

Subject **Marching Band: Time Sensitive Marching Band Information**
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This is a marching band email, if your child is in 3rd or 7th hour and you received this email by accident please delete.

Parents:

We were disappointed that we had to cancel the Parent Preview performance but unfortunately the rain continues to work against us this year. Several parents asked about the possibility of rescheduling the event and unfortunately that is not a possibility. It is extremely difficult to book the district fields and I usually start the process back in February.

The good news is that we will perform the entire show on Thursday evening. Report time for the students Thursday is 5:00 p.m. We will perform one movement of the show at halftime and then recognize seniors and their parents at halftime of the football game. Parents of seniors should come down to the front sideline at the start of the halftime performance and line up in alphabetical order by last name. Immediately following the shortened halftime performance seniors will exit the front of the field and join their parents in line. They will be announced and have their picture taken. We have confirmed with each senior who will be there to walk with them. If plans change please let us know and me or Mrs. Creek can fill in if needed. Seniors will perform the halftime performance without their hat and with a different uniform front so that they are identifiable by the crowd. Since we have limited home games this year we will be performing our entire show after the game on Thursday night and seniors will be back in full uniform.

Parents of non-senior students we could really use some extra hands on Thursday night moving equipment off the field after the halftime performance. The football team can be assessed a penalty if we do not vacate the field quickly enough, which obviously we want to avoid at all costs. Many of our regular crew of helpers are parents of seniors. Even if you have never helped before and are able to come help roll pit equipment on and off the field that would be very much appreciated.

The primary purpose of this email is to let parents know of a schedule change moving forward. In an effort to make up for some of the lost rehearsal time on Saturday we are going to start holding Monday night rehearsals at **6:30 p.m.** instead of 7:00. This slight change will give us an hours worth of daylight outside tonight which at this stage is critical. I recognize that this is short notice so if a student needs to come tonight at 7:00 that is fine. This is a permanent change for the rest of the season. We will finish at 8:30 and not 9:00 p.m. so please make sure to adjust pick up plans for students that cannot drive so that the staff can leave on time. We have many students that are willing to give students a ride if needed, please let us know.

Next Monday night is the District Festival. In the age of open transfer programs in Olathe I always feel like this is the single most important performance of the year for our band program as many of the 8th grad band students across the district will be in attendance. Report time for students is 5:00 p.m. in the band room just like a normal home game. We perform first at this event and we hope to get out to the field a little early so we can run through a few things in the stadium before it fills up so it will be important that we leave on time that evening.

We still have a few students with issues with their forms that we need to wrap up immediately. I plan to talk to all of them individually tonight at rehearsal to come up with a plan to get them turned in.

Shoes and gloves are in and we are ready to collect payments. If your child ordered shoes they are \$35 and payment should be made to Olathe East. Gloves will be handed out on Thursday night and are \$5. Percussion does not need gloves. Please send in a check with your child as soon as possible to cover these costs.

Thanks,
Mr. Smikahl