

Message From: Rebecca Fillingham

Subject: Band Update 4/18/26

Hello Everyone!

Congratulations to ALL of our band students that performed at State Large Group on April 10th. I am so proud to say that both groups received "I-Superior" ratings! Not only that, but Olathe East was one of only three schools in the entire region that walked away with both groups receiving a "I". I'm extremely proud of these kids!

Every year, this final stretch feels like a sprint to the finish line while also ramping up for the start of the next school year. It would be easy to check out at this point now that contest is over, but we must continue to have productive classes to set up a rewarding final concert next month.

Band Calendar at a Glance (Full Calendar Linked Here):

Apr	20-24	Jazz	Band	auditions	(in	seminar)				
Apr	21	New	Marcher	Meeting,	6:00	PM	in	the	band	room
Apr	21	Band Booster Meeting, 7:00 PM. All band parents encouraged to attend!								
Apr	25	State	Solo	Ensemble	Festival,	Topeka	—Washburn	Rural	HS	
Apr	30	Drum	Major	Auditions	—After	school				
May	1	KCKCC	Jazz	Festival,	time	TBD				
May	2	OE	Percussion	Showcase	Concert	—7:00	PM			
May	12	Spring Concert and Awards—6:00 PM								

STATE Solo/Ensemble Festival—April 25 @ Washburn Rural High School (Topeka):

- The schedule for the state solo ensemble festival is linked here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iW_yMWnLzsg8y01UTYkRyh6S5TVL3OC/view?usp=drive_link
- We do not take a bus to this festival, so please make sure you have your transportation arranged. Carpooling is absolutely fine.
- Like last festival, please arrive in plenty of time to find your performance room, warm up, and be outside the door of your room 10 minutes prior to your performance. Dress conservatively and professionally.
- Percussion students—we will discuss our load out and load in this week.

New Marcher Parent Meeting—April 21, 6:00 PM

Any student that will be new to marching band this fall needs to attend this meeting with at least one parent or guardian. If you cannot attend this meeting, please contact Ms. Fillingham to set up a makeup meeting. ***Students will not have a spot in the marching show until I have met with them and their parent or guardian.***

Booster Meeting—April 21, 7:00 PM

Please make every effort to attend this last meeting of the year! We will be welcoming our new marching families to the program, as well as covering our budget and plans for the next school year.

OE Percussion Showcase--May 2, 7:00 PM (\$5 at the door)

Come and celebrate the unique talents and musical mischief of the OE Drumline! We've got something for everyone at this show and it's a LOT of fun. Bring your friends and enjoy tunes from across the musical spectrum!

Trip Update:

Great news! We easily met the minimum participation rate for our trip cost to remain where it was initially pitched. We have maxed out the capacity of our two coach buses that will be transporting us around Florida, so from this point forward, anyone who signs up for this trip will be added to a waitlist. If the waitlist gets long enough, we could potentially add additional transportation without affecting the overall cost of the trip, but that is entirely dependent on their being enough additional participants. If you have not signed up but wish you had, I would encourage you to get on that list so we can make a decision as to whether it is cost effective to add additional travelers.

The full 2026 marching season calendar is available!

The only dates that are still up in the air for marching band are the KBA dates. We are still waiting to hear which weekend that will fall on:

- [Fall Calendar—List Format](#)
- [Fall Calendar—Detailed Format](#)

Senior Recognition—Spring 2026

This year, we are inviting families to assemble a senior board to display at the spring concert/awards night. Start collecting your photos now and we'll all enjoy celebrating our amazing seniors!

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