

## Message From: Rebecca Fillingham

### Subject: Band Update 5/5/2025

Hi everyone!

It has been a whirlwind week in the band department, with some outstanding performances by several of our groups. The Jazz band performed at the KCKCC Jazz Summit on Friday, and was selected as one of the week's top performing ensembles (only 14 groups out of over 70 were chosen for this distinction!) The drumline showcase on Saturday was a perfect blend of high quality musicianship and some very creative and funny skits. They absolutely crushed it! Finally, on Sunday, the Jazz band took to the stage again to open the Governor's Scholars Awards ceremony in Topeka. Needless to say, I had some sleepy kids in rehearsal this morning 😊

Speaking of keeping very busy—I've attached our 2025-2026 band calendar to this email for those of you that like to have the whole year all in one place.

### Calendar at a glance:

**May 6**—6:50 AM Wind Ensemble Rehearsal

**May 7-8**—Turn in Concert Uniforms during class

**May 8**—6:50 AM Wind Ensemble Rehearsal

**May 8**—Drum Major Auditions, 3:30 PM

**May 12**—6:50 AM Wind Ensemble Rehearsal

**May 12**—Spring Band Concert and Awards night, 6:00 PM in the OE Commons and Auditorium

**May 13-16**—Leadership team interviews (during class). **May 28**—Leadership Team Meeting, 9:00 AM

### Spring Concert/Awards—May 12 at 6:00 PM

Please join us in the commons to recognize the numerous accomplishments of our OE band students. We'll have cake and a few presentations, after which we'll move to the auditorium for our spring concert.

- **Attire: Students should dress professionally, as if attending a job interview.** All skirts should be knee length or longer, and shirts should cover the midriff. No shorts, sweatpants, sweatshirts, t-shirts, flip flops, jeans with holes, etc. If you have questions about whether your clothing is concert appropriate, please ask Ms. Fillingham BEFORE the evening of the concert. Your grade is partially tied to showing up in the appropriate attire. If you need help obtaining concert clothing, we are happy help!

- Student call time is 5:50 PM in the commons so that we can start awards promptly at 6:00 PM
- ***All band students perform at this concert.***

## Uniform Turn-in—May 7 and 8:

All students need to turn in their concert black band uniform on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Please make sure tuxes are in their garment bags and hanging neatly. Dresses should be hanging as well.

## Wind Ensemble Early Rehearsals

We have 6:50 rehearsals scheduled on the following dates for wind ensemble students:

- May 6
- May 8
- May 12

## Summer Dates!

I know many of you are making plans for the summer, so please keep the following dates in mind as you book your vacations:

### Pre-camp: June 2-5

- **June 2: New marchers, Leadership Team & Drumline report**, 7:00 AM-3:30 PM
- **June 3-5: All Orange and Blue Brigade members report**, 7:00 AM-3:30 PM
- **June 7: Camp Carwash-** Band carwashes are held at Meyer Music on Quivira. All members are required to fill a 90 minute shift. Shifts are as follows:
  - 10:00 -11:30—Trumpets, Mellos, and Saxes
  - 11:30-1:00— Flutes and Clarinets
  - 1:00-2:30—Low Brass and Drumline

### Band Camp: July 21-August 1

- **July 21-22: Drumline and Leadership Team Only**, 7:00 AM-3:30 PM

- **July 23-25: All Orange and Blue Brigade members report for camp, 7:00 AM-3:30 PM**
- **July 26: Camp Carwash at Meyer Music.** All members required to fill a 90 minute shift. Shifts are as follows:
  - 10:00 - 11:30: Flutes and Clarinets
  - 11:30 - 1:00: Low Brass and Drumline
  - 1:00 - 2:30: Trumpets, Mellos, and Saxes
- **July 28-July 31: Camp continues** for all members with the same schedule
- **August 1: Morning rehearsal** for all members 7:00-11:00 AM.

### **Retention Rehearsals:**

The calendar this year presents some challenges, with our first actual school rehearsal falling a full two weeks after our last day of band camp. Because of this, our Monday evening rehearsals start before classes begin, and we've scheduled one additional evening rehearsal to ensure we don't end up losing all the ground we covered during camp:

- **August 4:** Monday Night Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30 PM
- **August 7:** Bridge the Gap Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30 PM
- **August 11:** Monday Night Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30 PM

***Rebecca Fillingham and Chad Reed***

Olathe East High School Bands



## 2025-2026 Olathe East Band Calendar



June	
6/2	<b>Marching Band Pre-camp</b> 7:00 AM-3:30 PM New marchers, Leadership team, Drumline Report to camp
6/3-6/5	<b>Marching Band Pre-camp</b> 7:00 AM-3:30 PM All marching students report
6/7	<b>Pre-camp Car Wash</b> 10:00 AM-2:00 PM At Meyer Music

July	
7/21-7/22	<b>Drumline and leadership camp</b> 7:00 AM-3:30 PM Leadership team, Drumline Report to camp
7/23-7/25	<b>Marching Band Camp</b> 7:00 AM-3:30 PM All marching students report
7/26	<b>Camp Car Wash</b> 10:00 AM-2:00 PM At Meyer Music
7/28-8/1	<b>Marching Band Camp</b> 7:00 AM-3:30 PM All marching students report

August	
8/1	<b>Orange and Blue Barbecue</b> 6:00 PM All marching students, families and friends!
8/4	<b>Monday Night Rehearsal</b> 6:30-8:30 PM
8/7	<b>Bridge the Gap Rehearsal</b> 6:30-8:30 PM
8/11	<b>Monday Night Rehearsal</b> 6:30-8:30 PM
8/18	<b>Monday Night Rehearsal</b> 6:30-8:30 PM
8/19	<b>Meet the Instrument Night</b> Time TBD Leadership team only
8/21	<b>Forms and Fees Night</b> 5:30-7:00 PM Immediately preceding Back to School Night
8/25	<b>Band Booster Meeting</b> 6:00 PM—All Band Parents! <b>Monday Night Rehearsal</b> 6:30-8:30 PM

September	
9/4	<b>Old Settlers Opening performance</b> Time TBD <b>Home Football Game</b> @ CBAC 5:00 PM Call 7:00 Game
9/6	<b>Old Settlers Day Parade</b> 10:00 AM
9/8	<b>Monday Night Rehearsal</b> 6:30-8:30 PM
9/15	<b>Booster Meeting</b> 6:00 PM—All Band Parents! <b>Monday Night Rehearsal</b> 6:30-8:30 PM
9/19	<b>Band Pictures</b> 4:00 PM <b>Home Football Game</b> @ CBAC 7:00 PM <b>Middle School Night!!</b>
9/20	<b>Blue Springs Marching Festival</b> All Day
9/22	<b>Monday Night Rehearsal</b> 6:30-8:30 PM
9/27	<b>Saturday Field Rehearsal</b> 8:00 AM-12:00 PM
9/29	<b>Monday Night Rehearsal</b> 6:30-8:30 PM
9/30	<b>Fall Band Concert</b> 7:00 PM @ OEHS Auditorium

October	
10/3	<b>Home Football Game</b> @ CBAC 5:00 PM Call 7:00 Game—Homecoming
10/6	<b>Olathe Marching Exhibition</b> @ CBAC 7:00 PM
10/10	<b>Afternoon Marching Rehearsal</b> 1:00-3:30 PM
10/11	<b>Olathe Marching Invitational—All Day</b>
10/13	<b>Band Booster Meeting</b> 6:00 PM—All Band Parents! <b>Monday Night Rehearsal</b> 6:30-8:30 PM
10/16	<b>Home Football Game</b> @ CBAC 5:00 PM Call 7:00 Game—Senior Night and Glow Show
10/17	<b>Afternoon Marching Rehearsal</b> 1:00-3:30 PM
10/18	<b>KBA? All Day</b>
10/20	<b>Monday Night Rehearsal</b> 6:30-8:30 PM
10/25	<b>KBA? All Day</b>
10/30 or 31	<b>Possible Playoff Football Game</b> @ CBAC 5:00 PM Call

November	
11/4	<b>Exec Board Meeting</b> 7:00 PM
11/6 or 7 11/14 11/21	<b>Possible Home Football Playoff/State Games</b>
11/8	<b>District Band Auditions</b> @ SMN 7:00 AM-6:00 PM

December	
12/4	<b>Heavy Metal Christmas</b> @ MNU 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
12/5	<b>Pep Band</b> 6:00 PM (Varsity Boys only)
12/6	<b>District Band Festival</b> @ Blue Valley HS
12/8 (stage 12/5 and 12/8)	<b>Winter Band Concert</b> @ OEHS auditorium, 7:00 PM
12/9	<b>Exec Board Meeting</b> 7:00 PM
12/12	<b>Drumline Performs at CT</b>
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January	
1/9	<b>Pep Band</b> 5:30 PM
1/13	<b>Pep Band</b> 5:30 PM <b>Middle School Night!</b>
1/17	<b>State Band Auditions</b> @ Salina South, all day
1/20	<b>Band Booster Meeting</b> 7:00 PM—All band parents!
1/23-1/24	<b>John Phillip Sousa Honor Band</b> @ KU Lied Center
1/24	<b>State Band Auditions (Contingency Date)</b> @ Salina South, all day
1/27	<b>OE Area Band Concert</b> 7:00 PM in Gym

<b>February</b>	
2/3	Pep Band 5:30 PM
2/7	Regional Piano Festival
2/10	Exec Board Meeting 7:00 PM
2/13	Pep Band 5:30 PM
2/17	Pep Band 5:30 PM
2/21	State Piano Festival
2/27	Pep Band 5:30 PM
2/26-28	KMEA State Music Convention Wichita, KS

<b>March</b>	
3/3-3/7	Potential State Basketball Tourney @ WSU
3/24	Band Booster Meeting 7:00 PM—All Band Parents!
3/30	Freshman Marching Band Auditions 3:45 PM
TBD	Middle School Solo Ensemble?

<b>April</b>	
4/1	Symphonic Band Festival @ OE 8:00-11:00 AM
4/1	MNU Jazz Festival afternoon time TBD
4/2	Wind Ensemble Festival @ OE 8:00-11:00 AM
4/3	Drumline Auditions 3:45 PM
4/7	OE Area Jazz Festival 7:00 PM in OE Commons
4/11	Regional Solo Ensemble Festival @ OSHS
4/14	Contest Warm Up Concert 7:00 PM
4/16	State Large Group Festival @ OEHS
4/21	New Marcher Meeting and Band Booster Meeting 6:00 PM
4/25	State Solo Ensemble Festival @ Washburn Rural
TBD	KCKCC Jazz Summit

<b>May</b>	
5/2	OE Percussion Show 3:00 PM Dress Rehearsal, 7:00 PM show
5/12 (Stage 5/11-12)	Spring Concert and Awards Night 6:00 PM in Commons and Auditorium