

Hello everyone, and happy Memorial Day weekend!

First of all, welcome to all our new marching families! Believe it or not, we will be kicking off the 2026 marching season in just over a week. If you are new to the Orange and Blue Brigade, this is your first official Band Update Email. These go out weekly during marching season, and then every 2-3 weeks once we move into concert season. They can be lengthy, but PLEASE be sure to read them thoroughly as we usually have a LOT going on and you'll want to be "in the know" as the season ramps up. These emails are my primary method of communicating with families, so keep an eye out for them!

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

May 30—Band Car Wash @ Meyer Music, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

May 31—Leadership Team Meeting, 1:00-3:00 PM

June 1—First Day of Precamp: **Leadership team and New Marchers ONLY**, 7:00 AM-3:30 PM

June 2-4—Precamp: **ALL marching students report** 7:00 AM-3:30 PM

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

Car Wash—May 30, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Adult Volunteer Sign-up: A successful carwash needs two things: teens with energy to burn and adults with water bottles and a game plan. Please use the link below to sign up to bring water or take a shift with your student. Note—adults are NOT expected to wash cars!

You are there to supervise and make sure the KIDS are scrubbing bumpers 😊 Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E054AAEA829A5F85-64230977-2026>

Section Shifts- Band carwashes are held at Meyer Music on Quivira. All members are required to fill a 90 minute shift. Shifts are as follows:

10:00 -11:30—Low Brass and Drumline

11:30-1:00— Trumpets, Mellors, and Saxes

1:00-2:30— Flutes and Clarinets (car wash ends at 2:00, 2-2:30 clean-up)

Savers Donation Fundraiser—May 30, and June 1-5

We are collecting clean, sellable items on May 30 and June 1-5. Items can be dropped off at the Orange and Blue Brigade Trailers in the west parking lot at OEHS.

Items should be placed securely in large trash bags and placed in the trailers. Please indicate on the paper inside the trailer how many bags or boxes you are dropping off.

If you drop off items after 4:00 PM, place them next to the trailers to be loaded the next day. Scan the QR code on the trailer and indicate how many bags or boxes you are dropping off. Details on what items we are collecting linked here:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RJPLS9W_bPt4ivLhiANj-p8cUMzMH-Sv/view?usp=drive_link

Leadership Team Meeting—May 30, 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

All leadership team members should meet in the band room for preseason prep and leadership training. If you cannot attend, you need to let Ms. Fillingham know ASAP!

Band Pre-Camp!—June 1-4

Pre-Camp runs from 7:00 AM-11:00 AM and 1:00 PM-3:30

There is an open lunch from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. Students are welcome to bring food to eat at school, go home for a bit, or go out for lunch.

June 1: New marchers and leadership team only.

June 2-4: ALL Orange and Blue Brigade members report.

Check the weather and dress for outdoor rehearsals.

What to bring.

Instrument.

Flip folder if you own one.

You will need to get one before our July camp.

Water and a snack

SUNSCREEN

Sunglasses/hat/visor

Download “Band App”

If possible, students should download the Band App and use this link to join “OE Band”:

<https://band.us/n/a4a9b6acw3Tf1>.

Once students are in the OE Band group, we will place them in their section group chat.

Parents can use the same link to join. You’ll receive any notifications I send out to the group at large, including any changes in departure times, weather concerns, last minutes reminders, etc.

Parents can even create their own chat to communicate with each other!

I will still use email as my primary method of communication with families, so please look for those Band Update emails weekly throughout the marching season.

Can’t wait to see you all! Have a great Memorial Day!

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