

# Olathe East BANDS

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## Parents and Students:

It has been a long journey, but we finally have recordings of the combined Symphonic/Concert Band to share with everyone! I am really impressed with the work those students have been doing this year and so sorry it took so long to be able to share some of it with everyone. The good news is they will once again be able to share some music with everyone very soon on the spring concert (more information below). In addition to that combined group there is also three pieces that the Nighthawks jazz band submitted to the MNU jazz festival. On a separate link is the percussion ensemble performing their contest piece from this year and the Wind Ensemble performing their contest piece as well. Sorry that I couldn't get it all in one link but it came from multiple different recording sessions.

Here are the links:

<https://youtu.be/VL2y1c81AF8>

<https://youtu.be/8MAXIARqJQE>

<https://youtu.be/nzDNCUIYgdI>

## Spring Concert

A reminder that for the spring concert we will hold it outside in the West parking lot at Olathe East. It will be on Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and will start at 6:30 p.m. We are encouraging everyone to please bring their own chairs. Even though we will be outside we will still be requiring everyone to wear masks. This will allow us to not have to limit the audience size.

Instead of having our traditional senior slide show we will be doing a more involved program that will include senior pictures in the program. Please email me a senior picture by next week so that we have time to get the program formatted and sent to the printers. We will start recording senior memories in class this week as well. Please have an idea of what you want to share, keep to a minute or less, and keep it at least PG rated.

## Trip

A reminder that the deadline to sign-up for the trip has passed. If you would like to still sign-up please do so as soon as possible. The sign-up document has been attached to this email. The initial deposit date is coming up very soon on April 16<sup>th</sup>. This will be \$100 per student. Payment #2 will then be due May 28<sup>th</sup>. As I stated in my trip slideshow that I have shared this spring, we will plan on doing a fundraiser prior to each trip payment deadline so that students can offset the overall cost of the trip. However, I want to make sure everyone understands that any money that is fundraised will not be applied until the final trip payment is made next year. It will be much easier for us to process the money this way than needing to adjust payments for every student for every payment. If you have questions or concerns with this plan please don't hesitate to email me.

The first trip fundraiser will be Cookie Dough and the students will have a packet to bring home by Monday of next week. The fundraiser will run from April 12<sup>th</sup> until April 27<sup>th</sup> with a delivery date in May.

### **Marching Band for Next Year**

The marching season calendar has been finalized. I have not had a chance to get all of the dates entered into one document but I will be emailing everyone very soon with that document and we will also get it posted on the band website. We will have a new marchers parent meeting next week. Below is the information and the zoom link. Camp dates for this summer have already been emailed out and can be found on the calendar on the band website at [www.oeband.com](http://www.oeband.com). A reminder that camps are free but are required and we learn approximately 50% of the show during camp.

We will be having a new marcher parent meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13th. This will include information about the calendar, the camps over the summer, rehearsal schedule, and what to expect throughout the marching season. I would like the student who is marching and one of their parents/guardian to attend this meeting. If you have a prior commitment with this time, then please email me directly to setup an individual meeting. I will not include new marchers in the field show without meeting with a parent/guardian.

Login into the meeting at the link below:

<https://olatheschools.zoom.us/j/6657628326>

### **Percussion Students**

A reminder that drumline auditions will be this Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. We will start at 3:30 or as soon as our judge is able to get here. A reminder that recordings of the audition material are now available on the locked side of the website to help you prepare.

Percussion students we will also be doing a yearly stick and mallet order here very soon. Since I am sponsored by Vic Firth as an educator I am able to secure a 50% discount for our students off of msrp. However, we are only able to do one order per year. So, if they need marimba mallets, timpani mallets or drumsticks this is our chance until next spring. Information will be coming soon in a separate email just for this order.

A reminder for parents that we will be able to hold our annual Percussion Show on Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium this year. We will be doing in-person for parents and then a live stream for anyone else that wants to watch it. More information about ticketing will be coming closer to the event. The dress rehearsal for this event usually lasts the majority of the afternoon on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Tuxedo Turn-in**

Most students did not ever get their concert uniform last year before things were shut down. However, many of the percussion and jazz band students did take theirs home. Please bring back your tuxedo and hang it on the rack in the band room next week. We would like to get all of those off to the cleaners soon. Girls that have a concert dress please make sure that is washed and then hang dry it and bring it back to school as well. Make sure you put a piece of tape on the hanger when you turn in your uniform so we know that we have received it.

### **Additional Fundraisers**

I have attached flyers for an upcoming Chipotle fundraiser and our annual Savers Fundraiser. These are not trip fundraisers, but rather annual fundraisers that help with the band boosters general budget.

## **Boosters**

The boosters are seeking a parent with a large ¾ ton truck that could haul the trailers for the Savers fundraiser in June. Please email me if this is something you could help with.

Attached is a document with the open Booster positions for next year. It has some job descriptions to give you a better idea about what you would be volunteering for. We are very, very fortunate to have many of the “big” positions already filled within the booster organization for next year, but are looking for some additional help as we try to get back up to close to full speed next year. If you have questions please contact our booster president Susan Willard at [wswillard1@gmail.com](mailto:wswillard1@gmail.com)

We will have our last full booster meeting of this school year on Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be doing a new marcher parent meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and then we will start the booster meeting at 7:30 p.m. Below is the zoom link:

<https://olatheschools.zoom.us/j/6657628326>

Thanks,  
Mr. Smikahl

## Open Committee Positions

Role: **Band Food and Beverage Co-Chairmen**

Description:

1. Plan, order and shop for all football game half-time and bus snacks for marching season
2. Coordinate on-site preparations for marching band snacks at football games
3. Coordinate, plan, order, shop for and stage competition meals (all day and overnight trips)

Role: **Student Fundraising Leads**

Description:

- Organize student fundraiser
  - We will be doing 5 fundraiser this year, you would be in charge of one event.

Role: **Parent Engagement & Volunteers Chairman**

Description:

- Volunteer Recruitment and Development

Role: **Retail Donation Organizer**

Description:

- Maintains record of donations from local companies, names of contacts and what companies not to contact.

Role: **Marching Band Spirit**

Description:

- Buys spirit awards (Gift cards), Orders Frosty Treat for Band Camp

Role: **Audio-Visual Coordinator**

Description:

1. Video the band at all band activities- This position can be split among multiple parents if needed but is one of the most crucial positions for us.

Role: **Sponsorship & Patron Program Chairman**

Description:

- Solicit corporate sponsorship donations to support the OE Band and Booster activities
- Support solicitation efforts for the O&B Brigade BBQ & Silent Auction and OE Bands Bingo

Role: **Notary (2 or more)**

Description:

- Works with Exec. Comm. and is present for Forms and Fee Night. Will notarize forms for Band (usually only needed one or two times a year).

Role: **Lincoln Test Drive**

Description:

- Working with Olathe Lincoln organizes the test drive event

Role: **Chaperone** (not a leadership role but will be needed throughout the season)

Description:

- Chaperone for one or all football games and competitions

Role: **Orange & Blue Crew** (not a leadership role but will be needed throughout the season)

Description:

- Helps build and maintain marching band props
- Attends games and competitions to move equipment as needed

**Other Committees you could be involved with:**

OE Auction

Web Master

Final Survival Kits

Car Wash

BINGO

Senior Activities

Spirit Wear

Uniforms

# MUSIC TO YOUR MOUTH



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Olathe East Hawk Pride Band Boosters. Come in to the Chipotle at **14317 W. 135th St** in Olathe on **Tuesday, April 20th** between **5:00pm** and **9:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Olathe East Hawk Pride Band Boosters.

## NEW! ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP

Use code 97D9NR3 before checkout in 'promo' field. Orders placed on Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards the fundraiser.



All online orders must be placed for pickup at the same time/location of the fundraiser. Delivery cannot be counted at this time. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

## Olathe East Band FUNDrive



### Please help us as we raise funds for the Olathe East Band!

Please help support the Olathe East Band with their FUNDrive by filling 33 gallon bags with the items listed below.

-Your donation is tax deductible & we will provide you with a tax receipt.

Drop off at the Band Trailer outside in the parking lot of Olathe East anytime from **May 21<sup>st</sup> - June 4<sup>th</sup>**. We appreciate your generosity and support!

Thanks Again!

### Please pack all items in 33 gallon bags



CLOTHING



JACKETS



SHOES



BOOTS



BEDDING / LINENS



TOWELS



HATS, PURSES, BAGS



BELTS, JEWELRY, BACKPACKS