



Message sent from Olathe Public Schools

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Hello everyone!

It's winter concert season! Please take a moment to check with your student to ensure they have everything they need for their uniform (see uniform details listed under the concert info below). Also, don't forget to support the Hawk Fund Food Pantry by bringing non-perishable food items to the concert. Let's stock those shelves for our community!

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

Dec 2—Wind Ensemble 6:50 AM rehearsal (Will move to 12/3 if there's a snow day tomorrow)

Dec 4—Heavy Metal Christmas (tubas and euphoniums only, 8:30 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

**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.
 - Black dress shoes for all students—no sneakers or flip flops. Shoes should be entirely black with black soles. Marching shoes work really well with the tuxedo.
 - **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 5
- Wind Ensemble 6:50 AM Rehearsals:
 - December 2 (12/3 if there's a snow day on 12/2)
 - 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:

- 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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