

Message From: Rebecca Fillingham
Subject: Band Update 9/14/26

Greetings OE Band Families!

Calendar at a glance (FULL CALENDAR LINKED HERE):

Sep 14—Monday Night Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30 PM
Sep 14—~~Band Booster Meeting 6:00 PM! All Parents Welcome!~~ **CANCELLED**
Sep 19—Blue Springs South Marching Festival—All day!
Sep 21—Monday Night Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30 PM
Sep 25—Pep Band performs at CT Pep Assembly (Not required—details coming)
Sep 26—Saturday Field rehearsal, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM
Sep 28—Monday Night Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30
Oct 1—Home Football Game—HOCO! Call time 5:00 PM
Oct 5—Olathe Marching Exhibition, call time 5:00 PM
Oct 7—Fall OE Band Concert, 7:00 PM—ALL band students perform!
Oct 9—Afternoon Marching Rehearsal, 1:00-3:30 PM
Oct 10—Olathe Marching Invitational—ALL DAY
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! (All family members and students are invited to join us for pizza! More information below)**

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.

Blue Springs South Marching Festival, 9:00 AM Call:

Students will arrive in their DRI-FIT and be sure to have long black socks. All hair below chin length will need to be up away from the face and off the neck, and longer hair should be in a bun. Itinerary, maps, festival rules and gate fees can all be found in the folder linked here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1DbYp9y6NjDL41ntOLfg0invhreWpYsiZ?usp=drive_link

Home Football Game/Homecoming—Oct 1, Call time 5:00 PM:

Due to Homecoming, we will perform our halftime show BEFORE the game!! Students will arrive in their DRIFIT and be sure to have long black socks. All hair below chin length will need to be up away from the face and off the neck, and longer hair should be in a bun. Buses will leave at 5:20 for CBAC.

Band Family Night at CBAC—Oct 16, Call time for pizza is 4:45 PM:

Mark your calendars and plan for your whole family to join us for pizza before our game on October 16! Students will report at 4:45 for a quick meeting with our mattress fundraising representatives, and then pizza will be served at 5:00 PM. Students will load buses for the game at 5:25, and parents will have the opportunity to meet with the mattress fundraiser representatives when the buses leave. Look for an RSVP in the coming weeks so we know how much pizza to buy.

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!](#)

All District Band/Sousa Band Auditions:

Olathe East has a long history of placing many students in the All District bands. I HIGHLY encourage all students to be working on the all-district band music, which can be found linked here: <https://ksmea.org/hsband/excerpts/>. Students that are enrolled for wind ensemble are expected to audition, and will be tested over this material after marching season. Auditions are November 7 at SMN High School.

Any freshman interested in auditioning for Sousa band can find the music linked here: <http://ks-sousahonorband.org/how-to-apply/>. Recorded auditions must be submitted to Mr. Reed no later than October 9.

All the best,

Rebecca Fillingham and Chad Reed

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