

Message From: Rebecca Fillingham

Subject: Band Update 10/12/25

Greetings OE Band Families,

Congratulations to the Orange and Blue Brigade on two very strong performances Saturday, and several trophies to show for your hard work and focus. Huge shout out to the guard for winning our division in prelims, and to the drumline for sweeping that caption yesterday!

We are finally in the home stretch of this long season. We are all tired, and we all need a break. BUT we all want to walk field with our head high next weekend, knowing we did everything we could to have a killer final performance. Take care of your bodies, get rest and eat well. If you're sick, stay home, but do not be tempted to take a "personal day" from rehearsal this week. We need 100% attendance, no tardies, and high effort for these last few rehearsals. Let's do this!

Calendar at a glance (Full Calendar linked here):

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.

Oct 27-31: Wind Ensemble auditions and Wind Ensemble playing test over district music.

KBA ITEMS:

KBA—Oct 18, Call time 5:00 AM

All KBA Festival information, including admission cost, parking maps, traffic flow, etc. is linked here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1PpErBkDKYA-DfDxIA_I27BAIfM5zqKYW?usp=drive_link

Breakfast items for KBA:

We would like to ensure all students have fuel in their systems for our early performance at KBA. Please consider signing up to donate breakfast items for the bus ride to Emporia: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E054AAEA829A5F85-59509997-2025#/>

KBA Student Guidelines are linked here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mqGY86D2zkMQb766hLV5mBekqd8OnK0oIIVHpPewdgQ/edit?usp=sharing>

KBA Itinerary:

5:00 AM—arrive at OEHS and get into uniform (DRIFIT)

5:15 AM—Leave for Emporia State

6:45 AM—Arrive at Emporia State, Unload

7:20 AM—Begin Physical Warm up

7:40 AM—Begin Music Warm-up

8:10 AM—Move to Stadium

8:20 AM—On Deck

8:30 AM—KBA Prelims Performance

8:45 AM—Back to home base. Hang up uniforms.

9:15 AM—Head to stadium to watch bands

10:40 AM—Load buses for Pizza Ranch

11:00 AM—Lunch at Pizza Ranch!

12:30 PM—Depart Pizza Ranch

12:45 PM—Arrive at Beach Music Hall. Rest and listen to judge's commentary.

3:00 PM—Back to Stadium

3:45 PM—Prelims awards. Senior honors.

4:00 PM—Head back to home base

If we don't make finals, we will eat dinner and then load buses and head home at this time

If we make finals, we will start warm up cycle over again

Dinner will be served depending on when our finals performance time is.

9:50 PM—Finals Awards

10:10 PM—Load Buses, head home

Home Football October 16—Senior Night! Glow Show!

Call time is 5:00 PM. Leave at 5:30. BRING YOUR GLOW GEAR!

Senior Night—

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

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.

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.

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