

**Message From:** Rebecca Fillingham

**Subject:** Band Update 3/17/25--SHOW REVEAL 3/25 at Booster Meeting!

Hi Everyone!

Happy Spring Break! Hopefully your kids are getting a little bit of rest before the final push to the end of the school year. We've got a lot to pack into the last quarter of the year, but these upcoming months are some of my favorites—reflecting on the year we've had, celebrating our seniors, and taking a little victory lap at our spring concert.

I hope all of you will consider attending our **Band Booster meeting on March 25th! *We will be discussing the details of the show for next year,*** so if you want the scoop on where we're headed next fall, you should definitely attend this meeting! This will be a great opportunity for family members to get involved from the jump.

## **Calendar at a glance:**

**Mar 25—BAND BOOSTER MEETING AND SHOW REVEAL! 7:00 PM in the band room!**

**Mar 31—**Wind Ensemble/Jazz Band auditions take place all week

**Apr 2—**Symphonic/Concert Band Clinic, 9:00 AM at OEHS

**Apr 3—**Wind Ensemble Clinic, 9:00 AM at OEHS

**Apr 4—**Drumline Auditions, 3:45 PM in the Band Room

**Apr 5—**Regional Solo Ensemble Festival at OSHS

**Apr 8—Contest Warm-up Concert, 7:00 PM in OE Auditorium—ALL band students perform!**

**Apr 10—State Large Group Festival, morning time TBD at OEHS—ALL band students perform!**

**Apr 14—**OE Area Jazz Festival—7:00 PM in the OE Commons

**Apr 22—**New Marcher Parent Meeting 6:00 PM **AND** Band Booster meeting 7:00 PM

**Apr 26—**State Solo Ensemble, Washburn Rural High School

**May 3—**Percussion Showcase Concert—7:00 PM (Come out and support OE percussion!)

**May 12**—Spring Band Concert and Awards night, 6:00 PM in the OE Commons and Auditorium

## Summer Dates!

I know many of you are making plans for the summer, so please keep the following dates in mind as you book your vacations:

### Pre-camp: June 2-5

- **June 2: New marchers, Leadership Team & Drumline report**, 7:00 AM-3:30 PM
- **June 3-5: All Orange and Blue Brigade members report**, 7:00 AM-3:30 PM
- **June 7: Camp Carwash**- 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—Trumpets, Mellos, and Saxes
  - 11:30-1:00— Flutes and Clarinets
  - 1:00-2:30—Low Brass and Drumline

### Band Camp: July 21-August 1

- **July 21-22: Drumline and Leadership Team Only**, 7:00 AM-3:30 PM
- **July 23-25: All Orange and Blue Brigade members report for camp**, 7:00 AM-3:30 PM
- **July 26: Camp Carwash at Meyer Music**. All members required to fill a 90 minute shift. Shifts are as follows:
  - 10:00 - 11:30: Flutes and Clarinets
  - 11:30 - 1:00: Low Brass and Drumline
  - 1:00 - 2:30: Trumpets, Mellos, and Saxes
- **July 28-July 31: Camp continues** for all members with the same schedule
- **August 1: Morning rehearsal** for all members 7:00-11:00 AM.

### Retention Rehearsals:

The calendar this year presents some challenges, with our first actual school rehearsal falling a full two weeks after our last day of band camp. Because of this, our Monday evening rehearsals start before classes begin, and we've scheduled one additional evening rehearsal to ensure we don't end up losing all the ground we covered during camp:

- **August 4:** Monday Night Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30 PM
- **August 7:** Bridge the Gap Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30 PM
- **August 11:** Monday Night Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30 PM

All the best,

***Rebecca Fillingham and Chad Reed***

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