

Message From: Rebecca Fillingham

Subject: Band Update 8/24/25

Greetings OE Band Families!

We've made it through our first full week of school, and I am so pleased with how each group has started to hit its stride. If nobody has told you lately, you have great kids.

Also, thanks to all the amazing parents that have given up time over the summer, in the evenings, and on weekends to help construct props and sew uniform pieces. The visual element of this show is going to be off the chain thanks to all of you! ☐

Calendar at a glance (Full Calendar linked here):

Aug 25—Band Booster meeting, 6:00 PM! All parents encouraged to attend! We need YOU!

Aug 25—Monday Night Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 PM

Aug 28—Sash Fittings for marching band during seminar. All marching students need to attend.

Aug 31—Uniform Sewing Party Part II—please email Ms. Fillingham if you previous said you could be there and you are no longer available.

Sep 4—Home football game at CBAC. Call time 5:00 PM in the band room. Game at 7:00 PM.

Sep 6—Old Settler's Parade. Call time 8:00 AM in the band room. Parade at 10:00 AM.

Sep 8—Monday Night Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 PM

Sep 15—Band Booster meeting, 6:00 PM! All parents encouraged to attend!

Sep 15—Monday Night Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 PM

Sep 19—BAND PHOTOS 4:00 PM

Sep 19—Home football game and MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHT at CBAC. Load buses after photos. Game at 7:00 PM.

Sep 20—Blue Springs Marching Invitational—All day!!

Winter Concert Time Change—Dec 8, 7:30 PM

The winter concert on December 8 has been moved to 7:30 PM to accommodate families that will need to attend the CT concert that evening. CT's concert will be at 6:30 PM.

Booster Meeting—Aug 25, 6:00 PM in the Band Room:

If you have a student in band, YOU are a band booster. Please join us for our first booster meeting of the year this Tuesday. This program cannot function without the amazing support of the adults that step up year after year to help give our kids an awesome experience. You'll meet wonderful people and find that there are many ways to be involved—some that require

almost no extra time, and some that will have you out there making a performance happen along with your student. We have a place for you!

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 during the last week of October. Auditions are on November 8.

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 Ms. Fillingham no later than October 15.

Home Football Game—Sep 4, Call time 5:00 PM:

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. Buses will leave at 5:30 for CBAC.

Old Settlers Parade—Sep 6, Call time 8:00 AM:

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. Buses will leave at 8:30 for downtown Olathe. Parade starts at 10:00 AM. We are the last high school band in the parade this year.

Band Fees and Contributions:

It was wonderful to see so many of you at forms and fees night! If you couldn't make it out, fees and contributions can still be paid by bringing a check to school or through our website: www.oeband.com. Checks should be made out to **Olathe East Band Boosters**.

Uniform accessory prices:

- Band Dri-fit shirt--\$15.00
- Marching Shoes--\$40.00
- Marching Gloves--\$5.00

Total cost for all items: \$60.00

Band Contribution: \$350.00

*****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

- If you have not filled out the transportation form and substance abuse policy through "In Touch/Touchbase", you will need to do that ASAP. ***We cannot allow students on the bus for a game until we have those forms signed.***
- Medical forms and handbook agreements also need to be turned in ASAP.

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