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**Information for the OMI contest on Saturday**

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Message sent from Olathe Public Schools


Parents and Students-

What a great night last night! That is was always such a fun event, and I was really proud of how the students performed. Attached is the information for Saturday's contest. It will be very important that students hydrate and drink a lot of water on Friday prior to Saturday's event. I can't remember ever going to a contest in October when it was 90 degrees out! We will need students to be very smart about rest on Friday night and how they take care of themselves so that we can keep everyone healthy and able to perform in Finals that night. We will try to keep the students in shade in the afternoon until the sun goes down. We have never had a contest where we competed in our home town. I hope we can have a great parent turn out for a "home field advantage" on Saturday!

A reminder we have rehearsal from 1:00 to 3:30 on Friday. Students need to remember to bring water with them to this rehearsal and wear sunscreen!

Thanks,  
Mr. Smikahl

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 **OMI 2021 Info Sheet.pdf**  
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## **Olathe Marching Invitational Festival Information October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 College Boulevard Activity Center**

Noon- Winds and guard report to the turf field at East, front ensemble start loading equipment

12:15 PM- Run the show on the turf field at East and hit a few reminder spots

12:45 PM- Change into your uniform pants, but not jackets

1:00 PM- Depart for CBAC

1:30 PM- Unload at CBAC and change into full uniform

2:00 PM- Start warm-up sequence

2:40 PM- Report to Gate

**3:00 PM- Perform in prelims!**

3:15 PM- Return to the bus and change out of our uniform

3:45 PM- Return to the stadium for Prelim Awards

4:00 PM- Prelim Awards

5:00 PM- Dinner

Finals Begin at 5:30 PM- It is a top half bottom half draw for finals position. What that means for us is hopefully we will perform sometime in finals between 8:00 PM and 9:15 PM. We will not know our exact finals time until after Prelim Awards. Our remaining schedule for the day will completely depend on our finals performance time.

- Once again we will be experiencing unseasonably warm weather for this time of the year on Saturday. With this in mind there are a couple of modifications to what be a normal plan for us at this point of the year. Students should be in their dry fit navy shirt and shorts under their uniform when they arrive at East. We will do the short rehearsal at East in that uniform with their marching shoes. We will then change into our pants for the bus ride to the stadium but hang our jackets in our garment bags. After we perform we will go to the buses and quickly change out of uniforms to keep from getting too hot before going to the prelim awards ceremony. We had several students get sunburned at the first contest, **please** make sure to put on sunscreen for the afternoon!
- The boosters will be providing pizza for dinner. There is a concession stand and students are welcome to bring money for that as well. Students are also allowed to bring snacks for the bus rides.
- Since this is a local competition this will be a much shorter day than our first contest but I would anticipate that we will still not return to East until around 11 p.m.
- Just a reminder, students wanting to ride home with a parent after finals will need to turn in a travel form in to the band office prior to the event. If you do leave with a parent make sure to check in with Mr. Smikahl or Mrs. Creek before leaving. **No on-site arrangements will be accepted.** When in doubt, turn a form in just in case.
- Don't forget tall black socks for the uniform. We will be using the "E" version for the performance so please make sure you have that already buttoned on to the uniform prior to leaving East.
- Please remember to "Keep it Classy". Cheer for other groups as we watch them from the stands and only share positive thoughts when speaking to or about any other group. Be gracious and humble in victory or defeat.
- Tickets may be purchased on site with CASH ONLY at the admission entrance on the southwest side of the stadium, or online ahead of time or upon your arrival via your device via "Hometown Ticketing" e-tickets with a Credit/Debit Card. The link to purchase is here: <https://bit.ly/2021OMItickets> Please be advised that there is a service fee associated with "Hometown Ticketing". Adults are \$10; Students and Senior Citizens are \$5; Children 5 and under are free. This will cover BOTH prelims and finals.
- Spectators may park in the WEST stadium parking lot. From College Boulevard, navigate to Valley Road and turn North. The parking lot will be on the right.
- Restrooms are available at the stadium and next to the bus lot. Please change on the bus, not in the restrooms.
- Concessions will be provided in the stadium. The concession stand is on the West side of the stadium. Standard stadium snacks such as nachos, cheeseburgers, popcorn, chips, cand as well as pulled pork sandwiches and pulled pork nachos from a local award-winning BBQ vendor. Concession stands are CASH ONLY.