

Parents and Students:

If you were unable to attend the booster meeting last night the minutes will be up on the band website soon. There is a lot of information in this email. I cannot attach multiple documents in Charms so I have to paste almost everything into this document which makes it very long. My apologies.

Thanks,

Mr. Smikahl

Reminders:

We have a 7 a.m. rehearsal tomorrow since it is not a block day. It will be cold, please dress appropriately.

We have a rehearsal from 1 to 3 on Friday afternoon and then a two hour break for students to go get their dinner (or they can bring a sack dinner with them). Report time for the game will be at 5 p.m. If rain is a problem we might end up canceling the afternoon rehearsal. I would email everyone if that happens. It will be cold at the game, students should dress in layers under their uniforms. Hoodies and jeans are not allowed under uniforms as they look bad. The Under Armor cold gear stuff (or something similar) works well under their uniforms. The same cold weather information applies to Saturday's contest.

SMN Marching Festival

Shawnee Mission North Marching Invitational

Saturday, October 13th 2018

Shawnee Mission North Stadium

Noon- Report Time

12:30 PM- Buses Depart

1:15 PM- Arrive at SMN

1:30 PM- Unload equipment and have students use the restroom

1:45 PM- Warm-up

2:15 PM- Mr. Smikahl heads to the field for finals order drawing- Mrs. Creek continues running warm-up

3:00 PM- Front ensemble leaves for Gate. Props are pushed into staging area.

3:15 PM- Front Ensemble at NE Gate

3:20 PM- Band at rear Gate

3:30 PM- Perform in Prelims

4:15 PM- Prelim awards

5:30 PM- Finals begin- order is decided by random drawing.

8:45 PM- Final awards

- In the event that weather is bad the start of the festival may be delayed up to three hours before it is canceled. In the event that weather looks worse later in the evening finals may be canceled.
- Everyone needs to be sure to be in full uniform, including the show shirt and tall black socks. We will be using the “E” version for the performance so please make sure we have our overlays buttoned on as well. You can have your jacket off when you get on the bus, but you need to have it on once you get off the bus. If we don’t get rained out, this will be a cold day. Please bring layers that you can put on under your uniform if you get cold. A reminder that you cannot wear hoodies under your uniform and I prefer the Under Armour type pants that are tight fitting and will not stick out under your uniform pants. Jeans will not work.
- Please eat lunch before you arrive at Olathe East. You will not have time to eat once we get off of the bus. You can bring your own money for concessions for the afternoon and the boosters will supply pizza for dinner.
- Everyone plays in finals at this competition. When we eat dinner will be decided by when we perform in finals. If we go early then we will eat after we perform. If we go in the middle or late we will eat before we perform.
- Please remember to “Keep it Classy”. Cheer for other groups during awards and only share positive thoughts when speaking to or about any other group. Please be gracious and humble in victory or defeat.
- Admission is \$10 and is good for prelims and finals. Children 4-12 and senior citizens are \$5. Free admission for military veterans. I do not know if the accept cards, so I would plan to bring cash.
- In the attempt to be fair and consistent among participating groups, the school grounds parking priority has been given to the bands not the spectators. Parents should park at the SM North east parking lot, the ATT parking lot (off-site parking) or the Mission Band parking lot located across the street. You can also use the surrounding neighborhoods. **Attached to this email is a map for spectator parking.**
- For those students who are leaving after finals with their parents please make sure you check in with Mr. Smikahl or Mrs. Creek and let them know that your parents have arrived and that you are leaving. We should have a travel slip on file prior to the event. No on-site arrangements will be accepted. Please do not leave without checking in, that results in a lot of extra time for staff members as we try to make sure you were not left in the stadium prior to departure.
- Orange and Blue Crew members we only get 15 wristbands for parent helpers from the festival organizers. If we have additional crew members I will try to pay for additional entry so that you do not have to pay out of pocket.

- We have a 15 minute total time slot which starts when the first person enters the field and stops when the last person exits the field. We will need to continue to be as efficient as possible with our setup and tear down to make sure we are not assessed a timing penalty. We had been waiting and letting the pit get a head start but we are no longer going to do that. We will have everyone enter the field at the same time.

Students should also bring a change of clothes that they can change into. If we perform early in finals we will change into warmer clothes (coats, gloves, etc.) and watch the remaining groups in finals. We may, or may not use this option depending on when we perform in finals. We are next to last in prelims. Groups in our division of prelims start at 2:30 for parents wanting to come early to watch.

KBA

We perform at 2:15 p.m. in prelims at KBA. Finals start at 7:00 p.m. Additional information will be emailed out next week.

BOA St. Louis

We may be one chaperone short still for this trip. Please email Mr. Smikahl if you are interested. Your hotel room (sharing with another chaperone) and ticket into the performance would be covered.

We are asking for the \$100 for the trip to be paid by October 22nd (or any time prior). Checks should be made out to Olathe East Band Boosters. We have the information from the cookie dough loaded into Charms. Please see information below about accessing Charms. If you want to use the money earned from cookie dough towards the trip please adjust your check amount accordingly and then include a note with the check that tells us to use those other funds.

We perform at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, October 26th. Much more additional information will be available soon.

Charms/Cookie Dough Information

Marching Band parents –

All profits from the cookie dough fundraiser have been entered into your student's CHARMS account. You can view these and any other credits to your student's account at any time in the following manner:

- 1.) Log on to the Charms website: www.charmsoffice.com
- 2.) Enter the school code: OlatheEHSBand
- 3.) Enter password - which is your student's five-digit student ID number, or if your child has changed it to a unique password, you will need to ask your student what that is. If they have forgotten their password, then they can ask Mrs. Creek to reset it.
- 4.) Once in CHARMS, click on the "Finances" icon to see your credit balance

OR – you may contact the OE Band Booster treasurer, Mitzi Black at mitziblack@msn.com to ask what your balance is.

As a reminder, the BOA St. Louis trip cost is \$100 and checks should be made payable to OE Band Boosters. If you would like to apply the credit in your CHARMS account toward this trip, then please deduct that amount from your check and include a note with your payment, or in the memo line of the check.

Also, if you have not yet had a chance to pay your band dues, you may send in a check payable to OE Band Boosters for \$300. Or, you may go to the band website at: oeband.com and click on the "members only" tab and enter the password "Hawks". From there, you will click on the "Payments" icon at the top of the page to find the dues payment form.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have!

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