

Greetings OE Band Families,

Thanks to all who came out to support the Brigade on Friday evening. What a fun night and a strong first performance for the 2026 Marching Band!

And now. . . full speed ahead! Don't forget, our first evening rehearsal is TOMORROW (Monday) from 6:30-8:30. Here's what you need to know for the next few weeks:

Calendar at a glance ([FULL CALENDAR LINKED HERE](#)):

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

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

Aug 17—**First 6:50 AM rehearsal! (Arrive by 6:40)**

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

Aug 18—Meet the Instrument Night, 5:00 PM **Leadership Team Only**

Aug 20—Forms and Fees Night, 5:30-7:00 PM (Precedes Back to School Night)

Aug 24—Monday Night Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30 PM

Aug 31—**Band Booster Meeting 6:00 PM! All Parents Welcome!**

Aug 31—Monday Night Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30 PM

Sep 11—Home Football Game, call time 5:00 PM

Bridge the Gap Rehearsal—Thursday 6:30-8:30

Don't forget we have our one Thursday night rehearsal this week to make sure we don't forget all the hard work we did last week. Please note the time is 6:30-8:30. The band calendar previously had it from 7:00-9:00, but this was in error.

Band Fees and Contributions

Required Uniform Fees:

All marching band students must purchase a uniform dri-fit t-shirt (to be worn under our marching uniforms), black gloves, and marching shoes. Students were fitted for these items during camp, and anyone who is a new marcher or who needed replacements for older pieces were noted. **Checks should be made out to Olathe East Band Boosters.** Payments can be turned in to Ms. Fillingham or Mr. Reed during school, or submitted to the Boosters on Aug 20, 5:30-7:00 PM in the band room. *Please note that these costs are separate from the yearly contribution.*

Uniform accessory prices:

Band Dri-fit shirt--\$15.00

Marching Shoes--\$40.00

Marching Gloves--\$5.00

Total cost for all items: \$60.00

Yearly Contribution:

We request that all marching band families contribute \$350.00 to help fund our marching season. This is vital to our program remaining competitive and relevant in the marching arts. Checks should be made out to **Olathe East Band Boosters**. Payments can be turned into Ms. Fillingham or Mr. Reed during school, or submitted to the Boosters on Aug 20, 5:30-7:00 PM in the band room.

******If you need assistance making your uniform fee payment or your yearly contribution, please reach out to the Boosters (oehsbandboosters@gmail.com) or talk to Ms. Fillingham directly. No student will be excluded from marching band for financial reasons!******

Band Forms

We are still waiting for confirmation on whether electronic forms are through Synergy this year or in Touchbase like last year. Please be on the lookout for instructions on filling out the required Transportation Permission forms and Substance abuse form.

Medical forms and the handbook policy agreement are due by the end of Forms and Fees night--7:00 PM August 20. These paper forms will be handed out in class and emailed home

Rehearsal Grading Policy

Please note that from this point forward, all rehearsals will be directly tied to student grades. Excessive tardies, unexcused absences, or not having all materials for class each day will result in a lower grade in the class. ***This includes our early morning rehearsals—MTWF 6:50 AM!!***

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