

Message sent from Olathe Public Schools

Parents and Students:

We have our first two days of hybrid in the books! It has been so great to see students in person and be able to interact with them easier!

I will send out our regular weekly update later this week. However, I wanted to highlight a need for the program and I didn't want it to get lost in a longer email so I am sending out this request as a stand- alone email.

Every year the Band Boosters ask for a suggested contribution from those families that can afford to give. Since we are a 5013C not-for-profit organization these donations can be deducted on your taxes.

On a typical year the boosters receive the suggested contribution donation from about 80% to 90% of the families in the band program. We build our booster budget around an estimation that we will see 75% of families donate just so that we are being conservative. That means on a given year we fully expect 25% of parents to not be in the financial place where they can donate and we are still able to fully cover all of our bills.

Knowing that many families are facing very tough financial situations this year we built the booster budget around an estimation that we would see only 50% of the suggested contributions. So far we have only had around 25% of the families contribute the suggested contribution.

We still have many bills that we have to pay this year, even though we are not doing all the activities we would do in a typical year. However, there were enough expenses that are canceled that we were able to lower our requested number for marching band.

- We are asking for a suggested contribution of \$50 for students in Concert Band (3rd and 7th hour) for this year.
- We are asking for a suggested contribution of \$175 for students in Marching Band (1st and 2nd hour) for this year.

I had sent this out an email earlier in the year, but it was in a very long email. I don't want anyone to feel pressure to contribute if it doesn't work for your family please disregard this email. I know many families are in very challenging financial times right now. However, if you are in the financial place to contribute and you just forgot, the best way to contribute is to visit the band website at www.oeband.com

There is a button right on the front page where you can contribute electronically. If you would like to send in a check with your child to school that would be great as well (checks made out to Olathe East Band Boosters). If you would prefer to pay in smaller monthly installments or later in the year that would also be great as well. I hate to bother everyone with a financial email (especially with everything else that is going on) but it is so important for our program that we can still pay our bills and continue to move forward. Please email me with any questions.

Thanks,

Mr. Smikahl