

**Message From: Rebecca Fillingham**  
**Subject: Band Update 9/7/25**

Greetings OE Band Families,

What a great weekend! First game is in the books and the Old Settlers Parade is in the rearview mirror. I'm very excited to move forward with some new drill with the marching band. Monday is going to be a key rehearsal day for us as we work through our prop and costume transitions. Students—please come with a focused mind and intention to get a LOT done tomorrow!

**Calendar at a glance (Full Calendar linked here):**

**Sep 8—Adam Larson Trio: Clinic in the band room during seminar. Sign up in flex!**

**Sep 8—Monday Night Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 PM**

**Sep 15—Band Booster meeting, 6:00 PM! All parents encouraged to attend!**

**Sep 15—Monday Night Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 PM**

**Sep 19—BAND PHOTOS 4:00 PM**

**Sep 19—Home football game and MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHT at CBAC. Load buses after photos. Game at 7:00 PM.**

**Sep 20—Blue Springs South Marching Invitational—All day!! Call time 8:00 AM.**

**Sep 22—Monday Night Rehearsal 6:30-8:30**

**Sep 27—Saturday Field Tech Rehearsal 8:00 AM-12:00 PM**

**Sep 29—Monday Night Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 PM**

**Sep 30—Fall Band Concert for Concert Band and Jazz Band, 7:00 PM**

**Oct 3—Home Football game—HOCO! We'll perform our halftime show BEFORE the game.**

**Oct 6—Olathe Marching Exhibition at CBAC—Call time 5:00 PM. Performances begin at 7:00.**

**Oct 10—Afternoon Marching rehearsal 1:00-3:30 PM**

**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. No onsite transportation arrangements will be made.

## **Band Photos—Sep 19, 4:00 PM—Call time 3:30 for uniforms**

Students should report to the band room by 3:30 PM. We are taking our full group photos at 4:00 PM with all students in uniform. After that, students may get small group or individual photos. We will leave at normal time (5:30 PM) for our game that evening. Photos will be available for purchase by families shortly thereafter.

## **Home Football Game at CBAC/MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHT—Sep 19**

We will wear our SHOW SHIRT and be sure to have long black socks. All hair below chin length will need to be up away from the face. Buses will leave at 5:30 for CBAC.

## **Blue Springs South Marching Festival—Sep 20:**

More details will be coming in a separate email, but the call time for this festival will be 8:00 AM. Students will wear DRI-FIT shirts and long black socks. Our first performance will be at 12:00, and our second performance time will be determined by our score in the first round.

## **All District Band/Sousa Band Auditions:**

Olathe East has a long history of placing many students in the All District bands. I HIGHLY encourage all students to be working on the all district band music, which can be found linked here: <https://ksmea.org/hsband/excerpts/>. Students that are enrolled for wind ensemble are expected to audition, and will be tested over this material during the last week of October. Auditions are on November 8.

Any freshman interested in auditioning for Sousa band can find the music linked here: <http://ks-sousahonorband.org/how-to-apply/>. Recorded auditions must be submitted to Ms. Fillingham no later than October 15.

## **Band Fees and Contributions:**

It was wonderful to see so many of you at forms and fees night! If you couldn't make it out, fees and contributions can still be paid by bringing a check to school or through our website: [www.oeband.com](http://www.oeband.com). **Checks should be made out to Olathe East Band Boosters.**

**Uniform accessory prices:**

- Band Dri-fit shirt--\$15.00
- Marching Shoes--\$40.00
- Marching Gloves--\$5.00

**Total cost for all items: \$60.00**

**Band Contributions:**

- Marching Band Member--\$350
- Concert Band Member--\$50

***\*\*\*If you need assistance making your uniform fee payment or your yearly contribution, please reach out to the Boosters ([oehsbandboosters@gmail.com](mailto:oehsbandboosters@gmail.com)) or talk to Ms. Fillingham directly. No student will be excluded from marching band for financial reasons!\*\*\****

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