

Subject **Marching Band: OE Marching Band Update 11-5**
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Parents and Students:

We will not be able to perform the half-time show on Friday evening because of some other student conflicts. We will plan to operate as a pep band just like we did last week. Students should report to the band room at 5:30 p.m. They may wear as many layers under their uniform as needed. I prefer stocking caps to be navy blue, black, or orange if possible. We will stay until the end of third quarter and then will be leaving early because of District Auditions the following morning. I am asking that students text their ride on the way home from the stadium so that we are able to lock up and get out of East as quickly as possible as Mrs. Creek and myself will have to be back at school very early on Saturday for auditions.

For the students that signed up for District Band Auditions they will be held Saturday morning here at East. The students need to be in a meeting in the gym by 7:30 a.m. There is not assigned times so students need to plan on being on site until mid-afternoon. A reminder that two key components of being selected are their ability to sight-read and how well they play their scales in addition to their etude. Encourage them to work on all aspects of their audition. I am asking that leadership team members stick around after their audition to help us break down rooms and clean up.

As I mentioned in a previous email, the first ever OMI was a great success! In an effort to provide Olathe South and Olathe North with as much information as possible in order to help them be successful as hosts next year we are asking for feedback from any parents that volunteered at the event. Thoughts on things that went well and things that need improvement would be very much appreciated. We already have a list of items that we will change to improve the festival, but we were obviously not in all the different locations during the event so the more information we gather the better. Here is a google doc

<https://forms.gle/VqycVuLCepKNjeRz8>

Please respond by Sunday, November 10th.

Thanks,
Mr. Smikahl