

Message From: Rebecca Fillingham

Subject: Band Update 8/23/26

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!

Three things remain at the top of our priority list—

1. **We still have a LOT of students that have not turned in their medical forms and policy agreements.** These will be a grade in the gradebook this week, and students will not be allowed to travel to events with the band until we have these forms.
2. **If you have not paid your band contribution, please do so ASAP.** If you need to set up a payment plan or need financial assistance with this, don't hesitate to reach out to the boosters at oehsbandboosters@gmail.com. We took a pretty big hit on our district allocated funds for the arts this year, so our fundraising and family contributions are more crucial than ever!
3. **Don't forget to order your band photos!** The deadline to order is September 5.

Calendar at a glance (FULL CALENDAR LINKED HERE):

Aug 24—Monday Night Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30 PM

Aug 31—**Band Booster Meeting 6:00 PM! All Parents Welcome!**

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Sep 11—**Home Football Game, call time 5:00 PM**

Sep 12—Old Settlers Day Parade, 10:00 AM

Sep 14—Monday Night Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30 PM

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Sep 19—Blue Springs South Marching Festival—All day!

Bus Chaperone Sign up--

If you want an easy way to get a behind the scenes look at what game day or competition day looks like for your kid, consider being a bus chaperone! We just need adults to take attendance on each bus and let us know if anyone is missing. That's it! Easy peasy. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E054AAEA829A5F85-58138443-marching>

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 Contributions:

- Marching Band Member--\$350
- Concert Band Member--\$50

*****If you need assistance making your uniform fee payment or your yearly contribution, please reach out to the Boosters (oebsbandboosters@gmail.com) or talk to Ms. Fillingham directly. No student will be excluded from marching band for financial reasons!*****

Band Forms

- If you did not fill out the transportation form and substance abuse policy during registration, 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.

OE BAND PICTURES are ready!

You can use the link below to access ordering a composite (large group with individual picture), Section Group pictures, and/or your child's individual pictures. Here are some tips/things to note:

1. You will have to use your email in order to access the gallery. This allows the photographer to have your information in case he has any questions for you about your order.

2. When ordering, although packages and all sizes of prints look to be available for each photo, **the composite and group pictures should not be ordered any smaller than an 8x10**. That information is on the site but just wanted to call your attention to it.
3. When ordering a **composite**, please know that it will be a picture of your child at the top! **There are directions online to put the image number of your child's individual picture that you would like to use in the comment section available to you when checking out.** Every child has 2 images to choose from. The image number can be found at the top of the screen when you click on the image of your child. It is a 4-digit number after your child's name. If you don't include an image number for the composite in the comments, the photographer will use the image you chose for individual prints/packages OR the image they feel is the best.
4. Don't forget to see that **BUTTONS are available!** What a fun way to support your child at games/events!
5. Please **share the site with family members** if they would like some pictures of your child! **The deadline for ordering all pictures is September 5.** After that, the site will no longer be available.
6. Just as a reminder, all pictures will be retouched (all facial blemishes will be minimized.)

<https://attigphotography.shootproof.com/>

This site can be easily navigated on most devices, though it is encouraged to use a computer to see the best detail as you choose what items you'd like.

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.

Booster Meeting—Aug 31, 6:00 PM in the Band Room:

If you have a student in band, YOU are a band booster. 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!

Home Football Game—Sep 11, Call time 5:00 PM:

Students will arrive in their SHOW SHIRT 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 12, 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 near the end of the parade this year.

All the best,

Rebecca Fillingham and Chad Reed

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