

Hello OE Band Families!

I wanted to get a few mid-summer updates and reminders out to everyone. The staff and design team have been hard at work this summer getting the show ready, and we can't wait to see it come together this season.

Most importantly: students, please remember to get outside every day and try to stay as active as possible this summer. You'll want your body to be acclimated to heat and long days before we start camp. DO NOT spend your entire summer inside playing Fortnite ☺ Also, please continue to practice through the summer so we don't lose all the progress we made during precamp! All practice materials can be found [HERE!](#)

In related news—Please join me in congratulating Sybrina Duncan, Nick Ornelas, Taylor Holland, Nolan Schmanke, Gavin Acheson, Bethany Palla, Austin Salzman, and Marcus Janssen for auditioning for and winning solo spots in our show this fall!

Keep reading for lots more mid-summer info!

Calendar at a Glance—[Full Band Calendar linked here](#)

July 13—BRASS IMPACT, 7:30 PM @ CBAC (optional—but SUPER AWESOME!)

July 22-23—Drumline and Leadership Camp, 7:00 AM-3:30 PM (Leadership team, Battery and Front Ensemble Only)

July 27-30—Marching Band Camp: ***All Marchers Report***, 7:00 AM-3:30 PM

Aug 3-6—Marching Band Camp continues, 7:00 AM-3:30 PM

Aug 6—Orange and Blue Barbecue, 6:00 PM. **Family and friends welcome!!**

Aug 10—Monday Night Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30 PM

Aug 13—Bridge the Gap Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30 PM

Aug 17—Monday Night Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30 PM

Brass Impact—July 13, 7:30 PM at CBAC

If you want to see some of the best marching performances in the nation, come check out Brass Impact! This year's performances will feature **Abby Eaton** (OE Snare Drummer) with the Sky Ryders, **Henry Duff** (OE Frontline Tech 2025) with the Crossmen, and **Robert Fillingham** (my son!) with the Madison Scouts. Tickets and info can be found here:

<https://colts.org/brass-impact>. These shows will absolutely blow your mind so if you've got the time, I HIGHLY recommend checking this out.

Band Sponsorship Letter:

We have a corporate sponsorship program that allows local businesses to partner with us to support the band. How can you help? Spread the word! Get this information into the hands of local business owners and managers. Use the attached flyer ([also linked here!](#)) to let your community know that OE Band is looking for corporate partners. This is a super easy way to assist with our ongoing fundraising efforts, so get the word out and help us build a community of support around OE Bands.

Percussion Equipment:

Percussionists are responsible for having the appropriate sticks and mallets for their instruments during the marching season and throughout concert season as well. We are able to provide some of the more specialized items that aren't used as often, but the students should have their own general use equipment. Required marching season mallets and sticks are listed below:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/11GbtidUzhcV0T_BQWJ19b3tj3EU9MOb7/view?usp=drive_link

All front ensemble and battery are expected to have their items by the time we get to band camp on July 22. You can order these through a number of websites (steveweissmusic.com is a great one), or you can contact local music retailers and ask them to order what you need. As always, if you are not in a position to purchase sticks and mallets at this time, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Summer Sectionals:

Summer sectionals are scheduled by the kids through the summer to get some social time in and work on music and the marching we learned in camp. They're not on the calendar because they are totally up to the section leaders to arrange and lead. Also, they're not required, but kids usually have a lot of fun and it's good bonding. If your student is in town and can attend a sectional, they should make every effort to be there!

Warm-ups and Show Music:

Students can access their warm-ups and show music throughout the season on our shared drive linked here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1t2lk-27Qo38iPpQo4hoUSljyvwBX75sg?usp=drive_link. I will update the folder throughout the season as needed. Students should have their music at every rehearsal!

July Band Camp:

We will pick back up in July! Drumline and leadership reports on July 22, and everyone else reports on July 27. See you then!

Have a great summer!

All the best,

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