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- Savers Donation Drive Flyer 2019.pdf (~320 KB)

Message From: Jeff Smikahl

Parents and Students:

I wanted to send an email with some information to help wrap up the semester and get us prepared for next semester.

General Information

- There are several students who missed the winter concert or one of the late season football games because of conflicts. The deadline for the make-up assignment for the lost points was last Thursday. However, I will go ahead and extend the deadline to this Thursday by 3:00 pm. **After that I will be unable to accept make-up work for those missed performances.** A missed required performance results in a loss of 21% of the grade so it is very important that they make up those absences. If students have individual questions they should see me tomorrow before school. If students miss a performance because they are ill we omit the grade so it doesn't count for or against them. This is in reference to students who missed for other reasons besides illness.
- There are around 25 students from marching season that have still not paid for their marching shoes. The shoes are \$35 and the gloves are \$5. If you are not sure if you still owe or not please email Mrs. Creek and she can let you know

Fundraising Information

As Mr. Smikahl mentioned at the winter concert, Band Boosters have two fundraisers coming up pretty quickly. The first is our winter Savers FUNDrive. We do Savers FUNDrives twice a year--during marching band pre-camp in early June and over winter break (so you get to clean your closets at the end of each semester). This year's winter drive will run from December 26 - January 13. Please encourage friends and family to participate. Donations should be in garbage bags or boxes (closed or with lids, if possible) and can be left by the band trailers in the SW corner of the OE parking lot. Volunteers will make daily trips to the trailer to load any donations, but please don't leave things at the trailers if it is raining or snowing. We make the most money on soft goods (clothing, shoes, bedding, blankets, etc.). See the attached flyer for more information. Savers also has a new online component to encourage more donations. Check it out at <https://fundrive.savers.com/e/oebandswintersaversfundrive>

Our next big fundraiser is OE Band Basket Bingo on Sunday, January 26. There is a lot of work to do between now and then. Our biggest need right now is people to go out and gather donations from area businesses or sign up to donate. Please check out the prizes signup here: [Prizes](#). We also need people to volunteer to help at the event and to prepare desserts/snacks for that afternoon. Please sign up here to volunteer: [Volunteers and Food](#). We are also looking for some creative people to help with basket assembly the week before the event. Sign up here if you can help assemble baskets: [Bingo Basket Assembly](#). As Mr. Smikahl mentioned at the concert, we need this event to be successful as it is how we pay for the marching show, and those expenses will be rolling in soon. Look for a flyer to come home soon so you can encourage friends and family to purchase tickets to Bingo.

Thanks, and have a wonderful winter break.

OE Band Boosters

Percussion Information

- Drumline Students: The drumline battery(drums) and cymbals (no mallet instruments) have been asked by the district to perform at our district wide in-services on January 7th. They will perform from 7:50 a.m. to 8:10 a.m. and from 12:30 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. that day. I am meeting with district staff this week and will have more information soon.
- Information on the scheduled fundraiser:

Percussion Parents,

fundraising for Hen House sacking has been cancelled from December 21st to December 24th. We did not have enough availability during these days and would not have been able to cover the shifts adequately. We do have records of the totals for the percussionist who participated during the two opportunities, and will be providing those to you prior to the final payment of the trip is due.

- Hen House was very complimentary about the group and said they would hire any of them and would always let them do any fundraisers in the future.

Everyone have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
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All State Audition Information

- I have spoken with the students who have qualified to audition for State. We are still planning on going to Salina on Friday the day before the auditions, taking a charter bus, and staying over night. However, I told the students that the cost will be higher than in the past. I have been charging a small fee in the past but it was not covering the full cost of the trip. Unfortunately with budget cuts I do not have the funds to supplement the cost of the trip. Once the cost of the charter bus and rooms is finalized I will let everyone

know the cost but I am estimating it will be closer to \$100 this year instead of the \$40 we have done in the past. As always, if you require financial help for this expense please send me an email.

Thanks,
Mr. Smikahl
