

Parents and Students:

As we head into our final week of camp this year, I want to send out some additional information and reminders. The students have been working so hard and we are so excited to perform for everyone on Friday!

- Thanks to everyone who came out to the carwash on Saturday. We were able to raise \$1600 for the boosters!
- We have all three of the trailers wrapped and they turned out fantastic! Thanks to everyone who helped make this happen, especially our donors!
- A reminder that students need to have their warm-ups with body movement passed off to their section leader by Friday evening. Students who do not meet that deadline will have to pass-off to Mr. Smikahl instead.
- A reminder that pictures will be Thursday afternoon. Students can freshen up over lunch, so they are ready for pictures that afternoon. Students with long hair do not need to wear their hair up for pictures as we will not be using the hats in the pictures. They will be taking pictures in their uniforms that have been sized to them this past week.
- A reminder that in order for us to setup for the Orange and Blue BBQ we will not have camp on Friday afternoon. We will have our usual morning block that ends at 11 and then the students will not need to return until 5:30 p.m. which will be their report time for the performance. Students on the leadership team will need to stay and help setup for the BBQ after their morning block.
- Our single biggest fundraiser for the band for the entire year is our annual Orange and Blue BBQ. My goal in developing this fundraiser was not just to create a fundraiser but to create a community event that is a lot of fun.

We have had some parents working really hard to collect an amazing array of items to bid on including Zip KC tower tour tickets, Jaeger's paintball/laster tag, tik tok escape room, KC Maverick tickets and much, much, more! I encourage everyone who comes out, even if you are not able to stay for the BBQ, to arrive at 5:30 p.m. and make some bids before the performance.

In addition to the silent auction, we have our annual BBQ. We have typically served between 400 and 500 parents and students at this event. **In order to make sure we have enough food and we don't run out it is critical that everyone orders their BBQ tickets prior to Thursday!** Please go to www.oeband.com and there is a link right on the front page that allows you to make your purchase. I have attached the flyer to the email again with more information. Order of events for the evening are as follows:

5:30 p.m.- Doors open for the Silent Auction. Band members report to the band room.

5:45 p.m.- While parents are finding a seat and finishing their early bidding the Drumline will be playing some of the warm-ups in the gym. This is not the official start to the

performance but more like an opening act!

6:00 p.m.- Our end of camp performance takes place in the main gym. Arrive early for good seats!

6:30 p.m.- Performance ends, BBQ starts, and the silent audition continues.

- Students will wear their show shirt, shorts, and tennis shoes. Any shorts and tennis shoes will work, but please no flip flops or sandals. Big thanks to Meyer Music for once again sponsoring our show shirts so they are free for the students!
- We could still use some additional help to pull off this big event. I encourage new parents to jump in and sign-up to help if you can. It is a wonderful way to meet other parents and get plugged into the group.
- Here is the **sign up for donations:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054aaea829a5f85-orange#/>
- Here is the sign up for volunteering that day/evening is here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E054AAEA829A5F85-20234>

Thanks,

Mr. Smikahl