

Parents and Students:

Right now the weather does not look great for the performances this week. If anything is canceled because of weather it will be done at the district level. I will send an email and we will post on social media if any plans change. Until then, we will operate under the assumption that all events are still happening. In my 20 years in Olathe they have never canceled the parade so I always assume it is going to happen.

Thursday evening:

Report at 5:00 p.m. The bus leaves at 5:30 p.m. ONW performs at 7:00 p.m. and we go right after them. The performance is in the parking lot of the library downtown. Parking is a challenge so you if you plan to attend and cheer us on please leave extra time to find a spot. We will leave right after we perform and load.

Saturday morning:

Report at 8:00 a.m. The bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. We are entry number 146 in the parade which is the last high school band to march. The parade actually starts at 10 a.m. I would anticipate us not going until at least 11:15 or 11:30 but that is purely a guess.

The plan for cross country athletes is for those that are running Varsity or JV is for them to leave right after they run and drive over and try to meet us on site. They will need to have their uniforms with them and change in the car. If they are running with the C team I do not think they will be finished in time to march with us.

Looking ahead, we will start the cookie dough fundraiser next week. I have not received final information on which hotel BOA has assigned us for the St. Louis competition but there will be a charge of approximately \$100 per student for this trip. Once I have final numbers I will let everyone know, but the last time we went that is what it cost each student. The Cookie Dough fundraiser is designed to help offset the cost of the trip for students. If you are concerned about being able to pay for this trip please email Mr. Smikahl and we will work out a plan.

A final reminder that there will be a booster meeting next Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. in the band room. This is the best place to get additional information about marching events for the season. There are also some Sign Up Genius forms located on the booster's Facebook page for parents that are able to help with games and events.

Thanks,
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