

Message sent from Olathe Public Schools

Parents and Students:

We made good progress this week getting kids setup and starting some virtual rehearsals. Mrs. Creek and myself learned a lot about what is going to work and what we will need to change to be more successful. While it is certainly not ideal, I am proud of the kids for making the most out of it so far.

We had an issue on Friday with a student in one class letting other students into our class. Because of this issue please be aware of the following procedures. We will be using the zoom link that is generated in Synergy (studentvue), not the link we were using last week. Remote learners (students who did not choose in person), when we use the link in Synergy it doesn't work for you. Please email us each day and we will send you the link. The district is working on fixing the problem so hopefully this will just be for a few days. Every student must have their correct name displayed on the screen or we will not let you in to the zoom. We will no longer be able to hit the "admit all" button when letting students in to class so it will take us longer to get everyone into the zoom class. A reminder if you are emailing about links or connection issues to email both myself and Mrs. Creek. A lot of times if I am teaching Mrs. Creek is working to solve all of the tech issues.

- **I will be up at East today from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.** If you are still needing a school instrument this would be a great time to come get it. I know not all students have access to a printer at home. Playing the music in class will be much easier if you print it out instead of trying to view everything online. If anyone would like, I can print off your music for you and then you can just swing by and pick it up today. Please email me and let me know you are coming so I can have it ready for you.
- A reminder that attendance works the same way that it does during in person learning. If you are more than 10 minutes late joining the zoom you are counted absent. However, I know some of you are having connectivity issues. Please email both myself and Mrs. Creek on the same email if you get kicked out of the room and need back in.

Marching Band

- Bell covers were delivered on Friday. We will come up with a plan for getting those to the students. I don't want to use our valuable time at Monday night rehearsals trying to figure those out, I would rather get them in students hands this week. I have not had a chance to look at them yet so I don't feel like I am ready to pass them out today. I believe we have to individually cut each filter for each cover which will take a lot of time.
- As soon as I have an estimated delivery time on our performance masks I will finalize our first Monday night rehearsal.

Jazz Band

- A reminder to have a listening lesson ready for class this week. Any jazz piece you want to talk about that hasn't already been done in class.
- You have the most music right now in the LMS so you will definitely benefit from printing off your music or coming up to East and having me do it for you.

Drumline

- We have our first Monday night rehearsal of the year from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. tomorrow night. Please bring your own water and be masked up once you get out of your vehicle. Make sure you have your music in a three ring binder so the it is easier to manage outside. I would also suggest wearing ear plugs.

Concert Band

- This is the class that has the most missing instruments. Several of you have reached out and explained your situation which is great! If you haven't reached out yet and need help with an instrument please do so as soon as possible.

Freshman Percussion Class

- A reminder that you will have a playing text this week on all of the paradiddle rudiments. I will share with you in class how you will submit those to me for grading.

Thanks,

Mr. Smikahl