

OSHS Marching Band

News & Notes August 25, 2019

We're making good progress on the marching show despite some weather challenges and our first performance of the year is coming up this Thursday. Please make sure you read through the content of this News & Notes email so you know what is going on and keep it as a reference if you have a question later. In this edition:

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South Area Band & Strings Demo Night Thur, Aug 29

- Students need to be at South by 6:00 pm in their Sweet Dreams shirt, uniform shorts and tennis shoes.
- We will perform in the South Gym at 6:30 pm and the required part of the evening will be done around 6:50 pm.
- Students volunteering to work with 5th graders trying instruments will be done around 8:00 pm.

Music Assessments Due

- We have already passed some due dates and several more over the next few weeks.
- The assignments are listed in StudentVue with the due dates.
- The grade value of both SmartMusic and Check-off assessments goes down each day after the due date.
- Drumline and Front Ensemble will complete assessments with the percussion instructors in rehearsals.

Old Settlers Parade Sat, Sept 7

- We do not know our exact entry number yet, but are the near the end of the parade.
- The plan is for uniform checkout at 8:30 am and depart at 9:00 am. The parade starts at 10:00 am and we expect to be back at South by noon.

Band Calendar

- A PDF of the Marching Band event calendar is attached (2 pages)
- The calendar for the entire OS Falcon Bands program is at <http://www.osbands.org/calendar.html>. It can be filtered to show events for specific classes and you may subscribe to the calendars.

Band Parent Involvement/Interest Survey

- <http://bit.ly/OSBparenthelp>
- We rely on Band Parents contributing their time and talents to make our program successful...this is a chance to see what types of needs we have and what you might be able and willing to do.
- This info is only for the directors and to share with the Booster leaders when and if they are looking for help or particular talents...no commitment at this point J

Charms Balance, Band Fees and Payment

- Instructions for checking your Charms Balance and paying Band Fees through the OS Band Boosters are attached in a document titled "CharmsBalancePayment_MB1920"
- The 2019-20 Band Fees are the same as last year with the Marching Band Fee of \$130 and an additional \$35 fee for drumline and front ensemble to cover the use of school equipment. Fees cover tangible items for the students (meals, t-shirt, etc.), festival entries, clinicians, equipment replacement/repair and other items that help provide the opportunities and level of program our community has come to expect.
- You have the option of paying by credit card, check/cash, credit earned through fundraisers, or some combination of those. Explanations of those options are in the attachment.
- We will work with families that need to pay in installments, wait for fundraising opportunities or need other payment options. We ask that as many as possible take care of paying Band Fees by the end of September so we know our operating budget.

Upcoming Dates

- Tue, Aug 27 Marching Band Evening Rehearsal 6:30-8:00 pm
- Thur, Aug 29 South Area Band & Strings Demo Night 6:00-8:00 pm
- Tue, Sept 3 Marching Band Evening Rehearsal 6:30-8:00 pm
- Sat, Sept 7 Old Settlers Parade 8:30 am-noon
- Tue, Sept 10 Drumline & Front Ensemble Rehearsal 6:30-8:00 pm
- Fri, Sept 13 Home Football Game 5:00-10:00 pm