

Message sent from Olathe Public Schools

Parents and Students:

I want to start this update with a huge thank you to everyone that contributed to the success of our annual Bingo event yesterday! It is such a fun event and such an important one for our organization. I know in this time when a dozen eggs can cost \$8, finances are tight for a lot of families and we as a staff truly appreciate everyone that supported it both in giving of their time and talents to organize and carry it out and also those of you that were able to support it financially. We had budgeted \$6000 for this event and came in right at budget which is fantastic!

### **Important Date Change**

Due to scheduling conflicts beyond our control, the spring concert date has been moved to Friday, **May the 5th**. It is a combination concert/banquet so we start it at 6:00 p.m. in the commons and then it will move into the auditorium for the concert. All senior students and their parents will be recognized at this concert.

### **Booster Meeting**

We do not have a lot of agenda items for this month's booster meeting, so we have decided to move tomorrow night's booster meeting to an executive board meeting only instead of a full booster meeting.

### **Wind Ensemble**

A reminder that the Wind Ensemble will be performing at the Kauffman Center downtown on Tuesday, March 7th . I have a zoom meeting tonight with the KC Youth Symphony staff and will learn more details to share soon. I do know that it is an afternoon concert and tickets are free but are required. We would love to have a lot of parents join us that afternoon to hear this special group perform in a such a wonderful hall. We will have all new music for this performance. I have attached a flyer for the event.

### **Enrollment**

As students finish up enrollment for next year just a couple of quick reminders.

- First semester jazz combo class is open enrollment and any student interested in that class can simply sign up for it.
- Since we will not have had auditions by the time enrollment is due, any students currently not in Wind Ensemble that are interested in being in that group next year should enroll in Marching/Symphonic Band and then we will work with the counselors later in the

semester to move students who audition into Wind Ensemble. About 2/3 of the Wind Ensemble are seniors so hopefully we will have a lot of students working on material to audition into the group!

- Auditions for Wind Ensemble will be held in class towards the end of March.
- The only students who have to audition to be in marching band are incoming freshmen (current 8th graders) that are wanting to march as a freshman. Everyone else can just enroll in the class.
- Students interested in going on the trip must be enrolled in a band class for the full school year.

### **Conferences**

As usual, we will be available for in-person "arena style" conferences in the commons on Wednesday, February 15th. I will also have time to meet with parents via zoom on the following days:

Monday, February 13th from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 16th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

If you would like to schedule a zoom meeting on either of those two days, please email me directly and I will get you scheduled.

### **Chipotle**

Our annual Chipotle night is this Wednesday, February 8th from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Chipotles by Menards on 135th Street. The flyer is attached. Be sure to show them a flyer so we get credit for your purchase!

Thanks,  
Mr. Smikahl



**Kansas City Classic Orchestra and Band Festival**

**Presented By**

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OF KANSAS CITY

**Tuesday, March 7, 2023**

**Helzberg Hall**

**Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts**

**1:00**

**Lee's Summit HS Symphonic Band  
North Kansas City HS Wind Ensmble  
Olathe East High School Wind Ensemble  
YSKC Symphony Orchestra**

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**Lawrence Free State HS Orchestras  
Olathe East HS Chamber Orchestra  
Staley High School Falcon Philharmonia  
YSKC Academy Orchestra**

**6:00**

**Admission is free but tickets are required  
Visit [kauffmancenter.org](http://kauffmancenter.org) to reserve tickets**