

OSHS Falcon Bands

News & Notes

March 17, 2019

It is hard to believe we are starting 4th Quarter of the 2018-18 school year already. The next month has several things going on for the students in every class, so please glance through the topics to make sure you know what might apply to you, but also check out the Upcoming Dates at the end of the email. - Mr. Coughlin

- 3rd Quarter Band Grades
- Playing Tests due March 22
- ODAC Concessions
- Adult Volunteers for April 6
- Adult help needed on April 11
- Drumline and Front Ensemble clinics
- Music for All Summer Symposium
- Upcoming Events

3rd Quarter Band Grades

We had fewer rehearsals in 3rd quarter because of the snow days. This means when students did not earn rehearsal points (tardies, absences, no instrument, etc.) it had more potential impact on their grade if they did not complete any makeup work. Students were made aware of this and reminded to turn in makeup work, but we also added a "rehearsal buffer" assignment in the grade book to help offset this a little. We just wanted to explain what that assignment was about.

Playing tests due Friday, March 22

Woodwind and brass students were informed about playing test assignments for the tests that need to be submitted by this coming Friday, March 22. This is all on music we have been working on since February 20. Students will have access to the practice before school, during Falcon 50 and after school this week if they prefer to use the desktop computers over their own devices. Time during class will be very limited due to our need to have everyone working on ensemble skills related to the festival music. The assignments have been in SmartMusic since the Thursday before Spring Break and will count on 4th quarter's grade. Student may retake these playing tests through the day after their festival performance (Friday, April 12 for Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble...Friday, April 19 for Concert Band). Percussion students will be assessed on their music in rehearsal and/or with Dr. Hewitt.

ODAC Concessions

We are getting to run the concession stand for ODAC spring sports for a very limited number of events compared to what we have done in the past. We just received that schedule last Thursday and are being asked to cover it this coming Wed, March 20. We still need one adult and one student (or adult) that could work from 4:15-8:30 pm. Mr. Coughlin will help open the stand, do some basic training and be there to help close the stand. This is an easy way to earn fundraising credit to cover any outstanding Band Fees or for next year's fees. You can see the dates and sign up at <http://bit.ly/ODACconcessions2019>. We have only been given three dates with two stands on one of those.

Adult Volunteers still needed for April 6 at OSHS

We are still needing more adult volunteers to help with the Regional Solo & Ensemble Festival on Saturday, April 6 at OSHS. If your child is participating in the festival and you were waiting to see their schedule, please know you can sign up and then we can change your shift(s) if you want us to do so. We will also have people to cover for workers if they need to catch a performance during their shift. **The sign up is at <http://bit.ly/RegionalSE2019>.**

Adult help needed on April 11

Due to a conflict at Olathe East, we have been asked to be the host site for band for the KSHSAA State Large Group Music Festival on Thursday, April 11. This is a one-year deal. This means our groups (Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble) won't need to travel anywhere that day and we won't need parent chaperones, but we are looking for some adults to help with some supervision of some spaces that day while we host. This will be very low key and you can likely bring a book or something to work on while you are helping out. The sign up is at <http://bit.ly/2W84TbY> or by clicking on the multicolored volunteer icon on the Charms calendar for that event. It is set up in 1-hour increments from 8:00 am-3:00 pm...if someone is able and inclined to help for more than 1 hour, you can sign up accordingly.

2019 Drumline and Front Ensemble Clinics

Mr. Hanna's work schedule has changed and we are needing to adapt the clinics we have been holding for students interested in the Drumline or Front Ensemble in the 2019 Falcon Regiment. Here is what is planned at the moment:

- Mon, March 18 Mentoring by seniors 3:15-4:30 pm
- Tue, March 19 Battery clinic with Mr. Hanna 7:00-8:00 pm
- Mon, March 25 Mentoring by seniors 3:15-4:30 pm; clinic with Mr. Hanna 7:00-8:00 pm
- Mon, April 1 Mentoring by seniors 3:15-4:30 pm

During the Monday mentoring sessions, some of our seniors will work with students wanting to get extra help and work in on the audition material for both battery and mallets. Now that Mr. Hanna and Dr. Hewitt have a better handle on their schedules, we will get things nailed down a little further and get the remaining dates and times (including the auditions) out to everyone as soon as possible.

Music for All Summer Symposium

We have had students participate in the Music for All Summer Symposium for more than 20 years. This is one of the premier summer band camps in the country offering tracks for marching band, concert band, jazz band, percussion and the Drum Major Academy. South students get an extra discount because of Mr. Coughlin's role as an organizer for regional transportation to the camp. There is also a registration discount if you register by March 31. You can learn more about the Symposium at <https://camp.musicforall.org/>. If you are interested in attending, please let Mr. Coughlin know before you register. Students selected as drum majors for the Falcon Regiment are required to attend.

Upcoming Events (students to whom the event applies in parentheses)

- Wed, March 27 Symphonic Band Festival @ ONHS 8:00-11:00 am (Symphonic Band)
- Thur, March 28 Wind Ensemble Festival @ OEHS 8:00-11:00 am (Wind Ensemble)
- Tue, April 2 Pre-Festival Concert 7:30 pm (all concert band classes...hours 1, 2 and 3)
- Sat, April 6 Regional Solo & Ensemble Festival @ OSHS All Day (students that signed up)
- Thur, April 11 State Band Festival @ OSHS (Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble)
- Tue, April 16 Southside Jazz & BBQ 6:00-7:30 pm (Jazz Ensemble)
- Thur, April 18 Concert Band Festival @ BVW daytime (Concert Band)
- Sat, April 27 State Solo & Ensemble Festival @ WRHS All Day (qualifying students)
- Thur, May 9 2019-20 Band Officer Auditions 3:15-5:30 pm (optional)
- Mon, May 13 Band Banquet & Final Concert 6:00 Banquet 7:15 Concert (all band classes)
- Sat, May 18 OSHS Commencement @ CBAC 7:00 pm (graduation band)