

Parents and Students

Please see the information below about OE band classes and activities. We are in the process of getting an online store operational for OE spirit wear orders. More information to come soon on this topic.

3rd Hour Concert Band

Next week we will get some new music as we try to determine the most effective way to teach in the hybrid schedule with unique instrumentation in each class. We are close to having the new LMS system operational and once it is I will schedule their first playing test over music we have been working on in class.

4th Hour Jazz Combo

Next week we will start learning some basic jazz theory and learn how to solo over chord changes instead of just using the Blues Scale. Students have access to a play-along-track that they can use to practice their improvising while playing with a virtual rhythm section.

7th Hour Concert Band Percussion Class

With our in person students we have been working very hard on mallets and are close to having all 12 major scales learned. Virtual students are learning different warm-up exercises in the drumline packet. They have been assigned Monster Bucks for next week.

Marching Band and Drumline 1st and 2nd Hours

As I mentioned in an earlier email this week, we are hosting a playoff game this week. Report time for the students in 5:00 p.m. at OE so we can rehearse. I plan to end the rehearsal by 6:00 p.m. so students can get out to the stadium around 6:30 p.m. If this plan causes transportation challenges please let me know and we can excuse your student from the rehearsal. Leadership team students need to report at 4:45 p.m. so we can have short meeting. Once again, students need to wear their dry fit shirt, jeans, and tennis shoes but they can wear as many layers under as they want and they can bring a coat, gloves, and a hat. For this game the parent tickets will still work. If you lost your tickets and were added to the admit list last week your name will still be on the list. Please email me if you need added to that list. We are playing the lowest ranked seed in the bracket so there is a very good chance we will win on Friday night. If we win we would host another playoff game next week and would perform at it. For the game next week parents would be required to purchase tickets.

District Band Auditions

I sent information to student emails today about the process for getting me recordings so I can load them on the audition site. I will need those by Tuesday so that I can have them loaded by the deadline on Wednesday. They are not accepting any late auditions so it will be very important for students to take care of this over the weekend. Students should read the instructions very carefully to make sure they are performing the correct portions of the material and following all of the recording rules.

Fundraiser

As I mentioned in my last email, we have a wonderful opportunity to make money for the program in a short 30 minute window without selling anything! I now have more details about how it will work. Reading the information it sounds like there will be a short post event survey they will send you. This will be very important because the first year we did this fundraiser they only gave us the money for the people that completed the survey so please don't forget this important step. Please reach out to family members and friends here or out of town that would be willing to watch the video and take a short survey to benefit the band. We get \$25 per participant!

The event will be held on Thursday, November 12th at either 1:00 to 1:30 or 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. You only need to attend one session.

The virtual sessions will be limited (just as the in-person events) to one household (address). However, if one family were to use multiple addresses (work address, etc.) there would be no way for the system to know.

We now have a link to the event! <https://dtg.events/XW4WPB>

With this link, you and all of the participants, can go in between now and the start of the event to register. Once you register, you receive a link via email that you will need to join the session on November 12th at whatever timeslot you choose. Every participant that registers will receive a unique link so Lincoln can track them and know where to send the post event survey. Basically, once you use the link to register, everything is automatic.