**Message From:** Rebecca Fillingham
**Subject:** Band Update 10/25/26

Greetings OE Band Families!

I think that despite a loss for the team, last Friday night was one of my favorite home games we've done in a while. The kids played well, they welcomed the middle school students with open arms, the glow show was awesome, and the vibes were positive and exciting. Congrats to the seniors on wrapping up your Friday Night Lights careers with a fun and engaging evening.

We are finally in the home stretch of this long season and we all want to walk off the field with our head high next weekend, knowing we did everything we could to have a killer final performance. Take care of your bodies, get rest and eat well. If you're sick, stay home, but do not be tempted to take a "personal day" from rehearsal this week. We need 100% attendance, no tardies, and high effort for these last few rehearsals. Let's do this!

## Calendar at a glance (FULL CALENDAR LINKED HERE):

**Oct 26—**LAST Monday Night Rehearsal! 6:30-8:30 PM
**Oct 31—KBA, Call time 6:30 AM, Prelims performance 9:30 AM at ANT-DAC**
**Nov 7—**District Band auditions at SMN
**Nov 9-11—**Full Band playing test (in class)

## KBA—October 31, call time 6:30 AM

The full schedule, itinerary, and festival handbooks are linked here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1a1DEStAwLTCDeCfkpk_XSEMKVlNbVxJS?usp=drive_link

## Full Band Auditions--November 9-11 in class

All band students have a playing test the week of November 9 that they will perform individually for Ms. Fillingham and Mr. Reed. These tests will determine ensemble and chair placement for next semester. Students can pick up hard copies of the audition music in class, or you can find it in Canvas.

## All District Band/Sousa Band Audition Fees:

If you signed up for KMEA or Sousa Auditions and have not yet paid your fees please do so ASAP!

- **KMEA All District Band—**Live auditions will be at Shawnee Mission North High School on Saturday, November 7. Students that sign up need to submit their $18 registration fee to Ms. Fillingham ASAP. Checks should be made out to Olathe East High School.
- **John Phillip Sousa Honor Band (Freshmen only)--** Band need to submit their $15 registration fee to Ms. Fillingham ASAP.
- *As always, if the audition fees are a financial burden to your family, do not hesitate notify Ms. Fillingham.*

## Mattress Sale Fundraiser—November 15, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

This fundraiser will be a little different from our previous fundraising efforts because this one will go directly to individual students to help offset the cost of their trip to Orlando OR to cover some or all of their band fees for next year. **Please tell your friends and family that might be in the market for a new mattress so they can purchase a great, name brand mattress at discounted price—and benefit your student as well!** Flyer is linked here!

## Special Arrangement Travel Forms:

***All students are required to ride the bus to and from performances***. If you need your student to arrive at or leave from a performance in some other way, you must fill out the special arrangement transportation form (linked HERE) and hand it in BEFORE we depart for the event. Students can also pick up a hard copy in the band office or find it on Canvas. No onsite transportation arrangements will be made.

All the best,

***Rebecca Fillingham and Chad Reed***

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