

Message From: Rebecca Fillingham

Subject: Band Update 4/5/26--It's a doozy, please read carefully!

Hello Everyone!

We've got a LOT going on, so I'll just dive right in!

Band Calendar at a Glance ([Full Calendar Linked Here](#)):

Apr 7—OE Area Jazz Festival, 7:00 PM in commons.

Apr 9-10—Wind Ensemble Auditions (in class)

Apr 11—Regional Solo Ensemble Festival @ OSHS (Schedule linked below)

Apr 14—Contest Warm up Concert with Crossroads Wind Symphony—7:00 PM in OE Auditorium

Apr 16—State Large Group Festival—During school day at OEHS

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

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

Wind Ensemble—Extra rehearsals and early calls:

- 4/6 (Monday)--6:50 AM
- 4/9 Thursday—SEMINAR
- 4/10 (Friday)--6:50 AM
- 4/14 (Tuesday)--6:50 AM
- 4/16 (Thursday—Contest Day!)—Early call time TBD based on judges' arrival times.

OE Jazz Festival—April 7, 7:00 PM in OE Commons

Bring some snacks and your favorite school friendly beverages and enjoy some great music, featuring performances by the California Trail Jazz Band, the Pioneer Trail Jazz Band, and the OE Night Hawks! This is a fun and informal concert so come on out and support our area jazz programs.

- Call time for OE Jazz students is 6:30 PM
- Concert attire is all black.

Wind Ensemble Auditions April 9-10:

Students interested in auditioning for wind ensemble will record their auditions during class on April 9 and 10. Audition material can be found here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kRI_apzOA09_1I6ToFvNnxZUnKgrLh3V/view?usp=sharing

Solo/Ensemble Festival—April 11 @ OSHS:

- The schedule for the regional solo ensemble festival is linked here:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/17xmb5FqH2nIncq6JUtY8w4VJ8vtXW9S/view?usp=drive_link
- For general festival info, you can find the festival manual here:
<https://bit.ly/2026RegionalSEinfo>

Pre-Contest Concert, *Featuring Crossroads Wind Symphony*—April 14, 7:00 PM

- All band students in Concert Band, Symphonic Band, or Wind Ensemble will perform their contest selections. (Concert Band percussion is exempt from this performance)
- After the two high school bands perform, the Crossroads Wind Symphony will perform. This is an incredible group of professional musicians and band directors, under the direction of Dr. Paul Popiel. **All band students are expected to stay for the entire performance.** Trust me, it will be worth it! (Plus, you'll get to see me put down my baton and pick up my flute :)
- Attire is concert black uniforms.

State Large Group Festival (State Assessment) at OEHS

- **Wind Ensemble performs at 8:00 AM**
 - Early call time TBD—dependent on judges' arrival time.
 - Wear concert black to school, bring clothes to change into.
- **Symphonic/Concert Band performs at 1:00 PM**
 - Bring concert uniforms to change into for your performance at 1:00.
 - Attend classes as usual. You will be dismissed at 11:40 to change clothes. At 11:54, you will go eat 3rd lunch and then head to the band room to prepare for your performance. On stage warm up begins at 12:35.

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.***

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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