table in the front of the Expo Hall). If you are not familiar with Century II the best way to find this area will just be to follow the flow of most teachers that are arriving at that point. There is a small connecting Lobby between the Century II Convention Center and the Hyatt Hotel Ballrooms. From that lobby you can see the expo hall entrance under the large set of stairs.

### **All State Members**

- I have forwarded all of the letters and schedules I have received for the All-State groups to the students. Please let me know if you need them as well. In those letters should have also been information about tickets for parents attending the concert. Since we have students in both the Symphonic Orchestra and Band we will have students rehearsing in two different locations in Wichita and they will have their concert at different times so it will be very important that students have a good understanding of their individual schedule.
- A reminder that All State students should bring something for breakfast on Friday and Saturday morning. There are very limited options at the hotel, and it is very expensive. We will provide lunch at our other hotel on Thursday morning (we are staying at a different hotel on Wednesday night for the Wind Ensemble performance).

- Make sure to either bring all black or your concert uniform for the performance. You will still need your concert uniform for the Wind Ensemble performance even if you bring all black for the All-State performance.
- Make sure you bring a folding music stand. If you don't own one go to Meyer Music and purchase one, they do not supply music stands!!!
- Parents, the OE music staff will take care of transporting your student to Wichita and throughout the convention for rehearsals and meals. For All State students we ask that you arrive on Saturday to pick up your child's luggage from the hotel, take them to lunch, and attend your child's performance and drive them home with you. This is truly an impressive performance, and something you will not want to miss. **Parents of All State Band students please meet me or Mrs. Fillingham in the lobby of the Hyatt at 11:00 a.m. to pick-up your child. You will also need to pick-up their luggage at this time and take them to lunch. Please make sure you check out with one of us before you leave so we know that you have been picked up! We will be checking out of the hotel at this time so students will not be able to leave their clothes in their room or change for the concert in the hotel after lunch unless they use the public restrooms. All State Orchestra students will meet their parents with their luggage after their concert as they have the early concert this year!**
- All State students I would like a picture after the concert is over. Please find your fellow East band students and I will find you all after the concert.

Thanks,  
Mr. Smikahl

## 2024 KMEA Wind Ensemble Trip Itinerary

### Wednesday, February 21:

5:30 PM—Depart for Wichita

9:00 PM—Arrive at Hawthorne Suites Hotel. Check in and go to rooms.

10:00 PM—Lights out

### Thursday, February 22:

7:30-8:30 AM—Wake up, pack and dress in concert black. Clear all items from your room and bring them to the ballroom before heading to breakfast.

8:30-9:00 AM—Breakfast at hotel

9:15-10:00 AM—Winds Rehearsal in hotel ballroom.

10:15 AM—Load buses

10:30 AM—Depart for Century II (225 W Douglas Ave, Wichita, KS 67202)

10:50 AM—Unload instruments and equipment into Century II

11:30 AM—Begin sound check

### 12:00 PM—KMEA PERFORMANCE

12:30 PM—Post KMEA performance photo

12:45 PM—Load bus and depart for Old Chicago Pizza (7626 E Kellogg Drive, Wichita, KS 67207)

1:15 PM—Arrive at Old Chicago.

2:45 PM—Load bus and depart for Olathe East

6:00 PM—Arrive at OEHS