

Message From: Rebecca Fillingham

Subject: Band Update 11/16/25

Hello everyone!

It's been a couple of weeks so I have a LOT to share with you. Please read this email thoroughly so you stay on top of things in the OE Band Program.

[Congratulations](#) to the students that were named as members or alternates in the ECKMEA All District Band! We could not be prouder of these kids and their amazing work ethics:

Gold Band	Red Band	Blue Band	Alternate
Riley Olson	Aurelia Fuehne	Ashlyn Peterson	Maya McClain
Taylor Holland	Nana Abdelhaq	Aaliyah Carttar	
Nolan Schmanke	Claire Waggoner	Marcus Janssen	
Lilly Battese	Sean Yu	Isaac Burkhart	
	Jack Kennedy	Abby Eaton	

Calendar at a glance ([Full Calendar linked here](#)):

Nov 21—Drumline performs at PT. Performance at 9:11 AM. Permission forms due Nov 20.

Dec 1—Symphonic band 6:50 AM rehearsal

Dec 2—Wind Ensemble 6:50 AM rehearsal

Dec 4—Heavy Metal Christmas (tubas and euphoniums only, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM)

Dec. 5—Symphonic band 6:50 AM rehearsal

Dec 5-6—All district band clinic and concert

Dec 8—Wind ensemble 6:50 AM rehearsal

Dec 8—Winter concert, 7:30 PM. 6:30 call for band photos

Dec 13—Holiday Brass at Azura Winter Market

Help needed—OE Booster Treasurer Opening Fall 2026:

We are already looking to next year as an organization, and one of the things that we are hoping to get settled very soon is the OE Booster Board members. We are graduating several amazing parents that have served in their positions for several years, and finding their replacements is a top priority.

Perhaps the most important role to get nailed down soon is that of the treasurer. We are looking for a parent or family member that is comfortable with spreadsheets and budgeting software, and would be the point person for paying our bills and staff and tracking expenditures. Ideally, this person would be willing to serve more than one year as a treasurer for the band program. The great news is that our current treasure has offered to help transition the new treasurer and will be available to work alongside the new board member until they feel comfortable.

Please contact Ms. Fillingham if you are interested in serving in this vital role!

Hemming help needed:

As we've distributed concert uniforms, we do have several dresses that need to be hemmed. If you have the time and ability to help with hemming in the next couple of weeks, please contact Ms. Fillingham.

Formal Band Photos/Winter Concert/Hawk Fund Drive— December 8. Photos at 6:30 PM, Concert at 7:30 PM

- Call time is 6:30 PM in the auditorium for band photos. Students should be seated in the auditorium in full uniform with their instruments at 6:30 PM.
- **Uniform requirements:**
 - Any student that wears a school issued tuxedo for band performances will be required to supply their own black shirt. If you already own a black shirt that is in good condition and still fits, you do not need to purchase one.
 - **Note—if you previously purchased a white tuxedo shirt, you may still use that this year, in combination with a bow tie which we will provide.**
 - If you need to purchase a black shirt, you can purchase one on Amazon here: <https://a.co/d/3pG9hIJ>
- **HAWK FUND FOOD PANTRY DRIVE—In partnership with the Hawk Fund, we will be collecting food items at the auditorium doors before our winter concert this**

year to be donated to the Hawk Fund Food Pantry. Please consider donating a few items to support families in our community. See the flyer linked [HERE](#) for more information.

Combined rehearsals:

In preparation for our winter concert, we have two 6:50 AM rehearsals scheduled to practice with combined winds and percussion. Please make sure you have your ensemble's rehearsal dates on the calendar.

- Symphonic Band 6:50 AM Rehearsals:
 - December 1
 - December 5
- Wind Ensemble 6:50 AM Rehearsals:
 - December 2
 - December 8

Holiday Brass Performance—December 13, 1:15 PM (12:45 Call time)

- **OLATHE EAST BAND WILL RECEIVE A \$1,000 DONATION FOR THIS PERFORMANCE!**
- This is a volunteer opportunity for OE Brass Musicians to perform in a fun and festive setting. Students can sign up in the band room.
- Location: Azura Outdoors event venue next to the Olathe Azura branch at 11750 S Fellow St, Olathe, KS.
- Look for more info in a separate email as we get closer to this event.

Heavy Metal Christmas—December 4 @ College Church of the Nazarene:

- Any tuba or euphonium player may attend. Permission forms are available in the band office. Permission forms must be turned in by December 3rd to be eligible to attend.
- The bus will leave at 9:00 AM. Rehearsal starts at 10:00 AM, and the performance is at 11:00 AM. The performance is free and open to the public.
- Students will get lunch after the performance and return to school around 12:30 PM.

Pep Band:

All band students are welcome and encouraged to join the pep band! This group is entirely separate from any band class, and we have a LOT of fun! Pep band rehearsals and game dates are as follows:

- Rehearsals (during Seminar)
 - Nov 20 (Thursday)
 - Dec 2 (Tuesday)
- Game Dates:
 - December 5
 - January 9
 - January 13
 - February 3
 - February 13
 - February 17
 - February 27
 - February 21
 - February 25

Senior Recognition—Spring 2026

This year, we are inviting families to assemble a senior board to display at the spring concert/awards night. Start collecting your photos now and we'll all enjoy celebrating our amazing seniors!

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