

Subject **OE Marching Band Update**
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Parents and Students:

I have received some questions about enrollment now that it is officially open to parents. Some parents have asked if students are enrolled in virtual learning can they still come to the 7 a.m. rehearsals and be in the field show. I had two different zoom meetings today with band staff to work through this (and many other) questions. Later this week KSHSAA is going to be releasing more information about what the fall will look like for both activities and sports. If you have questions or concerns regarding these types of issues, I encourage you to wait until later in the week to enroll. I should have more information by then and be more prepared to answer that specific question as well as others as they relate to the field show.

One of my biggest challenges right now is I do not know if we will have 5 kids opting to do virtual learning or 50. As you can imagine, this could dramatically affect how our field show looks and how we move forward from here. If you have already made the choice to do virtual learning and would be able to just send me an email with that information that would really help me get a feel for what the fall might look like for the Brigade. If you haven't decided yet that is not a problem, it would just be helpful to have at least some direction on these numbers.

Additionally, this is a follow-up to the email I sent out on Friday. Below is the information about the online auction. I had a former student teacher already text me and he is convinced that he will be the one that gets to throw a pie in my face!

Thanks,
Mr. Smikahl

This week we will start our "Orange and Blue Brigade Virtual Auction", July 28th at 8pm to July 30th at 8pm. You can view the items anytime now using this link <https://www.32auctions.com/OEBand>. We have a lot of great items to sell this year, including many traditional items like the reserved parking spots outside the band room at OE and Restaurant Row gift cards. We also have many wonderful baskets including a Car basket with car wash/tire/oil change gift certificates and also a Family Fun Night basket with games, candy and gift cards to AMC and Blade and Timber Axe Throwing. Of course there is also plenty of OE spirit wear and blankets etc, and this year we have some beautiful paintings by our own Kimberlyn Angelo! You will not want to miss out! Please feel free to share this link with any family or friends that would like to shop and support the band. Once the auction starts you will need to create a simple account using your name and email address, and all purchases will be made securely with a credit card or PayPal on the website. You will pick up your items after the auction, Friday July 31 from 4-6pm or Saturday August 1 from 8-10 am at the home of the Newkirks, 13109 W. 128th Place OP. Shipping is also available on most items for the price listed on the site (varies per item), and other times can be arranged for pick up as well, if those days don't work. We are so excited for everyone to see the great items up for bid!

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