

Archived Announcements

12/18/19

Congratulations to all students on a terrific winter band concert performance! I sure enjoyed the music you shared and the cookies you helped bake were delicious. Thank you! And, HUGE congratulations to the members of our United Sound Club! Your performance was exciting and musically rewarding to the students in our group. Further, it was memorable and sincerely appreciated by our United Sound parents, families, and friends. To our Presidents Crew Shafer and Andrew McCubbins, and to all students who have a part in it, thank you so much. You make me feel beyond proud to be a Raven!

Ragin' Raven Basketball Pep Band

Are you ready for some Pep Band?? This Friday night, call time is at 4:00! Most call times are 4:30. We'll meet a little earlier to help us get set for these early season games. This game is voluntary, and I appreciate those of you who have signed up to cheer on the teams at our home opener. For this game, wear your holiday sweater or your favorite band shirt. A chili supper will be provided to you! Extra lettering points are awarded to all who participate in this game. Sign up sheet remains in the band hallway. Invite our Raven alumni! Will be exciting to hear about their first semester and welcome them home!!

AND, regular season sign ups are in the band hallway as well. All band students from all classes are welcome and encouraged to join in on the fun! 50 lettering points are provided to all members in good standing. Please check your calendar and confirm that you are available for all home games listed. Pep band is a volunteer group at our school, however if you choose to participate, I ask that you please commit to the games on the calendar. See me with conflicts ASAP. We eat good food, have the biggest, loudest, and best pep band around, and it's a lot of fun! Hope you'll consider joining us! See me with any questions.

Holiday Break Reminders

Be sure to take your instrument home! Even a small amount of practice here and there can make a huge difference for you and your band when we return from the long break. TAKE THE HORN HOME PLEASE!

- Blues and Barbeque Auction Items! Please be sure to review the e-mails from Mrs. Nickel, Mrs. White, and your booster committee. Your help and support here is sincerely appreciated!
- All-State Candidates. Only practice over break on the days you eat. AND, let me know if you would like to stop by for a mock audition or an extra set of ears as you put the finishing touches on your music. DON'T forget the sight reading and scale parts of the audition. Need an

additional resource for sight reading? Check this out! <https://www.sightreadingfactory.com/> Be sure you have our Salina dates reserved on your calendar. Best wishes!

· Raven Winds and Raven Jazz I students! KMEA is on the horizon! I'm so excited that you have been selected to represent our school at this year's convention. I know it will be an exciting and musically rewarding experience for all. Please be sure to spend time needed to shed through "Celebrations" and "Joropo" (Raven Winds) and "Rockin' In Rhythm" and your other Ellington selections (Jazz I) so that we can hit the ground running when we return. You can expect a separate e-mail from me soon detailing special rehearsals and events that will allow you to be your best and represent our school in a terrific way. Proud to know you all. GO RAVENS!

Attention Raven Pianists! KSHSAA Regional Piano Festival

Each year, the Kansas State HS Activities Association (KSHSAA) hosts several events to enrich the education of our musicians. The Regional piano festival is scheduled for Saturday February 8th and will be held at Baker University. I will put in the registrations shortly after we return from winter break, please be thinking about your interest and what selection you would like to perform for the festival. All musicians who earn a Division I (superior) rating at regionals will qualify to compete in the State competition in Wichita later in February. Let me know what questions you may have. Thanks so much!

12/11/19

Celebrations

Looking forward to celebrating an outstanding semester with a great concert tomorrow! Our students have done a very nice job preparing for their performances. We're in for a real treat!

Winter Concert - Thursday December 12th

TOMORROW! THURSDAY December 12th

Call time for Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble – 5:30 PM

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required. **For the performance, our uniform will once again be ugly winter / holiday sweaters!!** Dig through those closets, call your great Aunt Charlotte and ask to borrow one of her gems, get on Amazon... this will be a blast! Please wear nice slacks or dress pants with dress shoes in addition to your sweater. Pictures by Mrs. Fales for marching band will be available for purchase (concert bands will be photographed in the Spring), spirit wear will be on sale to help finish up your holiday shopping, and poinsettias will be available for pick up in the events entrance!

2020-21 ONW Band Trip!

Every three years, our school district supports a "big trip" to enhance the educational aspects of our performing arts classes. By choosing places that are exciting and musically rewarding, educational and affordable, our Northwest band has had some tremendous opportunities over the years! ALL students in any band are WELCOME to participate in next years trip. It's nearly time to make some decisions. Your advice and counsel would be most helpful to me. When you can, please take a moment to fill out a brief survey at the following link. Thank you!

<https://forms.gle/tq9Smvdhpk1RR8Qf8>

12/6/19

Celebrations

Tomorrow, we will have a lot of Ravens participating in the East Central KMEA All-District honor bands. So proud, so excited for the awesome day ahead. Best wishes!

AND

Congratulations to Adam Dial! Our award-winning Raven tuba player was selected as the Tuba Christmas Spirit award winner at Tuba Christmas today! Proud to know you, Adam!

Let's Bake Some COOKIES!

Students! I apologize for the delay. As promised, please see the link below to join me for a cookie baking party this Sunday! Parents, you are welcome also. This has become a fun tradition, and it's sure well received at the concert. The recipe is one my family LOVES, and it's super easy and delicious. Happy to teach you how to make it, and of course "quality control" is a highly important part of our job. Come hungry!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C4CA9A723A31-mrdavis>

Poinsettia Fundraiser

Need to spread some holiday cheer at your office, in your home, at your church? Not sure what to get as a gift for some friends, colleagues, or family members this holiday season? We can help!

The Raven Band is excited to continue our holiday tradition of offering poinsettias for sale as a fundraising opportunity. This year's order form is attached to this e-mail and is an easy way to organize and deliver your orders. **All orders and payments are due to the band office on Monday December 9th by 1st hour!** The beautiful flowers can be conveniently picked up on December 12th at our winter concert. Hard copies of the order form are available in the band hallway.

The poinsettias are a terrific way to complete some holiday shopping, while helping our band! The boosters will share all profit 50/50 with the student accounts responsible for the sales. Thanks so much for your kind support!

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11/26/19

Celebrations

Bingo night! AWESOME!! I so appreciate the team leads, the volunteers, the Raven Jazz Lab, and everyone who shared their support last Saturday. Initial report looks like this will be our most profitable Bingo night for our students yet! And, it sure was a lot of fun!! Already looking forward to next year's event. Thank you!

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Jazz at Lincoln Center with Wynton Marsalis

Thursday December 5th! Be a part of the fun as we enjoy Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra!! We will meet in the band room at 4:00 PM. We will travel by school bus. We will attend an open rehearsal and question and answer session at 5:30. After that, we'll grab a quick bite to eat in the Power and Light District and enjoy an AWESOME concert at the Midland Theater at 7:30 PM. Hope you can join us! I was able to reserve 30 tickets at just \$15 per seat. That cost plus some dinner money is all you need. Looking forward to an outstanding performance!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C4CA9A723A31-jazz>

After Break

Our first week back from Thanksgiving break is a busy one! Looking ahead...

Monday Dec. 2nd

- Jazz I – 7:00 AM Rehearsal

Wednesday Dec. 4th

- Special Raven Winds rehearsal with Dr. Dunlap (during 1st hour)
- After school Raven Jazz I Party (rehearsal) with Mr. Jon Lane

Thursday Dec. 5th

- NO JAZZ I rehearsal before school.
- Pep Assembly! During seminar. Marching Band, bring your lyre and flip folder please!
- Jazz at Lincoln Center concert after school!

Friday Dec. 6th

- Raven Winds – 7:00 AM Rehearsal
- Tuba Christmas! All tuba and euphonium players welcome and invited. We will leave after 1st hour. Bring money for lunch, a folding music stand, and your Tuba Christmas spirit! REMEMBER, there is a prize for best dressed performer / instrument! More to follow.

Saturday Dec. 7th

- All-District Band at Blue Valley High School.

11/18/19

Celebrations

Our students did an outstanding job at last Friday's Baker University Jazz festival. Both Raven Jazz I and IV competed and received unanimous division I (superior) ratings. Congratulations and GO RAVENS!

Band Bingo - This Saturday 11/23

We are quickly approaching the night of our 3rd annual Band Bingo Night, and in order to make this fundraiser event successful as it has been for the past two years, we need and greatly appreciate your support! Games purchased in advance are just \$25, and \$10 will go towards student accounts for every player a student sells to!

Reminder

Next year we will be going on our big band trip! Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors can start earning money for their band accounts by selling and purchasing tickets to this event to get a great jump start! Seniors, you can take advantage as well by setting aside funds for our jazz festival trip in March, the Raven Winds Retreat, paying for lessons, accompanist fees, anything music related!

This is a fun, family event in support of all our bands. Children 10 years and older are welcome to play! Ask those who have attended in the past, YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT! AND, the Raven Jazz Lab is set to play really well, you'll be thrilled to hear them!

- I'm attaching electronic copies of our flyer and order forms which contain all the information necessary so you can buy your tickets. Hard copies remain available in the band hallway.

In addition, we are still asking for a few more donations to help create the 10 Bingo Prize Baskets that are needed. If you are able to donate, please sign up on the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D49ADAE2DA57-bingo5>

Last, we are asking for a few more volunteers (Students/Adults) to help with this event. It is a fun night and it does take several people to make this fundraiser a success! If you can volunteer, please sign up on the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D49ADAE2DA57-bingo4>

11/12/19

Celebrations

I'm very happy to share exciting news for our Raven Band students who have been selected for the East-Central Kansas Music Educators Association All-District Ensembles for this year. These students were selected by highly competitive audition to earn a seat in these honor groups. Last year our students shattered the old school record by earning 22 seats in the ensembles. This year, the students earned 25 seats and we have several alternates selected. Selected students will perform at the district convention in December and will then be eligible to audition for All-State in January. GO RAVENS!!!

ONW Students Selected for the 2019 ECKMEA All-District Bands

Charlie Bishop – Oboe

Dillan Emch – Tuba

Joseph Fortino – Clarinet

Evan Hamilton - Percussion

Jake Haughey – Clarinet

Caleb Hite – Oboe

Joel Huayaban – Alternate Clarinet

Hayden Hurtig – Alternate Trumpet

Rebecca James – Flute

Ethan Johnson – Trumpet

Keegan Kaiser – Alto Saxophone

Niki Lin – Oboe

Molly Maples – Alternate Piccolo

Eric Martin – Bassoon

Bryce McElwain – Alternate Drum Set

Kevin Moreland – Alternate Clarinet

Bryan Paat – Tenor Saxophone

Brett Payne – Tuba

Lucie Roberts – Alternate Bassoon
Julie Sanjean – Clarinet
Hannah Schwartz – Bass Clarinet
Crew Shafer – Alternate Trombone
Delaney Sloan – Clarinet
Parker Smitko – Horn
Amy Van Oosbree – Clarinet
Dominic Vergara – Bass Clarinet
Breyton VanOpdorp – Piccolo
Ben Wackerla - Euphonium
Chase Wassom – Tuba
Melia Whitney – Trombone
Kyle Wisdom – Baritone Saxophone
Luke Woodrome – Trumpet

Baker University Jazz Festival - Friday November 15th

The Ravens will participate in their first jazz festival of the year on Friday November 15th at Rice Auditorium on the campus of Baker University in Baldwin City, Kansas. Raven Jazz Lab (IV) performs at 4:35 PM and Jazz I performs at 3:20 PM. **Please see the festival sheet attached.** Please have your uniform ready to go! Black pants and black dress shirts blouses. Gentlemen, I will supply the ties and suspenders. Ladies, I will supply the blouses.

Jazz !! Get those parts shedded, we've got a long way to go in a short amount of time. You've picked a very ambitious set. Get after it.

Bingo! - Saturday November 23rd

Buy your tickets now! <https://ravenbands.org/index.php/fundraisers/> Save the date! This will be our 3rd annual event, and the last two were an absolute BLAST! There will be fantastic music from our Raven Jazz Lab, awesome prizes, good food, and lots of fun to be had by all who choose to attend. Young and old, experts with engraved dobbers and troll dolls and first time players, ALL are invited! More information to follow, make sure to keep your calendar open as you are able. Visit with those who attended last year, we're certain you'll have a great time!

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Just one month from today! The concert will feature our four concert bands, our Raven Jazz Lab (IV), and very special guests, a local professional concert band the Midwest Winds! Because this concert is traditionally so well attended and seating can be an issue, we will make a couple changes. **We will start the concert at 6:00 PM. This is a change from what is on your calendar.** Concert Band, Symphonic Band, & Wind Ensemble will perform in the first half. We will then have an intermission where the Jazz Lab will play in the commons. Homemade cookies will be served! The second act will feature the Midwest Winds and our Raven Winds. Students and their families are most welcome to stay for both halves of the concert, however it will not be required. **For the performance, our uniform will once again be ugly winter / holiday sweaters!!** Dig through those closets, call your great Aunt Charlotte and ask to borrow one of her

gems, get on Amazon... this will be a blast! Please wear nice slacks or dress pants with dress shoes in addition to your sweater. More to follow!

11/4/19

Celebrations

I learned A LOT after we hosted our first ever marching festival last week! My biggest take away was easily that our students and families are absolutely incredible. Your gift of time and effort to make the event happen was terrific. I am looking forward to doing several things differently next time, there are lots of things we can make better moving forward. However, there was WAY more that went very well for year one! I had multiple directors share that the event was the best festival they had attended, and many more shared that they will look forward to coming again! WOW!!

Sincerely, to each and all who helped and participated in this past marching season, thank you! I sure enjoyed watching our students create such an exciting and musically rewarding Fall. I'm very proud to know you all. GO RAVENS!!

Baker University Jazz Festival - Friday November 15th

This effects students in our Raven Jazz I and IV (Lab) ensembles. Please note the date is a week earlier than what was published on your calendar. Mark your calendars accordingly please!

Tuba Christmas 2019: Date Confirmation - Friday December 6th

SUPER early, I know! Wanted to communicate and confirm the date as quickly as possible. Each year, Tuba and Euphonium musicians get the opportunity to perform at Kansas City Tuba Christmas in downtown Kansas City, Missouri. Talk with students who have been there before, it's one of the best days of the year, hands down! Because of the event's popularity, I have to reserve our tickets over the summer. Student performers are all set, however if parents, families, and friends would like to join us in the audience you should reserve your tickets available on October 1st as they can go just as fast! Tickets are free but must be obtained for entry. Please visit the following link to reserve yours and to learn more information. This includes information on the location, we will be back at the Kauffman Center this year. <https://www.kcsymphony.org/StaticCtl/TubaChristmasAct>

10/13/19

Celebrations

Between those for ECKMEA and Sousa honor bands, we have well over 100 entries for this years all-district / all-state groups. Outstanding! Thanks so much to all who are going above and beyond to prepare for these important auditions. Sousa auditions are due this Thursday by the end of the day. Please see the information below to make sure you are prepared and let me know how I can be a help to you. Best wishes, GO RAVENS!!

Concert THIS Tuesday October 15th

Concert Band, Jazz Lab, and Marching Band! Be sure to review information for this week's concert below. Looking forward to an exciting and musically rewarding evening for ALL of our band students!

We will be pushing the start time and all call times back 30 minutes. CONCERT BEGINS AT 7:30 PM. Summit Trail's 6th grade concert is also scheduled for this date, and this change along with a 30-minute early start time from ST will allow parents and families who have students at both schools to attend both events. More to follow!

Sure looking forward to having everyone together for ur fall concert THIS TUESDAY. The concert will begin with our 4th hour concert band, transition to our 5th hour jazz lab, and conclude with our marching band performing in surround sound! One of my favorite events of the year, hope you and yours are looking forward to it as well.

Concert Band students call time will be at 7:00 PM on the stage. For this performance, we will wear dressy clothing. School tuxes and dresses will be used for spring festivals and concerts. Students should plan to wear a shirt and tie / dressy blouse, dress pants / long skirt, appropriate shoes, etc.. Many thanks!

Jazz Lab call time will also be 7:00 PM. Please wear concert band / marching attire. You will need to have your instrument in the auditorium wings for a quick change as needed!

Marching Band students will need to be in the band room at 7:00 PM for your warm up (unless you are also performing with concert band and / or jazz lab). Uniform room will open at 6:30 PM. Please wear your marching bibs and show shirt for the first portions of the concert, have you coat, hat, and plume handy for a quick change to the marching band portion as needed.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Looking forward to seeing you all this Wednesday and Thursday! I will be away from my table from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM on Thursday. If this is the time you are attending, please send me a reply and I'll look forward to meeting with you at an alternate time. I will be in my office most all day on Friday, can meet you at a time of your choosing the following week. Apologies for the inconvenience.

Kansas Bandmasters Marching Championships

This Saturday, October 19th. Before you see the document attached regarding the festival, remember that often we can look at things in two ways; as inconveniences or opportunities. There is a strong possibility that your performance in prelims and finals could be 12 hours apart. I'm choosing to look at the schedule as an opportunity! It's going to be an EARLY morning, however you have the day off on Friday to rest up! After the morning performance, we will come back to ONW where we can listen to tapes, clean things up, watch video, rehearse things that can make your finals performance our best yet. AND, Mr. Schauf has kindly agreed to work with our awesome volunteers to provide two tasty meals for the day. It will be a long one if we make finals. I have no doubt you will! Remember that this is our last competitive event, and your potential is outstanding. Let's own it, let's prepare to give it our all, and let's represent our great school in the best fashion possible. At both of our last two festivals, you have set new records for our program. No doubt, this is the most able ensemble our school has ever had. Finish strong! GO RAVENS!!

Missouri State University WInd Ensemble Concert - Monday October 21st

This is sure to be a marvelous program! Right here in Kansas City and it's FREE! Would be very excited to have you with us for this evening of great music and camaraderie. More information at the link which follows.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040c4ca9a723a31-missouri>

9/30/19

Celebrations

Tonight is the Olathe District Marching Exhibition! The Raven's are ready to represent our music department in terrific fashion. Cheer loud for ONW and all the bands on display at tonight's exhibition, you're in for a real treat! AND, don't forget the Tuba Christmas audience seating tickets are available starting tomorrow! See the link below in recycled information.

9/16/19

Celebrations

I received a request from a student to listen to their honor band audition and share feedback! First one this season. Thanks, Conner! I am ALWAYS happy to make time to hear how you are coming along and share some ideas. I look forward to seeing and hearing lots of our Ravens represent our school at all-district, all-state, and Sousa honor bands this Winter. It's a marvelous experience for YOU, and through it you will bring back greater musicianship to make all of US all the better. Practice! It's well worth it. And please, be sure to reach out if I can be a help to you. Instructions and information remain below in Recycled Information.

Calendar Addition - 5th hour Jazz Lab (IV)

We have been invited to again share the musical entertainment at this year's "Community for Coaching" charity / benefit dinner in Leawood. The event will take place on Tuesday November 12th. Time will be after school and dinner will be provided. So will transportation to and from our school. Please be sure to reserve that evening on your calendar. Please also be sure to have your uniform ready to go! Details are in your handbook and are listed below...

- Gentlemen, a long sleeved black dress shirt, black slacks, black shoes and tall black socks. We will provide you with a neck tie and suspenders.
- Ladies, black dress pants or a long black skirt, and black dressy shoes. No sandals please. We will provide you with a blouse you will choose as a group.

Spirit Wear

Have you checked out the awesome Raven Bands gear that our boosters have put together for you? Be sure to take a look this Thursday at the game! Good stuff!

Ms. Oliveira asked me to share that the extra show shirts ARE IN! Stop by the band office to pick yours up at your convenience.

Ozarko Marching Festival - 10/5

We have received our performance time for prelims at 4:06 PM. Call time will likely be around 9:00 AM that day. Will share a festival sheet next week. Festival sheet for THIS SATURDAY at Blue Springs South is again attached to this message.

ECKMEA District Honor Band / SAT Date Conflict

At last week's district East-Central Kansas Music Educators Association (ECKMEA) meeting, our president asked me to share with all interested students that there is a date conflict! On December 7th, district honor band performances will take place. Students who wish to audition for all-state MUST participate in the district performance. The SAT is also hosting a testing day on the 7th. I highly encourage all students who wish to take the SAT to consider the November 2nd date for testing! You have until October 3rd to register for that test. Students who choose to take the test on the December 7th date WILL NOT be eligible to audition for all-state per the KMEA powers that be. FYI!

9/2/19

Celebrations

It's time for performances to begin! Concert band and jazz students are off to a TERRIFIC start, and we will look forward to hearing the great music you will share at your first concert in October. Our marchers get started this week! Looking forward to it, hope you are as well. I want to thank Mrs. Siegrist our volunteer coordinator and the many parents and friends of the band who have already signed up to help us out. Our first two events are listed below. Join us as you are able to! Thanks in advance for your consideration.

September 6, 2019: Manhattan High School Football Game

www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d49adae2da57-20193

September 7, 2019: Old Settler's Day Parade

www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d49adae2da57-201920

Many Things DUE Friday 9/6

1. Please take a moment to update your charms information and turn in the handbook assignment page after review (last page of the document). I have attached a charms information sheet to detail how you can take care of this. You can access the handbook and other important documents by

logging into charms and opening the document in the handouts section. Please see me during power 50 time if you need any help.

2. Please also make sure you have turned in your required forms packet if you haven't already! We will continue to update Parent/Student Vue as we receive these. Thanks so much!

3. All marching band students must have their lyre and flip folder checked in to Mr. Davis by Sept. 6th at the conclusion of power 50. Full credit will be given to anyone who brings theirs before this time. Thank you for getting this taken care of if you haven't already.

Charms Instructions – UPDATE YOUR ACCOUNT!

Pep Assembly - Thursday September 5th

Marchers, we will perform at the pep assembly this Thursday during seminar. You will be excused from a portion of 6th hour to set up and such. Those who need to catch a bus, you will be dismissed early from the assembly if necessary. Have your backpack and any needed materials in the band room so you don't miss the bus! No special uniform required for this event.

March to Meadow Lane Parade Practice - Friday September 6th

This will happen during regular rehearsal time, students must wear their black band shirt and khaki shorts. Set a reminder in your agenda, phone, etc... You will miss your second hour and a portion of third this day. I could use a couple of parents help with doughnuts in the ONW commons when we return. Can you help us out between 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM? If so, shoot Mr. Davis a reply. Thank you!

Are You Ready for some FOOTBALL!!! - Friday September 6th

The uniform room will open at 4:30 PM. Call time, students are to be dressed and ready in the band room by 5:15 PM.

When reporting to the uniform room, you must wear your black band shirt, tall black socks, and marching shoes. You will be sent away to get them and put at the back of the line if you don't make this happen. Please bring your band bag, lyre and flip folder, and any needed equipment for game days. New marchers should get their band bag before this Friday.

If it's more convenient for you to do so, you are welcome to hang out in the band room and get a jump start on homework between the end of school day and call time. Bring food or money for dinner (subway is located kitty corner to the school and is a popular option!)

The Old Settler's Parade - Saturday September 7th

Students are to report to and be picked up from ONW. The uniform room will open at 8:00 AM. Call time, students are to be dressed and ready in the band room at 8:30 AM. The parade route and information on all things Old Settler's can be found on the Johnson County Old Settler's Website

Olathe Northwest is the second high school ensemble in the parade this year, and our parade entry number is #20. I anticipate we will return to ONW at approx.. 11:30 AM. Encourage your students to reach out when the busses are heading back. I will do the same. Wear your raven gear and cheer loudly when we march by! Go RAVENS!

8/12/19

Celebrations

First, how about the Raven Pride Marching Band! Camp was terrific, and the "Meet the Band Night" performance was a pretty awesome start to a school year filled with terrific potential. Wonderful to meet the students and families of our concert, marching, and jazz programs last week. All parts of the band family have grown again for ONW, both in number and quality. I'm looking forward to watching and hearing the exciting and musically rewarding things that our students will bring about for our Northwestband this school year. GO RAVENS!

AND, it is my great pleasure to share the news that BOTH our Raven Winds concert band, and Raven Jazz I ensemble have been selected for all-state convention performances by the Kansas Music Educators association (KMEA)! Groups from all parts of our state submit recorded auditions for blind adjudication annually. Only the top performing groups are accepted for performance at the in-service workshop in February. It is highly competitive, difficult to be selected. Our students earned it, and will no doubt represent our school and band program superlatively. Much more to follow. Congratulations! This is a BIG deal!

Start of School Week

Marching Band - The first day of school is busy enough! As was shared at camp, there will NOT be a 7:00 AM rehearsal this Thursday 8/15. 7:00 AM rehearsals will begin for marchers on Friday 8/16. Please bring your instruments for Thursday! We will do our best to allow time for a warm up and a show run! Movement IV is in!! We'll take our first read together, bring what you need to play on Thursday at regular time.

Concert Band & Jazz Lab - You are welcome to bring your instrument on Thursday, however you will not need to bring you instrument / stick bag until Friday 8/16. We will assign lockers, check out school provided instruments, and handle introductions and syllabus / handbook overview on Thursday 8/15. Looking forward to having you with us!

Welcome New Parents! Join us Saturday - 8:30 AM - August 17th!

Are you a new parent to the band program here at Northwest? Perhaps a veteran parent but have some questions about getting involved! All who are able / interested are welcome to join us in the band room this Saturday August 17th for some coffee, doughnuts, and information. We'll get started at 8:30 AM. Several of our parents will share some helpful information, you'll have a chance to ask questions, and you'll get to meet some really terrific people who are in your corner to guide you through this exciting time of transition to high school and the ONW band program. Hope to see you with us! If this is not a

convenient time for you, don't hesitate to reach out by replying to this message. I'll be happy to meet with you at an alternative time that fits your schedule best.

Annual Ethnic Enrichment Festival

Don't forget about this GREAT way to earn some money for your ONW band account! Still a handful of spots available, fill 'em up! A super fun event, and highly profitable to YOU!! More information available on the link which follows.

40th Annual Enrichment Festival - August 16th, 17th, & 18th. We are needing student and parent volunteers for this festival at Swope Park. If you are interested, please click on the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D49ADAW2DA57-20191>

Olathe Northwest Area Try-It Night - Wednesday August 21st

Each year, Olathe Northwest staff and students host an exciting evening where we invite our new 5th grade students to attend and try out the instruments of the band and orchestra. Again, I would like to ask / beg the students of our leadership team and ALL Raven Band students to consider lending a hand to make sure our future Ravens enjoy a highly positive and exciting experience! Check your calendar on Wednesday the 21st and keep it open as you are able. A training session and a pizza dinner will be provided after school. We will need lots of help through student demonstration, student led "instrumental fittings", and could use some parents to assist with logistics of the evening and visit with future band parents answering questions surrounding things you wish you had known as a new band parent.

We will discuss the day in greater detail on Thursday and will have a sign up available by the end of this week. If you would like to share some music with a small ensemble of friends, we would greatly appreciate that! We have some music available and can help as needed.

Thanks so much for your consideration of lending a hand at this highly important evening for the Raven Band and Orchestra, class of 2027!

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2019 Marching Band Camps

Marching band students get a jump start on the show and literature for the season over the summer. These dates are **required** for all students who wish to participate in marching band. Students unable to participate in the full camps should visit with Mr. Davis about a schedule adaptation and **plan to be a part of our concert band** first semester. A reminder that the dates for camps in 2019 are:

- Full Band Camp (All Marching Band Students) is June 3rd - 5th & July 29th - August 7th. (8 - 4) no weekends
- Percussion students will also have percussion camp from July 22nd - 26th (8 AM - 4 PM)
- In addition, will host two HIGHLY RECOMMENDED "mini camps" on July 9th and 10th, from 8am - 12:30pm. We spend two hours outside learning marching fundamentals, and

then inside working on music. Students can come to one or both sessions. More details will be provided before the end of the school year.

Full Band Camp runs from 8 AM to 4 PM with a lunch break. All students will receive a detailed schedule and music in late May. All band students will need to bring a lunch as there are not very many places to eat close to ONW, and no transportation is being provided to and from lunch.

Annual Band Meeting and Meet The Band Night - Wednesday 8/7

All band students and parents are invited and encouraged to attend our booster sponsored annual meeting which will start at 6:30 PM. Lots of helpful information will be shared, a dinner and preview performance from our Raven Pride Marching Band will also be enjoyed by all. More to follow! For now, mark the date and be sure to join us!

Hey Band! Let's Go Bowling! Friday August 2nd

ALL students, concert band, marching band, dance team, jazz band... ALL are invited to our annual bowling party to celebrate the end of summer and an exciting start to the 2019-20 school year. It's FREE! Thanks to our band boosters for sponsoring the event!

Marching Band Performance - Sunday August 4th

Looking forward to our performance with the Olathe Civic Band which will be here in a blink! I've received a couple good questions that you may have also...

- The calendar simply says "afternoon". The concert will begin at 2:00 PM. Call time for performers will be at 1:45 PM in the band room. Performance should conclude around 3:15 - 3:30.
- What do we wear? Students will wear band shirts khaki shorts or pants, and tennis shoes.

Marching Band Camp - Starts Monday 8/29

So, I'm always excited to get started on the new year, but never quite like this! Our students have gone above and beyond this summer. The enthusiasm for this marching season is electric! It's a good year to be a Raven! Please review your "What to Bring to Band Camp" attached to make sure you have everything you need.

Brass Impact

Wow! THANK YOU! The event was well staffed, ran smoothly, and was exciting to be a part of. The comments and compliments I have received from the performing groups, their staff, and the audience members have been glowing about YOU! I sincerely appreciate the time and care so many of you shared to make this year's show a complete success. Well done!

Celebrations

Incoming Freshman Ben Wackerla was selected to perform with the 2019 Kansas Bandmasters Association state honor band. Ben and his peers from across the state rehearsed for the convention this past weekend in Wichita and performed brilliantly. Welcome to ONW, Ben! Thanks for a terrific performance.

Numerous Ravens have been hard at work this summer studying music and enjoying jazz, concert, marching, and leadership camps. Last week at the K-State Leadership and Auxiliary Camp, Senior Kyle Wisdom was awarded the Best Marcher award, and Junior Parker Smitko earned the Outstanding Leader award. Way to go!

Registration - Band Fees and Info:

This Thursday at registration day, be sure to stop by and say hello to your band booster representatives! We have information to share, form packets to distribute, and answers to any questions you may have.

Attached is our fee sheet for the year. I am pleased to report that there is no increase this year! Our boosters have worked hard to keep our fees low and reasonable. If you would like to take care of yours at registration, please do so! If you would rather wait until meet the band night, open house, or another time, that's fine. ALSO, please note that no student in the Raven Band Program will ever be turned away due to lack of financial ability. Should you need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly. Thank You!

[2019 band fees document](#)

SAVE THE DATE: Big, Loud, and Live - DCI Live Stream at AMC Theaters:

It was AWESOME to see so many of you at the Drum Corps Premier at AMC last month and at the DCI Show last week! Don't miss the live stream of Semi-finals which will take place on THURSDAY August 8th! The performances begin at 5:30 PM and we will again meet up in the large circle at AMC off Strang Line to enjoy the performances as a big, rowdy, flock of Raven band fans. Hope you can join us!

Leadership Workshop with Dr. Tim - Tuesday 8/13

Save the date, Tuesday August 13th! Dr. Tim will be hosting his annual leadership workshop in our area and all are welcome to join us. The cost will be \$30 and we will depart ONW at approx.. 3:30 PM and return before 9:00 PM. I will share much more information as the date gets closer. Save the date, you'll be glad you attended!!

Dr. Tim's leadership workshop is a highlight for me and for our students every year! **Students should bring paper and a writing utensil!** Attire is casual! Wear your favorite Raven Band gear! A reminder that the cost is \$30 per person. Please make your check out to the ONW Band Boosters as we will pay with one check. If you bring cash, please place it in an envelope marked with your name & "Dr. Tim" so we can make sure it is credited appropriately. I will also have a simple form available for you to sign if you wish to use funds in your band account.

Please arrive to the ONW band room in time to submit your payment and load the bus or suburban's by 3:30 PM. We will go to Freddy's for ice cream following the workshop's conclusion at 7:00. I'm buying the ice cream, if you would like anything additionally, please bring money. I anticipate that we will be back to ONW by 8:30 – 9:00. **Students should sign up using the link that follows by the end of the day Friday August 9th.**

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Tomorrow's (Tuesday's) band booster's meeting will be held in the Raven's Nest!

Remember that all are welcome! I'm bringing some snacks and sodas, see the info below and please join us if you can. Looking forward to planning out an exciting new year for our students.

The Raven's Nest is located just Northwest of the commons area. If you access the space from the "band" or events entrance, cut down the 1500 hallway to get there as the commons is being waxed. I will have signs to help you find your way. You are also welcome to enter from the north central entrance next to the Ravens Nest.

Sign up for a slot to help at next Monday's DCI Show!

Wow! One week from today. Thanks in advance to all who have signed up to help. I sure would rest easier seeing more of the spots fill up though, if you are able to lend a hand it would be greatly appreciated. Help is needed particularly in set up, clean up, and parking. As it stands now, Alex Baiza and I are going to be covering a lot of ground unassisted in the lot! Thank you for your consideration and support. More details below as needed, sign up for a shift or two or three [HERE!](#)

Sign Up Link - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d49adae2da57-dci2019>