

Subject **OE Band Update 5-13-20**  
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Parents and Students:

I wanted to provide a few quick updates before the Virtual Banquet on Thursday and other year end information.

### **Virtual Banquet**

A reminder that the event will start at 7:00 p.m. and will probably last somewhere around a half hour. We are asking that only one device per household joins so that we don't go over our attendance limit. We will record the event and post it on the locked side of the website so that anyone that wants to watch it later can view it. A reminder to access the locked side of the website please click on the members only tab and enter the password "Hawks". We ask that during the event everyone please keep their device on mute. During the event we will present the senior memory videos, recognize letter winners, our annual awards, announce the Wind Ensemble and Drumline Rosters for next year, and also reveal our Drum Majors for 2020. The zoom link for the banquet is here:

Topic: OEHS Band Awards Banquet

Time: May 14, 2020 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://olatheschools.zoom.us/j/93139127271?pwd=cnJRZVhSOFc3Y3B6Y0IHVWJ4OHBJdz09>

Meeting ID: 931 3912 7271

Password: 549307

With regards to the senior memory videos I wanted to make sure that everyone that sent me one is represented. My big worry is missing someone because an email did not go through. Here is the list of seniors that we have received videos from: Jarrett Heller, Logan Van Dyke, Grant Clark, Sarah Barrett, Colton Wheatley, Aaditya Pore, William Wahaus, Anna Kolb, Laurel Carder, Brandon Tyrell, Luke Horsch, Ethan Wootton, Braden Black, Gwynna Purdy, Ian Wilson, Blake Smith, Hunter Gjovig, Jack Gabrielson, Sam Hoyer, Courtney Crews, Kenda Mannes, Ximena Leon, Aaron Bethel, Courtney Kearney, Brendan Mura, and Tristin Gibbins.

I recognize not all seniors will be able to send a video. However, if you thought you sent one and are not listed above please contact me ASAP!

### **Band Website**

Speaking of the band website please remember to check it often this summer. We expect a lot of updates to come in throughout the summer and we will try to update the website often with the most current information. You can access it at [www.oeband.com](http://www.oeband.com). Once we get into summer they will lock me out of my gradebook and it became very difficult for me to communicate via email. Check our social media accounts and our website for important updates!

### **Leadership Team Interviews**

Looking ahead to next week we will be scheduling leadership team interviews for the students interested in being a section leader, squad leader, or field captain. We will hold those interviews on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> in the morning. Instead of having you email me I am going to send out a sign-up genius link later this week where you can sign up for your interview time.

### **Band Supplies and Equipment Drop-off Directions**

Finally, I wanted to share information about dropping off band supplies for next week. There was an email from administration that caused some confusion. We will be doing drop off for band between 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. The other dates are for your other school supplies like text books. You cannot bring band stuff on the other drop off days and you can't bring textbooks on the 21<sup>st</sup>. This is in order to make sure items you are turning in do not get lost and you end up getting charged for them. With 2000 students in the building it is very important that we are extremely organized in this process. If you are an underclassmen and you are planning on playing in band next year you do not need to bring anything that day. We will collect all of your items in the fall once we are all back at school. If you are senior, or you are an underclassmen and are not enrolled in band next year we need you to bring the following items up to East the morning of the 21<sup>st</sup>:

- Your tuxedo in its garment bag or your concert dress. Because dresses do not have garment bags please put a trash bag over the dress. Make sure your tux or dress are on a hanger as we will have garment racks outside and will be loading them as we unload vehicles. Please make sure your uniform is clearly labeled with your first and last name on a piece of masking tape on the bag. A sticky note on the dress or tux will fall off and you may end up getting charged for the cost of the dress so please make sure it will stay on. Please make sure to launder the dress and hang dry it before you bring it back. We will dry clean the tuxes so just make sure you have all the pieces including the cummerbund and bow tie.
- All of your music that are original copies and belong to the school. Music is extremely expensive so please do not hold on to anything. If you can't tell if it is a photocopy or an original please go ahead and turn it in.
- Your school instrument (if you play one). Please make sure all personal items are out of the case.

The process for that day will be to come to West side of the building and line up outside of the band room doors (door Z). Once it is your turn please pop your trunk or back hatch and have all the items that are being returned in the back. The administration has emphasized to **please do not get out of your vehicle.** It will go much faster and be much safer for everyone if nobody gets out of their vehicle.

Thanks,

Mr. Smikahl