



Message sent from Olathe Public Schools

Parents and Students:

A reminder that tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. will be a booster meeting in the band room. Please enter through door Z if you plan to attend.

3rd Hour and 7th Hour and Jazz Combo Class-

Next Tuesday, October 18th will be our first concert of the year for these two groups. We have not had time to size for concert uniforms yet so we will have students "dress nice" for this concert. We have outlined what is acceptable or unacceptable with the students in class so I won't type it all here but will stress that students shouldn't go purchase clothing. If they need something to wear, they should talk to me after class tomorrow and we can help them. Concert report time for students will be at 6:40 p.m. and the concert will begin at 7:00 p.m.

To put percussion together with the winds (since they meet in separate classes) we will have an advisory rehearsal next Tuesday during advisory movement time. Students will need to make sure to come get a pre-pass.

Marching Band/Drumline

I was really proud of how well the group performed at OMI! The finals performance was definitely our strongest performance this season to date. We have had some tough luck so far being on the wrong side of some very close scoring, but the kids are doing a great job of continuing to work hard and improve. I will send out the KBA Trip Sheet next week. The first draft of the schedule I received had us performing around 2:15 on Saturday in Lawrence.

Important Date Clarification- I did not think I had scheduled a rehearsal for this Friday (October 14th) but I realized today that I had put it on our season calendar that I sent out in the spring. With all the confusion (mostly on my part) I am going to go ahead and give the students that afternoon off. We will still have the performances at the game that evening but we will not have rehearsal that afternoon.

Senior Night/Glow Show- At the football game on Friday the 14th we will not perform before the game because of senior recognition for the football team. At halftime we will only perform the opener to our field show so we have time to recognize band and drill team seniors and their parents. Senior parents please come down to the fence line with a couple of minutes left in the 2nd quarter to start lining up. We would like for you to line up Talons to the left and Band to the right (when looking at the field from the stands) in alphabetical order. Wait inside the fence until the team clears the field and then there will be staff directing you to the correct spot. After half-time please come to the side of the stadium and have a picture taken with your student in uniform in front of one of the props.

After the game is our annual Glow Show. Students should bring a change of warm clothes and they should be as dark and solid colored as possible. Some students wear items inside out to make them darker. Each student needs a cheap flashlight for each ankle (the smaller and brighter the better). Each student was asked to give their section leader \$5, and the section leaders were in charge of purchasing the glow sticks for their section. We will provide the tape. After halftime students will get changed during third quarter and then come back up in the stands for fourth quarter and then perform the show after the game is finished without any field lights on after a short count down.

Our last Monday evening rehearsal for marching band is next Monday night October 17th. Our last 7 a.m. rehearsal is Friday, October 21st unless the football team advances in the playoffs.

Thanks,
Mr. Smikahl

