

Parents and Students:

As we make our last push towards the end of the year we continue to have many events happening and items to cover. As always please email me if you have questions.

State Solo Ensemble

If you qualified for State I have attached a document with times and general information for the day. I also have maps available if you would like one. I can only attach one document to Charms emails so please email me if you would like a campus map of Washburn Rural. They put up a lot of signs so it is pretty easy to navigate. As always, students are traveling with either their parents or riding with another student's parent. Students are not allowed to drive themselves since it is out of town. One word of advice if you have not traveled to Washburn Rural. If you miss the correct exit on the highway there is literally not another exit for at least 30 miles. This has happened to parents in the past and even happened to me last year. Make sure you follow a map on your phone very carefully! Like Regionals, it usually takes at least an hour for ratings to be posted. Students are free to leave once they perform. I strongly suggest arriving an hour before your performance time to allow time to park, warm-up, and find your performance room.

Marching Band

I need to send finalized numbers to our drill number by next Tuesday. I am going to send out a separate email with just the marching calendar attached. Please let me know about any conflicts by next Tuesday. Our success as a marching program is really built around having all the students at rehearsals and events. Students who do not attend camps without prior approval from me may be removed from the show.

Jazz Festival

Tomorrow the Nighthawks travel to KCKCC for the jazz festival. We plan to leave at 11:00 a.m. and won't return until around 7:00 p.m. If you have free time we would love the support tomorrow as we compete in the Basically Basie Competition. We perform at 4:15 p.m. on the campus of KCKCC. There are signs to direct you to the correct building. There are going to be some outstanding bands from as far away as South Dakota. We would love to see some familiar faces in the crowd cheering LOUDLY for us!

Seniors

Please email me a senior picture by Monday, April 30th if possible to be included in the senior slide show. A reminder for senior parents that we will recognize all the senior students and their parents at the end of the concert so we hope you can attend.

Spring Concert

The spring concert will be held at 6:00 p.m. on May 7th. We will start in the commons area with cake, some large group awards, and some small ensemble performances. We will then move to the auditorium for the rest of the performances. I would love to create a slide show of the trip if students can email me some of their favorite pictures from the trip we will play the slide show at the concert.

Thanks,
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