

Subject **Marching Band: Marching Band update for the week of 9/3**
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Parents and Students:

I wanted to send out a quick update as we enter our first major performance week. Hopefully everyone enjoyed a nice long weekend and we are ready to head into Old Settlers week!

We are the first high school band in the parade this year! We are actually entry number 1! So, we should be home by the time the last high school band steps off in the parade! Our report time will be 7:30 a.m. in the band room and the bus will leave at 8:00 a.m. Not everyone has their dry fit shirts yet so we will have students that have them wear them, and students that do not will wear their grey show shirt. Please don't forget calf length black socks!

To date, we have had three required pass-offs that the students should have completed. The warm-up music, our opener, and our parade song. Grades for the warm-up and opener are in the grade book. The grades for the parade song will be entered by the end of this week. We are trying to do better this year about getting those grades entered in a more timely manner. I know there are a few that need to be updated, but most of them are accurate. A reminder for those parents that were not able to attend the back to school night meeting: students who have not passed off their music will not be allowed to perform at the first home football game and will lose their performance points for that event. We talk about this often, but it is critical that everyone is "pulling on the rope in the same direction" and students who have not learned their music are pulling against us. If we have already made other arrangements with your child because of medical issues or other challenges then this deadline does not apply to them.

There are several parents that didn't get a chance to order spirit wear at the Orange and Blue BBQ and were interested in still ordering. We are actually preparing for one more order, but it will be with a different vendor than we used this summer. More information coming soon.

I will send out an email next week that details the first home football game, which is next Friday September, 13th. In my 21 years at East we have never had only 3 home games in a season. I hope that you are able to come out and see all of the hard work that the students are putting into this year's show.

Thanks,

Mr. Smikahl