

Subject **Time Sensitive Information for Olathe East Band**
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Message From: Jeff Smikahl

Parents and Students:

My philosophy of fundraising with the Olathe East Band program is to do as little as we can and still not have to cut any opportunities for the students. I know it is not fun for the parents to have to hassle with them, and it is certainly not my favorite part of my job. With this in mind we try to save the majority of fundraising for the year of our major trip (which is next year). In the meantime we host two large "event" based fundraisers every year that fill in some important gaps in funding and more importantly are a lot of fun for both the students and parents! As most of you know, my budget I receive from our principal was cut 21% last year. We are at the point where if these fundraisers are not successful we have to cut or limit experiences for the students. As many of you know, we have been one of the most successful marching bands not just in Olathe but in Kansas for the last several years. We have won numerous first place finishes and caption awards at contests including first in class in our division at every contest we went to this year. A large portion of the marching program being successful is we custom design our show and hire a drill writer and music arranger to write a show that is original to Olathe East. While it seems like a long ways away it is time to start that process again. We have designed a show and are ready to send it off to the music arranger to start writing it. However, before we can do that we have to know that we have the funds to pay for it. Below is the information about our annual BINGO event. This is how we pay for the show every year. The boosters do an amazing job with it and it has become a anticipated event that the community looks forward to. And the best part is while you are raising funds for the program you also have the chance to win prizes for yourself! We do not have a required amount of tickets we expect students to sell, but if every student who was in marching band or plans to be in it next year could sell two tickets we would cover our needed expenses for the field show. To purchase tickets please visit the band website at www.oeband.com The event is Sunday, January 26th from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Registration and refreshments begin @ 2:00 p.m. Please see the detailed information about some items still needed to make this event a success.

Thanks,
Mr. Smikahl

Band Parents,Band Basket Bingo is only 6 days away and we need your help to collect more donations from area businesses. Please review the sign up 'Bingo Donation Collection' to see the remaining donations needed, collect from the businesses, and deliver to the band office no later than Wednesday, January 22. Below are the local businesses that have not been contacted yet. Please review:

[Bingo Donation Collection \(New\)](#)

We have taken the stress out of asking for donations. Boosters have a script for you to use as well as the paperwork you need to give each business to show that this is a legitimate request. The documents you need are attached and descriptions are below.

1. Band Basket Bingo Requests--this is the script to use when asking for donations.
2. Letter of Legit--need to show to businesses so they know this is a legitimate event.
3. Tax ID form--need to show businesses that we are a 501(c)3
4. Updated bingo flyer

Once a donation is collected, email Rachel Hoyer to let her know what business and the dollar amount that has been donated. If you have an idea of a business that is not on the list, email Rachel at rchoyer@olatheschools.org to see if we have already collected a donation before approaching.Also, there are remaining slots open on the signups below if you are not able to collect donations- you can volunteer (it is all easy) or bring food. We still need Cookies, Pretzels, and Goldfish.

[Band Basket Bingo Volunteers and Food Donations](#)

Let's make this the best Bingo EVER!

Band Boosters



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