

Message From: Rebecca Fillingham
Subject: Band Update 9/28/25

Greetings OE Band Families,

First, thank you to the parents that showed up to help with our Saturday rehearsal. We were able to finalize prop transitions AND make some much-needed adjustments on uniforms. The pieces are falling into place and it's amazing to watch it all come together!

Second, our Spirit Wear store is OPEN! Read below for more info!

As always, there's plenty going on this week with a Concert Band and Jazz Combo concert AND Homecoming. Please read through everything and click the links to get further details.

Calendar at a glance (Full Calendar linked here):

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. Itinerary will be sent in a separate email.

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

Oct 11—Olathe Marching Invitational—All Day. Itinerary will be sent in a separate email.

Oct 13—**Booster Meeting 6:00 PM in the Choir Room—ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Oct 13—Monday Night Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 PM

Oct 16—Home Football Game: Senior Night and Glow Show!

Oct 17—Afternoon Marching Rehearsal 1:00-3:30 PM. Load for KBA after rehearsal!

Oct 18—**KBA!!! Call time 5:00 AM.**

SPIRIT WEAR IS HERE!

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/ChaosCreationsKC>

This year we are proudly using a local, family-owned Etsy shop that does not charge shipping because we are able to pick orders up right here in the Olathe East neighborhood! Families will be notified when their order is ready, along with the address to pick it up. Karen Kennedy has graciously offered to pick up orders for families and drop them off at the school. Simply

text her at 913-378-6327, tell her the name the order is under, when and when the order is expected to be ready.

****Design note: Design option number one will have a personalization option to select if you would like the design printed with or without the music notes.*

All District Band/John Phillip Sousa Honor Band Auditions:

If you have not paid your audition fees, please do so ASAP!

- **KMEA All District Band**—Live auditions will be at Shawnee Mission North High School on Saturday, November 8. Students that sign up need to submit their \$18 registration fee to Ms. Fillingham by Friday, October 3 . Checks should be made out to Olathe East High School.
- **John Phillip Sousa Honor Band (Freshmen only)**--Recorded auditions are due to Mr. Reed by Oct 10. Students that sign up to audition for JPS Honor Band need to submit their \$15 registration fee to Ms. Fillingham by Friday, October 3.
As always, if the audition fees are a financial burden to your family, do not hesitate notify Ms. Fillingham.

Homecoming Game--Oct 3, FIELD SHOW PERFORMANCE BEFORE THE GAME!

Call time will be 5:00 as usual. Students should wear DRIFIT and black socks and have their hair up in order to wear shakos at halftime. We will perform our halftime show between 6:30-6:40 due to the coronation ceremony during halftime of the game.

Concert Band and Jazz Band Concert at OEHS Auditorium—Sep 30, call time 6:30, performance at 7:00 PM

Student should dress nicely. No t-shirts, no flip flops or sneakers, no sweatpants or sweatshirts. Shirts should be tucked in, dresses and skirts need to be knee length or longer, and necklines should be conservative. We are going for a professional look. Please feel free to reach out to Ms. Fillingham if you do not feel you currently own attire that meets these

requirements. We can help you out.

Olathe Marching Exhibition—Oct 6 (CONCERT BAND AND MARCHING BAND)

- Call time for **MARCHING BAND** is 4:45 PM for uniforms. Wear DRIFIT. Hair should be up and neat—hairstyles as discussed in class. Black socks.
- Call time for **CONCERT BAND** is 5:10 PM to load bus. Wear OE colors.
- Performance Itinerary:
 - 5:20—Buses leave for CBAC
 - 5:45—Unload at CBAC and begin warm up--Concert band observe warm up.
 - 6:55—head to the stands to watch OW and OS
 - 7:45ish—After OS performs, marching band heads to "On Deck". Concert band remains in the stands.
 - 8:00ish—After ON performs, OE Marching Band takes the field.
 - 8:15ish—Load buses.
 - 8:30—Depart CBAC
 - 8:45—Arrive at OE and head home

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.

All the best,

Rebecca Fillingham and Chad Reed

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