

Olathe South HS Falcon Bands

News & Notes

August 6

We had a great show camp last week! The directors are really excited about the potential of this year's band and the show. We do have some things coming up in the next couple of weeks, including some things before school starts. Please read through the info below to make sure you have a handle on which apply to you.

DCI World Championships Finals Watch Party Saturday, August 10 5:30-9:00 pm

If you are familiar with Drum Corps International, you might be interested in this. DCI is essentially "professional" marching band...although the performers actually pay to be a part of it. Each year we host a watch party for the finals of the World Championships and we will be doing that again this Saturday, August 10, and we would like to invite all OS Band students and any family that would like to attend. We will open the OSHS Black Box Theater at 5:00 pm and the first corp performs at 5:30 pm. It is usually over around 9:00 pm. The attached PDF has more info.

Marching Band Rehearsal Saturday, August 10 10:00 am-noon

We have had a band rehearsal on the calendar for this Saturday, August 10 from 10:00 am-noon. This will be a short rehearsal just to review some of what we learned at camp since our first rehearsal after school starts is not until Friday, August 16. As discussed at camp, we ask that parents shoot an email to Mr. Coughlin if you have a conflict with the rehearsal.

Band Parent Meeting Thursday, August 15 6:30 pm

There is a very important meeting on Thursday, August 15 at 6:30 pm in the Olathe South Auditorium and we are asking that at least one adult from each family attend. In order to continue to offer the opportunities, equipment and experiences that have been the expectation for students in Band at Olathe South, we do some fundraising. One of our biggest activities is our annual Mattress Sale, which has raised \$6000-12000 every year. All we really ask of students and parents is to help promote the sale...but we need to share some info on how to do that with you. The company we work with will also donate \$5 for each adult that attends the meeting...something we really want to take advantage of. This meeting will be less than 30 minutes. We will have our first official OS Band Booster meeting of the year right after this and we hope you will stay to see what that group does, but if your schedule does not allow you to stay, we ask that you please try to at least make the meeting at 6:30.

Marching Uniform Fittings

This was discussed at camp and has been on the calendar...we have our fittings for the marching band uniforms scheduled for Saturday, August 17. It is listed as a "required" event because we really need every student to come in that day since we will have everything set up and the adult help to get it done correctly. The fittings will run from 8:00 am-noon...we will send out a schedule with assigned times later, but if students need to come in outside their assigned time due to a conflict, that is fine. Students with a conflict for the entire time will need to make arrangements with Mr. Coughlin to come in the week **after** the fittings day.

We will need adult help with the uniform fittings. You do not need to have any experience...we can train you and there are jobs that don't require any specific skills. You can sign up at <http://bit.ly/OSBfittingshelp>.

Band Calendar

We will make a printed calendar available when school starts, but you can also find our calendar at <http://www.osbands.org/calendar.html>. We have added the Tuesday evening rehearsals that apply to the entire Marching Band and those that apply just to the Drumline/Front Ensemble. This is a Google calendar to which you can subscribe. You can also filter it to only see the events that apply to just to the groups you are in.

Other Dates

- Friday, August 16 - first 7:00 am rehearsal day
- Tuesday, August 20 - first Tuesday evening rehearsal for full marching band
- Thursday, August 29 - 5th Grade Band & Orchestra Demo Night

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