Message From: Rebecca Fillingham
Subject: Band Update 10/12/2026

Greetings OE Band Families!

Whew, what a week! Three performances down within 6 days. Bandtober is in full swing! Congratulations to the students on your efforts being rewarded—both in the many compliments they've received over the last week on various performances, AND in the hardware they brought home on Saturday. OMI is one of the most competitive festivals in our region, so there is a lot to celebrate in how we finished.

This week, we are going to pump the brakes just a bit to allow a little recovery before the final push to KBA. There will be NO EARLY REHEARSAL on Tuesday or Wednesday (10/13 and 10/14), and of course the students have the entire day off on Thursday. We'll start fresh with our Friday (10/16) rehearsal from 1:00-3:30 PM and then enjoy our band family night at CBAC.

Seniors, I only have senior night information from about 7 of you. Please fill this out ASAP so I can get the script to Mr. Bosworth.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnc57S0Qg9I8BvhzRldCWZP1adVbv-2UoXS3caj9Mby-HFA/viewform?usp=header

Calendar at a glance (FULL CALENDAR LINKED HERE):

Oct 12-- Band Booster Meeting 6:00 PM! All Parents Welcome!
Oct 12—Monday Night Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30 PM
Oct 16—Afternoon Marching Rehearsal, 1:00-3:30 PM
Oct 16—BAND FAMILY NIGHT @ OE Football Game, 4:45 call for pizza! (See info below!)
Oct 19—Monday Night Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30 PM
Oct 23—Home Football Game—Middle school night! Call time 5:00 PM.
Oct 26—LAST Monday Night Rehearsal! 6:30-8:30 PM
Oct 31—KBA, Call time 6:30 AM, Prelims performance 9:30 AM at ANT-DAC

Band Family Night at CBAC!—Oct 16, 4:45 call for students. 5:00 Pizza for family members!

We will be knocking out two events in one evening: Our combined band performance in the stands at the home football game, AND the kickoff meeting for parents and students for our mattress sale fundraiser.

- **Family Night Sign up:** Please use the form linked below to tell us how many family members will be joining us for pizza so we can order enough. It's FREE! This does NOT include your band student: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc7OxfRMYFrDvat6ZwqZJ2mJZJuJisgm2CU6fCYynYCPKUg3Q/viewform?usp=publish-editor
- **Family Night Itinerary:**
    - 4:45 PM—All band students report to the commons for a short meeting regarding the mattress sale fundraiser
    - 5:00 PM—All band students and family members eat pizza in the commons!
    - 5:15 PM—Marching Band students change into uniforms
    - 5:25 PM—ALL band students load buses for CBAC. Parents remain in commons for a 10 minute parent meeting about the mattress sale fundraiser

Home Football October 23—Middle School Night! Senior Night! Glow Show!

- Call time is 5:00 PM. Leave at 5:30. BRING YOUR GLOW GEAR!
- Middle School Night—Students will be paired with a buddy to show them the ropes as we welcome them to the Orange and Blue Brigade.
- Senior Night—
    - Right now, I only have 7 seniors' information for the halftime presentation. I need that ASAP so I can prepare the script for the announcer. Fill out your senior info here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnc57S0Qg9I8BvhzRldCWZP1adVbv-2lJoXS3caj9Mby-HFA/viewform?usp=header
    - Senior parents and escorts, please come down to the front sideline at the beginning of halftime to get set for senior recognition.
- Glow Show—
    - Students will be dismissed after halftime to get their glow on!
    - All students need two flashlights to tape to their ankles. Tape will be provided.
    - The more glow, the better! Just please keep in mind that if you use something that is excessively bright, it ruins the effect because other lights can't be seen. Stick to battery powered holiday lights, glow sticks, and colored LEDs

KBA—October 31, call time 6:30 AM

More information will be coming soon, but we do at least have our round one performance time. Call time is 6:30 AM, and we perform at 9:30 AM at the Blue Valley District Activities Complex (ANT-DAC). The full schedule, and any other information I receive, is linked here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1a1DEStAwLTCDeCfkpk_XSEMKVlNbVxJS?usp=drive_link

Mattress Sale Fundraiser—November 15, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

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!

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 or find it on Canvas. No onsite transportation arrangements will be made.

All District Band/Sousa Band Audition Fees:

If you plan to audition for KMEA or John Philip Sousa honor band, please be sure to bring cash or check to pay your audition fees by Oct 9. Details below:

- **KMEA All District Band—**Live auditions will be at Shawnee Mission North High School on Saturday, November 7. Students that sign up need to submit their $18 registration fee to Ms. Fillingham by Friday, October 9. 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 9. Students that sign up to audition for JPS Honor Band need to submit their $15 registration fee to Ms. Fillingham by Friday, October 9.
- *As always, if the audition fees are a financial burden to your family, do not hesitate notify Ms. Fillingham.*

All the best,

Rebecca Fillingham and Chad Reed

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