

**OE Band Update 8-29-21**

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Message sent from Olathe Public Schools

Parents and Students-

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the booster meeting last week. The minutes from that meeting can be found on the members only side of the band website. A reminder that the password for that side of the website is "Hawks".

**Trip**

I sent information about the trip in my last email update. I wanted to make sure that we had time to add students to the trip who had missed the information last spring or had moved in. We have reached the point where we need to go ahead and move forward and lock in the roster. If you would like to still register your child for the trip please follow the directions on the attached document. We need to have this completed by Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.

The chaperone positions for this trip will be fully funded positions. This means that parents who are selected as chaperones will not have to pay for their trip. Chaperoning a trip is a wonderful way to spend quality time with your child and their friends. It is an opportunity to make truly life long memories. However, it is a lot of work and is exhausting which is why I prefer to have the trip fully funded. This is truly a working trip and not a personal vacation. We try to keep the pace very high to keep the high school students tired, which means that adults on the trip are VERY tired! For the chaperone positions I will try to fill them with parents of freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior students. I also will try to balance male and female parents. Finally I will also consider if the parent has given their time or talents to the Olathe East Band Booster organization. Please keep in mind that there will be parents that meet all these criteria and are still not selected because we have limited spots available. We have already filled two of the positions with OE Band staff members Kimberlyn Angelo and Chase Wallace. I have had several parents over the last 6 months that have contacted me and expressed interest. However, anyone that wants to be considered must fill out this survey by Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc44Va2UVwghwTtaV4kfz50DW5ErTvRiBRmia5aR359Xh0VRw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc44Va2UVwghwTtaV4kfz50DW5ErTvRiBRmia5aR359Xh0VRw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**Concert Band**

This year's concert band started rehearsals this week and we are very excited about the potential of the group! It has great instrumentation and we can already tell there are some very talented students in that group. Very soon I will be assigning a playing test for this class so we can identify a principal player in each section. We hold the playing tests individually in our small ensemble rehearsal room so that students do not have to perform by themselves in front of the entire class. Our first concert for this group will be at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium at Olathe East on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Marching Band/Drumline**

- Typically we would have our first game within the next two weeks. However, this is a very unique schedule and our first football game until Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Prior to that on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> we will have a rehearsal at CBAC. At the end of the rehearsal we will have a parent preview performance and I will give a talk about portions of the show. Report time for this event will be noon at OE for the students. We will bus to the stadium and back. The parent performance will start at 3:30 p.m. but parents are welcome to come and watch as much of the rehearsal as they would like.
- Our first contest will be Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at Blue Springs South high school. A detailed contest sheet will be coming out soon for this event but students should plan on this being a full day event.

- We are in need of parents who can drive a 24 foot trailer. The change for this year is that the district will be providing a truck to pull the trailer so you won't have to use your own vehicle. Parents that sign-up will have to submit to a driving background check by the district. If you have experience pulling large trailers or boats and would be willing to help us pull our two 24 foot trailers please contact Chris Prather at [cprather27@hotmail.com](mailto:cprather27@hotmail.com)
- We had an initial planning meeting for building the props for the field show this past Saturday. Very soon we will have one big group work day on a weekend to try to get them all finished at once. If you would like to be included in an email for prop work please email Chris Prather at the email address above. We also need a significant amount of parents to help us enter the field for performances at games and contests as we have to push all of the pit equipment in as well as the 19 props. We have a time limit for field entry or we get point deductions so it will be very important that we have enough parent volunteers.

### **Jazz Band**

We have been working on a couple of jazz combo standards in class. At this point all students in the class have improved at least one solo which is great! We will continue to work on these pieces as well as a few other and continue to have students develop their improvisation skills. The students have a listening lesson assignment they will need to be prepared for on Thursday. Their first concert will be with the Concert Band at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium at Olathe East on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **7th Hour Percussion Class**

We had our first playing test on Friday and all of the students did quite well. We will continue to work on the 40 essential rudiments on practice pads and the 12 major scales on mallet instruments. These students will also perform on the concert on October 19th with the Concert Band.

### **Spirit Wear**

If you want to have items in time for our first contest I would go ahead and order within the next couple days. A reminder that the items will ship directly to your home.

<https://maeby-prints.myshopify.com/>

### **Band Boosters**

Please see the links below for ways you can help the band. We still have a lot of slots that need filled for chaperones. We cannot leave East without a parent chaperone on each bus for our events.

[Chaperone Signup](#)

[Help with Food and Beverage Signup](#)

[Donate Water Bottles](#)

[Donate Snacks](#)

Thanks,  
Mr. Smikahl

**BRT PAYMENTS**

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

<b>Group Name</b>	Olathe East High School Band	<b>Destination</b>	Los Angeles, CA
<b>Group Leader</b>	Jennifer Creek & Jeff Smikahl	<b>Trip Dates</b>	March 3-6, 2022

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

Participant Type	Price & Occupancy	
<b>Student</b>	\$1,650.00 (all students in quad occupancy)	
	<b>Double</b>	<b>Single</b>
<b>Chaperone</b>	\$1,785.00	\$2,073.00
<b>Registration Link</b>	<a href="https://bobrogerstravel.grcoll.co/go/ks000800011">https://bobrogerstravel.grcoll.co/go/ks000800011</a>	

Payment Details	Due Date	Amount Due
<b>Deposit</b>	April 19, 2021	\$100.00 per traveler
<b>Payment #2</b>	May 28, 2021	\$200.00 per traveler
<b>Payment #3</b>	July 30, 2021	\$300.00 per traveler
<b>Payment #4</b>	September 30, 2021	\$400.00 per traveler
<b>Payment #5</b>	November 30, 2021	\$400.00 per traveler
<b>Payment #6</b>	January 14, 2022	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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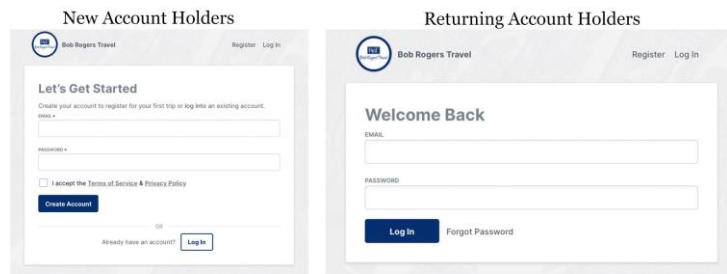
##### Option 1 (Registration Link)

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



##### Option 2 (Trip Code)

- [www.brtpayments.com](http://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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## BRT PAYMENTS

### Information About Trip Protection Options

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Standard Protection	Enhanced Protection
Only covered reasons as outlined in the <a href="#">Plan Document</a> available at: <a href="https://bit.ly/3fijej7">https://bit.ly/3fijej7</a>	Any reason up until 48 hours prior to departure, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poor Grades</li> <li>• Disciplinary Issues</li> <li>• Moving to a new school</li> <li>• Scared to travel</li> <li>• COVID-19 Concerns</li> <li>• Illness of a non-traveling friend or family member</li> </ul>

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