

2021 Marching Band Season Calendar

The marching band program at Olathe East is the most visible part of the program within the community. However, it is also one of the most time intensive. The choice to participate in the most involved portion of the program should not be taken lightly. This is a large commitment as the entire group's success is based on the responsibility, reliability, and overall contribution of every individual member of the group. All rehearsals and performances are required and are a part of their band grade.

- During the school year, rehearsal begins at 7 a.m. four days a week (M, T, W, and F).
- We **do not rehearse on Thursday** mornings due to the block schedule.
- We have rehearsals **every Monday evening** from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., starting on **Monday, August 9th**, and concluding on **Monday, October 25th**. The only Monday we will not have a scheduled rehearsal during that time span is Labor Day.

Required Camp Dates

Please note that we learn about 60% of our show during the summer camps. If you have any conflicts please email me as soon as possible. I will deal with these conflicts on a case-by-case basis and try to be as flexible as I can, but if you miss camp without setting up prior arrangements with Mr. Smikahl you may lose your spot in the show.

Pre-Camp

- Saturday, May 22nd - **Camp Carwash**- All members are required to fill a two-hour shift. All band carwashes are held at Meyer Music. Shifts are as follows:
- Tuesday, June 1st - **New marchers & section leaders report and drumline** (pit and battery) report. Camp runs from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. with an open unsupervised lunch.
- Wednesday, June 2nd, Thursday, June 3rd, and Friday, June 4th - **All members report**. Camp runs from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. with an open unsupervised lunch.

Drumline Camp (this includes all pit members as well) and Leadership Team Camp

- Monday July 19th and Tuesday July 20th - camp runs from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. with an open unsupervised lunch

Band Camp

- Wednesday July 21st - **First Full Day of Band Camp** - All members report from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m.
- Thursday July 22nd, Friday July 23rd - **Camp continues** for all members with the same schedule
- Saturday July 24th - **Camp Carwash** - All members required to fill a two-hour shift. All band carwashes are held at Meyer Music.
- Monday July 26th to Thursday July 29th - **Camp continues** for all members with the same schedule
- Friday July 30th - **Morning rehearsal** for all members 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. - Leadership Team members stay to help setup for evening performance after rehearsal. No rehearsal in the afternoon.

Required Performance Dates

- End of Camp Performance and Silent Auction—Friday, July 30th 6pm @ Olathe East, in the Main Gym- This is our first performance and largest fundraiser of the year! Please make plans to attend.
- Home Football Games (3)
 - Thursday, September 23rd @ CBAC
 - Friday, Oct. 1st @ CBAC *Homecoming
 - Thursday, Oct. 14th @ CBAC *Senior Night and Glow Show
 - Playoffs start the last week in October (10/29) and continue into November on Friday nights—if OE hosts, we will perform at those as well. State is the Saturday after Thanksgiving and if the team makes it, we will play at the state game also. Playoff games are still required performances and graded accordingly.
- Parent Preview Performance – Saturday, Sept. 18
 - Rehearsal is 1-3:30pm; Performance is 3:30-4pm @ CBAC
- Olathe District Marching Festival - Monday evening, October 4th @ CBAC
- Marching Festivals

Please reserve the following dates for these important competitions. Please do not schedule college visits or family trips during any of these weekends! If you have conflicts with these dates, please let Mr. Smikahl know by May 1st. Students involved with fall sports in particular, please check with your coach on dates and let me know about potential conflicts.

- **Blue Springs South Marching Festival:** Saturday, September 25th
- **Olathe Marching Invitational:** Saturday, October 9th
- **KBA Marching Band Championship:** Saturday, Oct. 30th @ KU

Extra Rehearsals

These rehearsals are needed to make-up for the lost rehearsal time around conferences, in-services, and school wide testing day. Please make sure you take-off of work and treat these rehearsals like performances. They will be for a grade.

- CBAC rehearsal prior to Parent Preview Performance – Saturday, Sept. 18th
- Friday, October 8th - 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. @ OE

Please don't hesitate to contact one of us (jmikahloe@olatheschools.org) or (jcreekoe@olatheschools.org) if you have any questions! We are excited to have your child join us for a fun and successful marching season!