

Subject **Concert Band: Concert Band Update**
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Parents and students:

I wanted to send a quick update about activities in Concert Band. We have recently completed our first playing test and will be posting principal player positions soon.

This year I tried something new and handed out a hard copy of our calendar at Back to School Night. The information is also available on the band website at www.oeband.com, but there had been some requests for a hard copy so I still have some available if you like it. For 3rd and 7th hour classes they will have a concert on Tuesday, November 5th and on Monday, December 9th. In addition to these two performances I require students in these classes to attend the Olathe District Marching Festival on Monday, September 30th. They will bus with us both there and back. They should be in the band room at 5:15 to load the bus. I ask that they wear their orange Olathe East shirt they were given at the beginning of the school year. Students with schedule conflicts should see me for a way to make-up the points.

I also want to invite everyone to the booster meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the band room this evening. Most of the information shared this evening will be geared towards the students in marching band because of our upcoming contests, but for those parents who anticipate their child being a part of the marching band next year it is a great way to get plugged in and develop a better understanding of how marching season works.

Thanks,
Jeff