

Message From: Rebecca Fillingham

Subject: Band Update 8/30/26

Greetings OE Band Families!

There is a lot here, but please be sure to read through everything so you are in the know. Our top priorities are as follows:

1. **This week is our first Band Booster Meeting!** We hope you will all consider attending and becoming a part of our amazing community of supportive adults. We will start at 6:00 PM in the choir room. *After the meeting, you're welcome to come out and observe our Monday night rehearsal.* I think you'll be pretty impressed with what these kids are already achieving!
2. **We are still pretty short on our band contributions.** If you are able, please make that payment ASAP. Details on how are below.
3. **Band picture orders close on September 5.** Details on how to order are below!
4. **We will be doing a Mattress Sale Fundraiser on November 15.** 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!](#)

Calendar at a glance ([FULL CALENDAR LINKED HERE](#)):

Aug 31—Band Booster Meeting 6:00 PM! All Parents Welcome!

Aug 31—Monday Night Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30 PM

Sep 11—Home Football Game, call time 5:00 PM

Sep 12—Old Settlers Day Parade, 10:00 AM

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Sep 19—Blue Springs South Marching Festival—All day!

Sep 21—Monday Night Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30 PM

Sep 25—Pep Band performs at CT Pep Assembly (Not required—details coming)

Sep 26—Saturday Field rehearsal, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

Sep 28—Monday Night Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30

Snack Donations:

We are ready to begin taking snack donations for the the band students for games and competitions. Sign up to donate snacks here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E054AAEA829A5F85-65294225-2026>

Bus Chaperones:

We're still looking for bus chaperones for home games and competitions. Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E054AAEA829A5F85-58138443-marching>

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. 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 (oebsbandboosters@gmail.com) or talk to Ms. Fillingham directly. No student will be excluded from marching band for financial reasons!*****

Band Forms

- If you did not fill out the transportation form and substance abuse policy during registration, you will need to do that ASAP. **We cannot allow students on the bus for a game until we have those forms signed.**
- Medical forms and handbook agreements also need to be turned in ASAP.

OE BAND PICTURES are ready!

You can use the link below to access ordering a composite (large group with individual picture), Section Group pictures, and/or your child's individual pictures. Here are some tips/things to note:

1. You will have to use your email in order to access the gallery. This allows the photographer to have your information in case he has any questions for you about your order.
2. When ordering, although packages and all sizes of prints look to be available for each photo, **the composite and group pictures should not be ordered any smaller than an 8x10**. That information is on the site but just wanted to call your attention to it.
3. When ordering a **composite**, please know that it will be a picture of your child at the top! **There are directions online to put the image number of your child's individual picture that you would like to use in the comment section available to you when checking out.** Every child has 2 images to choose from. The image number can be found at the top of the screen when you click on the image of your child. It is a 4-digit number after your child's name. If you don't include an image number for the composite in the comments, the photographer will use the image you chose for individual prints/packages OR the image they feel is the best.
4. Don't forget to see that **BUTTONS are available!** What a fun way to support your child at games/events!
5. Please **share the site with family members** if they would like some pictures of your child! **The deadline for ordering all pictures is September 5.** After that, the site will no longer be available.
6. Just as a reminder, all pictures will be retouched (all facial blemishes will be minimized.)

<https://attigphotography.shootproof.com/>

This site can be easily navigated on most devices, though it is encouraged to use a computer to see the best detail as you choose what items you'd like.

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 after marching season. Auditions are November 7 at SMN High School.

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 Mr. Reed no later than October 9.

Booster Meeting—Aug 31, 6:00 PM in the Band Room:

If you have a student in band, YOU are a band booster. This program cannot function without the amazing support of the adults that step up year after year to help give our kids an awesome experience. You'll meet wonderful people and find that there are many ways to be involved—some that require almost no extra time, and some that will have you out there making a performance happen along with your student. We have a place for you!

Home Football Game—Sep 11, Call time 5:00 PM:

Students will arrive in their SHOW SHIRT and be sure to have long black socks. All hair below chin length will need to be up away from the face and off the neck, and longer hair should be in a bun. Buses will leave at 5:30 for CBAC.

Old Settlers Parade—Sep 12, Call time 8:00 AM:

Students will arrive in their DRI-FIT and be sure to have long black socks. All hair below chin length will need to be up away from the face and off the neck, and longer hair should be in a bun. Buses will leave at 8:30 for downtown Olathe. Parade starts at 10:00 AM. We are near the end of the parade this year.

Grade Questions:

Since grades have gone into the gradebook, there have been a few questions about what they reflect. The main items that may be causing a grade drop for your student are easily taken care of with some student initiative:

1. **Forms:** Instructions for filling out forms have been sent home in multiple emails and are attached to this email as well. Students must fill out the two ONLINE forms for Transportation Permission and the Substance Abuse Policy and must hand in PAPER copies of the Band Policy Agreement and their Medical Release form. Again, specific

instructions for how to do this are attached to this email. These are tied to a grade because students CANNOT perform with the band until all forms are submitted

2. **Pass Off Grades:** Students that receive a "0" on their pass off test did not make any attempt to take their pass off test. Students that received a "5" on their test have made an attempt, but did not quite have everything fully memorized yet. ***All students that have not fully passed of their music are responsible for setting up a time to pass their music for Ms. Fillingham as soon as they are able.*** I am happy to change those grades to a 10/10 as soon the music is passed, but students must make the effort to do so!
3. **Tardies/Unexcused absences:** Any unexcused tardy or absence from rehearsal will result in a lowered participation grade. Please do communicate with Ms. Fillingham or Mr. Reed about any extenuating circumstances that are causing excessive tardies or absences, as we do take those things into account!
4. **Lack of rehearsal materials:** Students that consistently do not have their basic rehearsal materials (music, drill, pencil, field markers, instrument, mallets, sticks, etc.) or who leave them scattered around the band room for others to clean up will lose daily participation points.

****One more thing, just to make it clear in case there is any confusion—no student's grade is tied to whether or not they have paid their band fees. We appreciate those of you that have taken care of that and hope others will do the same, but students do NOT gain or lose any grade points due to band fees.****

All the best,

Rebecca Fillingham and Chad Reed

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