

Subject **OE Band important end of the year information**
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Parents and Students:

Since I use the gradebook to do my mass emails I will soon lose access to emails for a while until next year's files are moved over. With that in mind I wanted to send one more email to wrap things up for the year.

Seniors

For several years I have done a "wrap up" meeting with just the seniors. Since I can't do that in person I thought I would include it in this email. Seniors it has been a pleasure to have the opportunity to teach you. I hope that you will stay in touch with us! One of my favorite parts of teaching high school students is seeing what awesome things they do with their lives once they leave high school. I know most of you don't use Facebook because it is for "old people" but now that you are graduated I will accept your friend requests. Usually I will have 20 or 30 waiting when we are at graduation! If nothing else, I hope that you have a deeper appreciation for music and will always support it as you enter adulthood. I think with the challenges of this year live musicians will need our support more than any other time in recent history!

Marching Band Camps

The district sent out an announcement a few weeks ago, but I wanted to make sure everyone was aware that pre-camp is officially canceled. We will be setting up the new leadership team this week and hope to find a way to establish some virtual sectionals but for the month of June we will not have any student to student contact through official band events. I should know more information about the camp in July in the next couple weeks. As soon as I have that information I will share it on the band website, social media, and group chats. Please make sure to check those avenues of communication for the next couple weeks.

School Instruments

The district is going through a bid process for instrument maintenance. As soon as that is sorted out I will be contacting some of you about getting your instrument back from you so that I can send it in. It is important that we take advantage of this because this comes out of district money and not my school budget. Stay tuned for more information.

Booster Meeting

We will be hosting a virtual booster meeting on Wednesday night. We have been unable to install the new Executive Board and also we need to approve the budget for next year. Please join so we can take care of these important items and be prepared for next year. It will start at 7:00 p.m on May 27th. Here is the link:

Jeff Smikahl is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Olathe East Band Boosters Meeting

Time: May 27, 2020 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://olatheschools.zoom.us/j/99000733577?pwd=MU15cFkvMnd6UkljZmZEd0wxc1FQZz09>

Meeting ID: 990 0073 3577

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Find your local number: <https://olatheschools.zoom.us/j/adF9WmjdhO>

Fundraiser Help Needed

We will talk more about it during the booster meeting but we will need fundraising more than ever to help offset the financial problems caused by the pandemic. The Orange and Blue BBQ is our single biggest fundraiser and it is critical that it is successful so that we do not have to cut activities or opportunities for the students. Please see the information below from the boosters about requested help:

Calling all OE Band Parents and Supporters!

We are still planning to have our annual Orange and Blue BBQ and Auction at the end of camp which will be July 31st this year. The committee would like your help with 4 things.

- 1) Restaurant Row- This is an area at the auction where there are restaurant gift cards available for purchase at face value. Usually, these are donated by local restaurants. This year because of all the Covid-19 closures the local restaurants are likely going to be less able to donate, so we are planning to show our support to them by purchasing \$20-\$25 gift cards for the auction. So, between now and mid-July, IF you are able, it would be helpful to pick a couple of gift cards to some of your local favorites. Attached please find a list of restaurants who have donated to us in the past as well as a letter explaining that this year we'd like to support them. If you are able, print this letter and leave it with the business where you purchase the gift card. If you have other restaurants that you like to visit that aren't on this list, we'd welcome gift cards from them as well. This is also a great way for grandparents to help support the band as well! This is absolutely optional and please feel no obligation. This has been a tough time for everyone.
- 2) Homemade items- This year we may need more homemade or crafty items if there are fewer companies willing to donate. If you are crafty and have extra time on your hands, OE themed items sell well, as well as Royals and Chiefs themed items. Or get creative!
- 3) Items already on hand- If you happen to have NEW items on hand in your home that you do not want or need, the Boosters would love to have those items to add to baskets to add value! They need to be unused items. Types of baskets that you might have items for are: Royals, Chiefs, KU, K-State, movie night, crafts, game nights, spa, or candles. We also need unused small value items that kids (all ages including high school) might want for the brown bags. There is no item too small, we can always pair it with something else.
- 4) Other Area Businesses- On the attached Restaurant Row list, you'll see other businesses listed as well. These are businesses that donated items for our 2019 auction. If you frequent any of these businesses and would be willing/able to purchase a gift card or small item for our auction, please leave a letter with them as well, letting them know we appreciate their past support of OE Bands

If you have anything to donate to the Boosters for the auction, please contact Terri Newkirk at 816-868-5534 or tnewkirk@everestkc.net.

Thank you!