

Subject **Marching Band: Important Form/Fee Meeting Information**  
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- Band Handbook Final 2019.pdf (~449 KB)
- Lincoln Test Drive Letter Revised-1.docx (~18 KB)
- Substance-Abuse-Form-English-071218.pdf (~304 KB)
- Medical Form.pdf (~1.4 MB)
- Policy Awareness.pdf (~66 KB)

#### Parents and Students:

I hope everyone has had a fantastic summer and is ready for the new school year! I wanted to take a minute to share some important information about a meeting on Tuesday night. I have attached to this email the required forms, the band handbook, and information about a fundraiser that is detailed below. In addition, these forms will be on the restricted side of the band website. To access them and other important information go to [www.oeband.com](http://www.oeband.com) click on the members only tab and enter the password Hawks. Please email me if you have questions.

On Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. we will be having our Forms and Fees night. This is a come and go format, so we encourage everyone to not show up right at 5:30 to balance out the lines. We changed to this evening to a new format last year and found it to be very successful. The format is designed to give you as busy parents more flexibility working around other activities and back-to-school events and hopefully make it a quicker evening for you.

Starting at 5:30 p.m. we will have a parent available to notarize your mandatory medical form. **Students cannot participate in the OE band program unless this form is turned in and notarized.** This is by far and away the easiest way to take care of this form. We will have hard copies of the form printed off here along with the other required forms, but I have also attached the required forms to this email.

We will also have parents available to collect the required fees and suggested donations for the school year. The fee structure is as follows:

- Concert Band (3<sup>rd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> hour first semester)- There are not any required fees. The boosters do ask for a \$50 suggested contribution for each participating member to help offset the many things the boosters cover for the band. This is not required and if your family is not able to contribute please just send me an email and let me know.
- Marching Band (Hours 1, 2 first semester)- Marching shoes are required of all participating members of the marching band and cost are \$35. Gloves are \$5 and required for all sections except percussion. Those two fees are required, but they may not need to be purchased yearly depending on the condition of the equipment. The boosters also ask for a \$300 donation for marching band members. This can be paid at any time during the year, or even in installments. This goes towards many marching specific items like meals at contests, the cost of equipment trucks to haul instruments, the cost of the props for the field show, and the additional staff members for band camps. Again, it is not required but if you are able to contribute it would be very helpful to the band. Please email me if you will not be able to contribute.

However, the most important part of the evening is the Lincoln Test Drive. This is an amazing fundraiser we started two years ago that has been very successful and very easy! We will literally get \$20 a person for parents to ride or drive in a new Lincoln around the school. Last year we were able to make over \$5000 for the band with very little time commitment. And the best part is we are not selling anything!!! It is basically run by the boosters and there is zero pressure to purchase. The cars will be lined up right outside the band room in the West bus lane! The fundraiser operates off of mailing addresses so if you have college kids, grandparents, friends with a mailing address that will come drive a car around the school that would be very helpful!

In order to get your forms notarized for free this evening we are asking that one parent/guardian from each family take a very quick spin around the school so we could potentially raise as much as \$8000 for the band in one night!

Thanks,  
Mr. Smikahl

