

Message sent from Olathe Public Schools

Parents and Students:

Included in this email is important information about plans to transition back to remote learning. Students should reference this information **prior** to classes on Monday.

### **Celebration!**

Continuing our success with recent auditions I wanted to congratulate the members of the band that auditioned into the John Phillips Sousa Honor Band! This is a highly competitive process and we are very proud of these freshmen that were selected!

Claire Heigele- Clarinet in the Blue Band

Jordan Culton- Bass Clarinet in the Blue Band

Julia Sibson- Trumpet in the Blue Band

Jackson Bowman- Tuba in the Red Band

### **Zoom Information**

Mrs. Lane emailed this information out last week, but all students will now be required to keep their cameras on during instruction. For students that want to keep their surroundings private during their zoom they can use a background. Here is a link with instructions on how to install a background and then a separate link with some Olathe East backgrounds.

HOW TO VIDEO:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/210707503-Virtual-Background>

OEHS Backgrounds:

<https://oeathletics.com/oe-hawks-zoom-backgrounds/>

Additionally, it will be helpful for us to have all students with the most recent Zoom update loaded so that they can choose their own breakout rooms instead of needing to be assigned. Students please run this update to make sure you are current.

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362233-Upgrade-update-to-the-latest-version>

I also wanted to remind Symphonic Band students that you will be using a link the Mrs. Creek emails out and Wind Ensemble students will use the link that is inside of Synergy.

### **Tuba Christmas**

Like most events this year, this event has been transitioned to a virtual event. I am not planning on registering students, but for any baritone or tuba players that want to register on your own and participate in the event I have included instructions. Students who participate will then be eligible to get this year's button (for those of you that have been collecting them for a long time). Below is the message I received from the Kansas City Symphony:

Merry TubaChristmas!

It may look a bit different, but the spirit of TubaChristmas continues this year with a virtual event on **Thursday, December 3 at 6pm**. Registration is now open to participate in the Kansas City Symphony's Virtual TubaChristmas PlayAlong! Tuba and Euphonium players may register to play-along with this virtual ensemble to earn a TubaChristmas 2020 button. The performance includes "Silent Night," "Adeste Fideles," and a new commission of "What Child Is This" by Gail Robertson. After registering to perform, play-along with this virtual ensemble any time between December 3 and December 20 to earn your TubaChristmas 2020 button. Take it a step further and post a picture of yourself and your instrument showing your holiday spirit – the three "best-dressed" performers will receive some TubaChristmas Swag and entry to next year's TubaChristmas event. Registration is \$10.

The event will premiere on Thursday, December 3 and will be available online throughout the holidays! Information on where to watch will be available soon. We couldn't let a year go by without some TubaChristmas cheer and hope you'll help keep the tradition alive through your own participation. Please share with students, friends, family and low brass enthusiasts.

[\*\*REGISTER ONLINE HERE\*\*](#)

[ORDER TUBACHRISTMAS MERCH HERE](#)

As always, thank you for supporting the Kansas City Symphony! We're here for you and can't wait to share this virtual experience with you!

Best,

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Thanks,  
Mr. Smikahl