Message From: Rebecca Fillingham
Subject: Band Update 10/18/26

Greetings OE Band Families!

I want to shout out the marching band kids for how they welcomed the concert band students into their sections for our first ever band family night at CBAC. I think they all had a great time!

This week, there will be NO EARLY REHEARSAL on TUESDAY (10/20). We will still have our normal early rehearsals on Mon, Wed, and Fri.

The calendar overview is getting much shorter! Let's finish this season strong!

Calendar at a glance (FULL CALENDAR LINKED HERE):

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, Call time 6:30 AM, Prelims performance 9:30 AM at ANT-DAC
Nov 7—District Band auditions at SMN
Nov 9-11—Full Band playing test/audition (in class)

All District Band/Sousa Band Audition Fees:

If you signed up for KMEA or Sousa Auditions and have not yet paid your fees please do so ASAP!

- **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 ASAP. 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 ASAP.
- *As always, if the audition fees are a financial burden to your family, do not hesitate notify Ms. Fillingham.*

Home Football October 23—Middle School Night! Senior Night! Glow Show!

- Call time is 5:00 PM. Leave at 5:30. BRING YOUR GLOW GEAR!

- Middle School Night—Students will be paired with a buddy to show them the ropes as we welcome them to the Orange and Blue Brigade.
- Senior Night—
    - Senior parents and escorts, please come down to the front sideline at the beginning of halftime to get set for senior recognition.
- Glow Show—
    - Students will be dismissed after halftime to get their glow on!
    - All students need two flashlights to tape to their ankles. Tape will be provided.
    - The more glow, the better! Just please keep in mind that if you use something that is excessively bright, it ruins the effect because other lights can't be seen. Stick to battery powered holiday lights, glow sticks, and colored LEDs

KBA—October 31, call time 6:30 AM

I am still unsure of the itinerary due to the festival rules indicating that buses should remain on site for the duration of the day. I am working to clarify this with the event cooridinators before I settle on our plan for the day. We do at least have our round one performance time. Call time is 6:30 AM, and we perform at 9:30 AM at the Blue Valley District Activities Complex (ANT-DAC). The full schedule, and festival handbooks are linked here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1a1DEStAwLTCDeCfkpk_XSEMKVlNbVxJS?usp=drive_link

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 the best,

Rebecca Fillingham and Chad Reed

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