

Parents and Students:

As we wrap up the school year and look towards camp things are moving a little quicker than normal because State Contest was a week later than normal, and the spring concert is a week earlier than normal.

Celebration

We were so proud of how well both groups performed at State Large Group Contest! We received numerous compliments from the judges about both groups and I am very happy to share that we were the only high school in Olathe and one of the few in Johnson County to have both our top band and our second band receive straight one ratings!

Senior Information

I will be pulling senior students out of class on Friday to collect their favorite senior memory to include in the senior slide show at the spring concert. Please plan in advance and come up with something and keep it to 30 seconds or less. They can be sentimental, or they can be more humorous, but the key is to keep it brief since we have such a large senior class, and we need to be able to get through everyone in a timely manner. I also need a senior picture sent to me as soon as possible. I prefer it to be emailed to me as it is much quicker for me to put it directly into the slide show. Please try to send your picture to me by Monday, May 1st.

Jazz Summit Festival

On Friday we will travel to Kansas City Community College for the Jazz Summit Festival. Our performance time is at 2:30. We will stay and watch other groups until our bus arrives which will be sometime around 4:30 p.m. We will leave school at 11:00 and I will provide lunch for them. They should wear their standard all black uniform. Parents are welcome to attend and entry is free.

State Solo/Ensemble

I have attached the schedule to this email. I have also attached a sheet with details. Please pay close attention to the highway exits. If you miss the exit for the high school, you will be stuck on a highway with no exits for 30 miles. I have had both parents and students who have missed their performance because of this tricky highway exit.

Spring Band Concert

The spring concert will be on Friday, May 5th and will start at 6:00 p.m. in the commons area. We will start with cake and awards and then transition to the auditorium to do the concert portion as well as some additional awards. We will also recognize all the senior students and their parents during the concert as well. We will end the concert with the presentation of next year's drum majors. Students do not need to wear their concert uniform for this performance. They should instead "dress nice" and we will once again outline what that means in class.

Percussion Show

Our annual percussion show will be held at 7:00 p.m. on May 6th. Students will need to report early in the afternoon for the dress rehearsal. This event is more of a show than a concert. There will be solos, ensembles, novelty groups similar to Blue Man Group, and a performance by the drumline. This event has traditionally been a fundraiser for the percussion department for additional equipment and we ask for \$5 per person to attend. We accept cash or check at the door (no electronic payments). This year I have decided that instead of raising funds for our percussion program we will be raising funds for the family of Aubrey Douglas. Aubrey and her husband Coleson met in the drumline at Olathe East and eventually married. They have a 10-month-old son named Brooks. Aubrey passed away very unexpectedly recently and all funds that are raised at the percussion show will be donated to their family to help with funeral costs.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/.../aubrey-douglas-11263985>

Field Show Reveal

We are really late sharing this information, but the show reveal for next fall's field show will happen in the band room at 7:30 a.m. on Friday. I think it is going to be a great show for us and I am excited to share the material with the students!

Trip Sign-up

I have attached the trip sign-up information again. The initial deadline to sign-up is Friday, May the 5th. If you need more time than that, please just let me know and we can be flexible. We are working hard with the contest in New Jersey to get a confirmed date so we can get travel dates set. There was some language on the Bob Rogers Travel flyer that was confusing, and I wanted to quickly clarify. Parents are welcome to travel on their own and watch our performance in New Jersey, but the only parents that will travel as part of our traveling party will be the parents selected as chaperones.

Thanks,

Mr. Smikahl



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We are excited your group is traveling with us!
Below is some information regarding registering and paying for your trip.

Group Name	Olathe East High School Band	Destination	New York City, NY
Group Leader	Jeff Smikahl & Jennifer Creek	Trip Dates	April 19 – 22, 2024

All package costs are based on projected participation and occupancy, and are subject to change.

Participant Type	Trip Price & Occupancy	
Student	\$1,785.00 (all students in quad occupancy)	
	Double	Single
Approved Chaperone Rate	\$978.00	\$1,316.00
Registration Link	https://bobrogerstravel.grcoll.co/go/olathe9312	

Payment Details	Due Date	Amount Due
Registration Deadline	May 5, 2023	---
Deposit + Insurance Premium (if selected)	May 12, 2023	\$100.00 + Insurance Premium (if selected) per traveler
Payment #2	August 15, 2023	\$350.00 per traveler
Payment #3	November 1, 2023	\$350.00 per traveler
Payment #4	January 12, 2024	\$450.00 per traveler
Payment #5	March 1, 2024	Remaining Balance

Travelers are expected to be up-to-date with payments according to the schedule above in order to maintain a spot on the trip.



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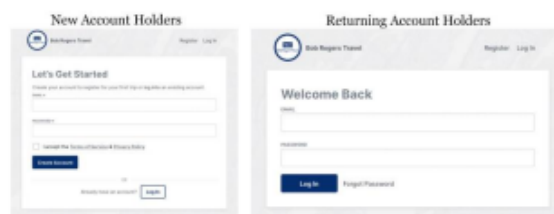
Option 1 (Registration Link)

- Follow the registration link on page 1 and click "Register for this Trip"



Option 2 (Trip Code)

- www.brtpayments.com to begin the registration process.
- Click 'Register' and create an account by entering your email address and desired password, accept the Terms of Service and Privacy Policy by clicking the checkbox and click 'Create Account'
- If you are a returning user, select 'Log In' in the right-hand corner and enter your email and password to access your existing account. You'll be prompted to select an existing trip or enter a new trip code (found in the top right corner of these instructions).



STEP 2: To reserve your spot you must:

- Complete all of the required information by clicking "Add Missing Info" (including personal info, medical info, package type, insurance selection, BRT Terms and Conditions and emergency contact)
- Save a form of payment (either a credit/debit card or bank information).

A partial registration, or a registration without saving a form of payment does not reserve your spot.

STEP 3: Return to pay your deposit on or before the deposit due date (you can also pay at the same time as registration).

- All future notifications will come via email. (Check junk/spam folder if emails are not received.)
- If you need to register additional travelers, please login using your email and password, then click on the trip that you'd like to register additional passengers for and select "Add More Passengers".



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Information About Trip Protection Options

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Bob Rogers Travel highly recommends you purchase the "Enhanced" plan, as it includes a Cancel For Any Reason provision. This allows you to cancel for any reason and receive a 75% refund.

Covered Cancellation Reasons

Standard Protection	Enhanced Protection
Only covered reasons as outlined in the Plan Document available at: https://bit.ly/3fijei7	Any reason up until 48 hours prior to departure, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Poor Grades• Disciplinary Issues• Moving to a new school• Scared to travel• COVID-19 Concerns• Illness of a non-traveling friend or family member

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We look forward to helping you create lasting memories!

State Solo & Ensemble Saturday, April 29th

Topeka Washburn Rural High School 5900 SW 61st St. Topeka, Kansas 66619

Things to remember:

- **Please be on time or early for performances.** Arrive one hour before your scheduled time to make sure you have time to park, find the warm-up room, find your performance room, etc.
- The highway to Washburn Rural is very tricky. If you miss the correct exit, you will be stuck on a highway with no exits for 30 miles. We have had students and parents in the past miss their performance because of this mistake. Please pay close attention to the exits.
- Ratings will be posted in the hallway leading east away from the office on the windows that face north. I would expect a delay of two hours after you perform. We will have judges' sheets available on Monday.
- A concession stand will be available near the main entrance of the school. Cash or Venmo only! No food or drink items allowed in the gyms, performance areas, or warm-up rooms. Please keep all food and drink in the cafeteria/commons or outside.
- After your performance is finished, please wait outside the door to your performance room and make sure you pick up your judges' copy of your music. Before arriving make sure that you write your name and Olathe East High School on the front of your judges copy to help the door monitor.
- Warm-up rooms are available in the C and D hallways off the commons area. There are also 6 warm-up rooms available on the 2nd floor of the band room, B139. Students may also warm up inside Gym A off the commons area. Please limit the time spent in the practice rooms to 5 minutes. Be courteous and share the space. Some rooms have keyboards while others don't.
- Don't forget to communicate with your accompanist about your solo time and location, we do not do this for you.
- Percussion students remember you are responsible for the instruments you transported at Regionals. We need those instruments returned to the band room by 8:00 a.m. on Monday for rehearsal, please do not leave them in your car!

Apr. 29, 2023 - State Solo & Small Ensembles @ Topeka-Washburn Rural High School
Schedule for Olathe East

Perf.	Room	Entry	Accomp.	Judge
9:33 am	15 E346	SOLO - Trumpet/Cornet Jackson Malone	Michelle Reed	JoDee Davis
9:35 am	14 E342	SOLO - Trombone Lilly Battese	Kezia Schrag	Phillip Black
9:40 am	18 E542	SOLO - Flute Cherie Liu	Amanda Sibson	Colleen White
9:49 am	01 B127	SOLO - Snare/Rudimental Drum Max Haney		Edward Owen
10:15 am	16 E446	SOLO - Clarinet Sydney Watson	Mickey Gehring	Langston Hemenway
10:29 am	19 F644	SOLO - Bass Clarinet Brady Smotrilla	Cindy Vix	Pat Setser
10:36 am	18 E542	SOLO - Flute Abby Johnson	Fofo Jackson	Colleen White
10:58 am	14 E342	SOLO - Trombone Carter Davis	Eric Griffin	Phillip Black
11:04 am	19 F644	SOLO - Bass Clarinet Jordan Culton	Mickey Gehring	Pat Setser
11:18 am	17 E450	SOLO - Bassoon Ty Cayot	Eric Griffin	Erin Huneke
11:25 am	02 B157	ENS - Percussion Ensemble (3-6) Olathe East Percussion Ensemble Quintet Camden Acheson, Ryne Poindexter, Emerson Prather, Alana Rice, Evelyn Welter		Jack Smith
11:33 am	02 B157	SOLO - Marimba Adler Downs		Jack Smith
11:53 am	01 B127	SOLO - Marimba Camden Acheson		Edward Owen
1:07 pm	01 B127	SOLO - Marimba Emerson Prather		Edward Owen
1:07 pm	02 B157	SOLO - Marimba Ryne Poindexter		Jack Smith
1:21 pm	19 F644	SOLO - Clarinet Wesley Janssen	Mickey Gehring	Pat Setser
1:28 pm	19 F644	SOLO - Clarinet Payten Mayfield	Mickey Gehring	Pat Setser
1:35 pm	19 F644	SOLO - Clarinet Claire Heigele	Mickey Gehring	Pat Setser
1:36 pm	18 E542	SOLO - Flute Jack McGregor	Michelle Reed	Colleen White
2:10 pm	01 B127	SOLO - Marimba Lucas Cameron		Edward Owen
2:17 pm	01 B127	SOLO - Marimba Evelyn Welter		Edward Owen
2:52 pm	14 E342	SOLO - Horn Andrew Guyer	Amanda Sibson	Phillip Black
3:00 pm	15 E346	SOLO - Trumpet/Cornet Cameron Castaldi	Kezia Schrag	JoDee Davis
3:36 pm	14 E342	SOLO - Horn Liam Courson	Michelle Reed	Phillip Black