

Parents and Students:

Once again, a big thank you to the all the parents who are helping with marching season. A special shout out to the Orange and Blue Crew. The props are much more labor intensive this year than year's past but really make a big difference to the show. I was really proud of how well the students performed on Monday night at the district festival. We are excited to start contest season next week.

There have been a lot of questions about plans for BOA. I will try to answer as many as possible in this email. We collected rooming sheets from students in class today. I hope to have room assignments done by tomorrow afternoon. Then I will have a better idea of how many rooms we have available for chaperones and will try to ask parents and get that finalized in the next few days. Once I am done with that I will send out information on the hotel we are using.

The students cost for the trip to St. Louis will be \$100 per student. By next week we will be able to let families know how much they made off of the cookie dough fundraiser. We are still waiting for a finalized invoice from the company. We are asking for families to please bring a check to the band office made out to the Olathe East Band Boosters by Monday, October 22nd so we have time to deposit the money so we can pay the hotel bill. If you need additional time to get the \$100 please email Mr. Smikahl. The \$100 will cover dinner on Friday, Breakfast on Saturday, and lunch on Saturday. Lunch on Friday will either be at the school, or will be a fast food lunch that they need to bring money for. They should also bring money for a fast food dinner on the way home Saturday. The \$100 will also cover the hotel room and will help cover the costs for equipment expenses for the trucks, trailers, and buses including rooms, gas, and parking costs for the drivers, etc. There will be concession stands available on Saturday and students should bring their own money for those as well. Many parents have asked about purchasing tickets in advance. That option is available, but most parents just wait and purchase them at the venue. For those parents that are unable to attend, there is a way to purchase a live stream of the performance. I will send out a link closer to the event.

The report time for the game on Thursday is 5:00 p.m. in the band room. We will wear our blue dry fit shirt under our uniform. However, the temperatures will be quite a bit cooler so students are allowed to wear additional layers underneath their uniform if needed. They are not allowed to wear jeans or hooded sweatshirts as they end up showing under their uniform. I suggest the Under Armour type clothing. That type of clothing is warm and fits under the uniform well. Some students find hand warmers to be helpful as well.

Thanks,  
Mr. Smikahl