

Parents and Students:

This week we put up the sign-up sheet for pep band. This is a volunteer group that meets outside of the school day. It is not a graded ensemble, but it is a chance for students to earn a lot of points towards lettering in band. We posted the calendar with the sign-up sheet in the band room and ask that students check their schedule before they sign-up and commit to all seven home games this year. It is open to all grade levels, and for students who will be new to marching band next year it is a wonderful opportunity to meet upperclassmen that they will be marching with next year. Sign-ups will come down next week.

A big **Congratulations** to members of the Olathe East Band program that made the East Central District Honor Band! We had a record number of students selected this year with 25 students selected as either a member of the group or as an alternate. This is the culmination of months of hard work and we couldn't be happier for all of them! They will perform on December 1st at the District Band Festival hosted at Blue Valley High School.

Congratulations goes out to: Courtney Crews—Piccolo alternate, Anna McGregor—Oboe, Jordan Flemming—Clarinet, Anna Carr—Clarinet, Ximena Leon—Clarinet, Jeremiah Valenzuela—Clarinet, Caleb Hernandez—Clarinet, Laurel Carder—Clarinet alternate, Bryan Kwon—Bassoon, Sophia Valdez—Bassoon, Emma Plank—Bass Clarinet, Josh Laughlin—Alto Sax, Aaron Bethel—Trumpet, Jacob Barbara—Trumpet alternate, Kristin Gjovig—French Horn, Luke Horsch—Trombone, Adam Kahnk—Tuba, Chayse Stegman—Mallets, Ethan Wootton—Snare, Braden Black—Snare, Sam Jerguson—Snare, Audrey Henkel—Mallets, Evan Kappelman—Tenor Sax, Jazz Band, Nolan Ralph—Trombone, Jazz Band, Nathan Byard—Piano alternate, Jazz Band

Finally, Mrs. Creek and myself are members of the Crossroads Wind Symphony. We will be performing at the Lied Center on the campus of the University of Kansas this weekend at 7:30 p.m. If you find yourself with extra time this evening and would like to tune in here is a live stream link to the event. Crossroads will perform first and then after the intermission the University of Kansas Wind Ensemble will perform.

<https://livestream.com/liecenter/kuwe-11-9-2018>

Thanks,  
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