Message From: Rebecca Fillingham
Subject: Band Update 10/4/26

Greetings OE Band Families!

Well, Thursday night did not exactly go as planned, but the kids were definitely well rested and had a great rehearsal on Friday morning. We're excited to unveil the full performance of our show on Monday night!

We still only have one parent volunteer that has stepped up to be a bus chaperone (thanks Mandi!). I know we can do better. Please consider taking one of the dates and get a backstage look at what your kid experiences on performance days!
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E054AAEA829A5F85-58138443-marching

Finally, if your student is auditioning for KMEA or John Philip Sousa honor band, please see the information below about submitting audition fees. Payment is due by Oct. 9.

Calendar at a glance (FULL CALENDAR LINKED HERE):

Oct 5—Olathe Marching Exhibition, call time 5:00 PM
Oct 7—Fall OE Band Concert, 7:00 PM—ALL band students perform!
Oct 9—Afternoon Marching Rehearsal, 1:00-3:30 PM
Oct 10—Olathe Marching Invitational—ALL DAY
Oct 12-- Band Booster Meeting 6:00 PM! All Parents Welcome!
Oct 12—Monday Night Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30 PM
Oct 16—Afternoon Marching Rehearsal, 1:00-3:30 PM
Oct 16—BAND FAMILY NIGHT @ OE Football Game, 4:45 call for pizza! More info below!
Oct 19—Monday Night Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30 PM
Oct 23—Home Football Game—Middle school night! Call time 5:00 PM.
Oct 26—LAST Monday Night Rehearsal! 6:30-8:30 PM
Oct 31—KBA, All Day!

Olathe Marching Exhibition—Oct 5, 7:00 PM.

- Call time for **MARCHING BAND** is 4:45 PM for uniforms. Wear DRIFIT. Hair should be up and neat—hairstyles as discussed in class. Black socks.
- Families are welcome and encouraged to attend--It's a free performance!
- Performance Itinerary:
    - 5:20—Buses leave for CBAC
    - 5:40—Unload at CBAC and begin warm up.
    - **7:00—OE PERFORMS!**

- 7:15ish—After we perform, head to the stands to watch the rest of the shows.
- 8:15ish—Load buses.
- 8:20—Depart CBAC
- 8:35—Arrive at OE and head home

Fall Band Concert at OE, Oct 7, 7:00 PM. Call time 6:30

The marching band will be performing their show in a surround sound concert to cap off our annual fall band concert. Students should arrive in their DRIFIT and JEANS and report to the band room. This will be great night for our concert band students to see what our marchers have been working so hard on for the last several months!

Olathe Marching Invitational—Oct 11, Call time 10:30 AM

Details for OMI were sent in a separate email. You can now find ALL information regarding this event, including facilities maps, ticket prices, our itinerary, and a full schedule for the day linked here:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1MA9y6XwdCTsN0eB6L6yg7qeYSSzkDlUE?usp=drive_link

Band Family Night at CBAC!—Oct 16, 4:45 call for students. 5:00 Pizza for family members!

We will be knocking out two events in one evening: Our combined band performance in the stands at the home football game, AND the kickoff meeting for parents and students for our mattress sale fundraiser.

- **Family Night Sign up:** Please use the form linked below to tell us how many family members will be joining us for pizza so we can order enough. It's FREE! This does NOT include your band student:
  https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc7OxfRMYFrDvat6ZwqZJ2mJZJuJisgm2CU6fCYynYCPKUg3Q/viewform?usp=publish-editor
- **Family Night Itinerary:**
  - 4:45 PM—All band students report to the commons for a short meeting regarding the mattress sale fundraiser
  - 5:00 PM—All band students and family members eat pizza in the commons!
  - 5:15 PM—Marching Band students change into uniforms
  - 5:25 PM—ALL band students load buses for CBAC. Parents remain in commons for a 10 minute parent meeting about the mattress sale fundraiser

Mattress Sale Fundraiser—November 15, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

This fundraiser will be a little different from our previous fundraising efforts because this one will go directly to individual students to help offset the cost of their trip to Orlando OR to cover some or all of their band fees for next year. **Please tell your friends and family that might be in the market for a new mattress so they can purchase a great, name brand mattress at discounted price—and benefit your student as well!** Flyer is linked here!

Special Arrangement Travel Forms:

All students are required to ride the bus to and from performances. If you need your student to arrive at or leave from a performance in some other way, you must fill out the special arrangement transportation form (linked HERE) and hand it in BEFORE we depart for the event. Students can also pick up a hard copy in the band office or find it on Canvas. No onsite transportation arrangements will be made.

All District Band/Sousa Band Audition Fees:

If you plan to audition for KMEA or John Philip Sousa honor band, please be sure to bring cash or check to pay your audition fees by Oct 9. Details below:

- **KMEA All District Band—**Live auditions will be at Shawnee Mission North High School on Saturday, November 7. Students that sign up need to submit their $18 registration fee to Ms. Fillingham by Friday, October 9. Checks should be made out to Olathe East High School.
- **John Phillip Sousa Honor Band (Freshmen only)--**Recorded auditions are due to Mr. Reed by Oct 9. Students that sign up to audition for JPS Honor Band need to submit their $15 registration fee to Ms. Fillingham by Friday, October 9.
- *As always, if the audition fees are a financial burden to your family, do not hesitate notify Ms. Fillingham.*

All the best,

Rebecca Fillingham and Chad Reed

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