

OSHS Marching Band

News & Notes

September 2, 2019

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3rd Evening Rehearsal this Tuesday....we will be outside

We have our third required evening marching band rehearsal this Tuesday, September 3 for all students. Having rehearsed inside last Friday due to rain and no school on Monday, we are planning to rehearse outside on the turf field. Students should plan for that with appropriate clothing, footwear, and sunglasses.

Bus Chaperones for Marching Band season

We are in need of additional adult Bus Chaperones for every marching season event. Event info (date and time) along with a link to the sign up for each event is on the PDF attached to this email. Some basic info about Bus Chaperones:

- You will get in free to the game or festival
- Your meal(s) will be covered for the festival events
- We typically have 2 adults on each bus so no one is chaperoning alone
- We ask that you assist with some of the prep before we leave school, at the events and check-in process after the event...none of which is difficult
- It is a great way to meet some of the other Band parents and get involved

Old Settlers Parade this Saturday

We will be performing in the Johnson County Old Settlers Parade this Saturday, September 7. Here is the schedule for the day:

- 8:30 am Uniform Checkout
- 9:00 am Depart for downtown Olathe
- 10:00 am Parade starts – we are #93 in the parade, which is towards the end
- 12:00 pm ETA back at South...it could be a little earlier

Students will ride the provided buses to and from the parade. Please make arrangements with rides to pick students up back at school on time. We have let parents take students at the end of the parade if we know about it ahead of time, but those students must handle the logistics of dealing with their instrument and uniform.

Confirm the location of required uniform pieces

Students should locate the following required uniform pieces over the next couple days to make sure they are ready to go for Saturday:

- Drillmaster marching shoes
- Uniform Shirt – black poly shirt with FR logo on it
- Uniform Shorts – lightweight black mesh shorts
- Plain, long black socks – at least to the calf with no logos, white/gray markings, etc.

Thursday Night Old Settlers Concert – Olathe North and Olathe West

It has long been a tradition for the Olathe high school marching bands to perform at the Thursday Night Old Settlers Concert. We do this as a rotation and it will be our turn again next year. This year's concert will feature the bands from Olathe North and Olathe West. This free concert is at 7:00 pm in the downtown Library parking lot. There is no requirement to attend, but we wanted to make you aware and encourage students to support the other Olathe programs and see what we will be doing next year.

Band Grades

The directors have entered the rehearsal points, music points and performance points into the grade book up through August 30. Some things to note:

- Anything listed as a "0" for a music grade (SmartMusic or Memory Checkoff) is really just "missing" and can still be completed for points.
- There are 120 students in the class and mistakes on data entry can happen...if a student believes they completed an assignment or the points in the grade book are not correct, they should see a director.
- Some points for the percussion are not entered yet because our percussion instructors help with that evaluation and we have not received that input yet. Those missing points are not hurting or helping their grade at the moment.
- We only have one performance grade in the grade book. Grades of students with an excused absence from that performance have not submitted the makeup work are being significantly impacted. Instructions for that makeup work were sent to those students/parents.

Upcoming Dates

- Tue, Sept 3 - required evening rehearsal for all students 6:30-8:00 pm

- Sat, Sept 7 - Old Settlers Parade 8:30am-noon
- Tue, Sept 10 - required evening rehearsal for Drumline & Front Ensemble 6:30-8:00 pm
- Fri, Sept 13 - Home Football Game 5:00-10:00 pm

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