

**PA515-0316 - Symphonic Band (Caroline Billam) - OE Band Update 1-23-22**

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Parents and Students:

**Congratulations**

A BIG congratulations to our students who were selected to All State! This is huge achievement and we are very proud of their hard work they put in to be selected. Once again, we had one of the largest groups of students selected in the entire State! There will be a lot of information coming about the logistics of the trip to Wichita for All State which will be the week before our trip to L.A.

**2022 Olathe East All-State Band students**

- Jack McGregor- Flute
- Claire Heigele- Clarinet
- Sydney Watson- Clarinet
- Jordan Colton- Bass Clarinet
- Dylan Slocombe- Tenor Sax
- Cameron Castaldi- Trumpet
- Liam Courson- French Horn
- Billy Sharp- Trombone
- Joe Bledsoe- Baritone
- Scott Boyack- Bari Sax Alternate
- Caden Miller- Baritone Alternate
- Samantha Eaton- Mallet Alternate

**Trip information**

The check has finally reached Bob Rogers. Everyone's account will be updated with the correct amount by Wednesday and the final trip payment will be made.

Attached to this email is the Covid mitigation update that I received from Bob Rogers. As I told the students in class, a lot of it will come down to which county we are in. There are different masking requirements for different counties, and we will be in a different county for the performance than we will be for Disney. My advice for students is to have a mask with them at all times in case they are required to wear one. Bob Rogers is also recommending that students take a clear picture of the front and back of their vaccination cards in case they are needed. They recommend not traveling with your original card. As I continue to get more details with Covid mitigation requirements I will share those updates.

**On Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the large auditorium we will be holding a mandatory trip meeting.** I need every student and one parent/guardian to attend this meeting. I will have everyone sign in so that I have attendance for that meeting. If you cannot make this meeting please let me know

as soon as possible and we will make other plans. I must meet with every student and their parent/guardian before they leave on the trip. Our tour organizer Tom Merrill will also join us via Skype for this meeting.

In order to prepare for the trip, we will need to start scheduling some extra rehearsals. Both groups that will be performing have students in two different hours, so the only way to fully prepare will be to rehearse outside of school hours. These rehearsals are required in order to attend the trip. **I will send out a full list this week of all the additional rehearsals.** I have already let the Wind Ensemble know that we will have a rehearsal on Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup> in the morning when we do not have school.

One day in February we will be doing a trial load of the van that will be hauling our bigger instruments on the trip. That day we will ask students to leave their instruments in the band room all day so that we can make sure that we can fit all of the instruments into the vehicle.

### **Pep Band**

We are excited to get pep band up and running this year. Please be sure to check the calendar on the band website for all pep band performances.

### **Olathe East Area Festival**

Our next concert will be the Olathe East Area Festival on Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 [p.m.](#) in the main gym. This will also be our send-off concert for the trip as we will be performing some of the music that we will be performing in L.A. This concert involves all students in the band program at East including (students who are not going on the trip) jazz band as well as students from CT and PT.

### **Marching Band Camp Dates**

I have received several requests for the mandatory camp dates for this summer for students in our marching band. I have put in my request to the district and am waiting for their official approval. Once I have that approval I will send a separate email with those dates.

### **Bingo Fundraiser**

As I mentioned in a previous email, we are already working hard on next year's field show. We have submitted our music to get copyright approval and I have sent it on to our wind arranger. Our prop team has already been hard at work designing next year's props for the field. We finance a large portion of the show through our Bingo Fundraiser. It is critical that this event is successful so we are able to pay those bills in a timely fashion.

I want to emphasize the deadline to purchase bingo cards is **Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**! Since we are doing both an in person and a zoom option for this event we must purchase the cards in advance and not at the door. Tickets can be purchased on the band website at [www.oeband.com](http://www.oeband.com)

Below are two sign-up links. Your help with both of these is really appreciated. If you need a letter of legitimacy to collect donations it is attached to this email.

[2022 Olathe East Band Bingo - Volunteers and Food](#)

[2022 Olathe East Bang Bingo - Donations](#)

Thanks,

Mr. Smikahl

**2 attachments**

 **Olathe East HS - Know Before You Go.pdf**  
321K

 **Orange & Blue Basket Bingo - Legitimacy Letter.pdf**  
114K