

ONW Band Boosters' Parent Handbook

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Welcome

Welcome Letter

I would like to welcome you to a new and exciting year with the ONW Raven Bands on behalf of the ONW Raven Bands Booster Club. If you are an incoming freshman, or new to ONW, welcome to the ONW Raven Bands Family, a truly unique and rewarding experience. We are so pleased that you and your student will be involved in one of the largest and most successful high school band programs in the Midwest.

The Booster Club has created this handbook for you because it is something that we all wish we had when we became first time high school band parents or to refer back to when questions came up. It describes/covers almost everything that happens with the Raven Bands program, all from a parent's perspective. In addition, the sheer size of this handbook should also suggest to you that there are many opportunities for you to be involved and participate in our Band Family and Booster Club.

The ONW Raven Bands Program is the largest student group at Olathe Northwest and former Principal, Dr. Gwen Poss was famous for saying "the band is the heartbeat of our school." We want you to be an integral part of our Band Family through attendance, participation, and volunteerism at various band activities and events as we all work together as a Band Family to support and grow the most exciting and dynamic high school music program in the State of Kansas. We encourage you to read through this handbook and consider where you might be of service.

During the past 6 years, I have witnessed firsthand the growth and success of this program. This has been due to Mr. Davis' and his staff's passion for music and their students success, both in and out of the classroom, the dedication and hard work of all band students, and the steadfast support of the parents. Each festival, competition, concert, fundraiser, and year has generated additional growth, excitement, and opportunity for ONW Raven Bands. This is where you come in as parents of these fantastic, talented student musicians.

The ONW Raven Bands Booster Club has proudly supported our high school student musicians for the past 18 years and the level of needed support has grown each year due to the Band's success. It has been said that "No one can do everything, but everyone can do something." Each of you has something to give, in your own way, whether it be time, resources, connections, energy, or presence. Every contribution, no matter how big or small, is needed and appreciated as the ONW Raven Bands program continues to grow and succeed. Please join me and rest of the Booster Club in supporting our student musicians and ONW Raven Bands. We want you to be an integral part of the growth and success of ONW Raven Bands and our ONW Raven Bands Family.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mr. Davis or myself anytime. Once again, welcome to the ONW Raven Bands Family; and, we look forward to seeing and meeting you soon.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Augustine, President
ONW Raven Bands Booster Club
President@ravenbands.org

Basics on the ONW Band Boosters

Our Mission

The primary objectives of the Olathe Northwest Band Boosters are to collaborate with the Olathe Northwest High School Band Director, High School officials, and the Olathe School District officials to promote the advancement of the Olathe Northwest Raven Bands music program; and to encourage the growth and development of an exceptional music program that complements and expands the educational opportunities of ONW students.

Why the Handbook?

The Raven Bands and the Band Boosters are unimaginably busy, and for incoming band families, sometimes it's a lot to try to take in all at once. The information on the following pages will familiarize you with our organization, it's functions, projects, and committees. Because the Raven Bands family is so large (right now it's the largest in the school district), it's almost impossible to contact everyone at once, so we thought it would be a good idea to try to create this handbook. Lots more information, including an online calendar, is available at our website, www.ravenbands.org.

Any questions you may have can be directed to any Band Booster Officer, Committee Chair, or the Band Director.

Who are the Band Boosters?

The Olathe Northwest High School Band Boosters is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization to which all parents and guardians of Olathe Northwest Raven Band students automatically belong. Our organization welcomes not only the parents/guardians of students participating in the Olathe Northwest Raven Bands program but also anyone interested in supporting the Raven Bands.

What We Do (and What We Don't Do)

First, and foremost, The Olathe Northwest Band Boosters support the Band Director and the students of the Olathe Northwest Raven Bands. Our support typically functions through fundraising and volunteering "back stage". The Band Boosters manage an annual budget in order to support Raven Bands program. We do not make policy or curriculum decisions for the Raven Band; that is the role of the Band Director, assisted by the band staff.

Raven Bands activities are not completely covered by the Olathe Schools Board's Budget; therefore, the Band Boosters assist with raising money to support the band program. Some of our fundraising efforts include the annual Blues & BBQ Jazz Banquet, hosting a DCI – Brass Impact show/festival, Speedy Car Washes, Bingo Night, Holiday and Spring Plant Sales. The money we raise helps supply the Raven Bands with things like festival fees, clinician expenses, trailer fees, instrument repairs, and food.

Our other form of support – Volunteering to help "back stage" – is equally important. Parental involvement is essential to the success of the entire band program. When parents offer time and effort to chaperone, assist with uniforms, serve on the 'Roadies" crew, help at band camp and competitions, and help with fundraising – we are giving our time and effort to our sons and daughters and the ultimate success of the program.

There's one more thing that Band Boosters do...We have fun!! You'll find many opportunities to meet new people, form relationships and have a great time. Band families have a lot of school spirit and sit together in the stands at football games and competitions to show their support of the band.

Why We Need Your Help

It takes a group of dedicated students and parents to keep the Raven Bands program great!

The Olathe Northwest Band Boosters is devoted to the support and advancement of the Raven Bands program. With increasing numbers comes the obligation for new uniforms, music, fixing or replacing more instruments and buy/cooking meals during competitions. These items are typically not funded by the Olathe School District. You have a unique opportunity to help promote a band program with a proud legacy in our area. To continue and expand on our 15-year tradition of excellence, the Band Boosters need every parent to become involved! Whether it's fundraising, chaperoning, event organization, volunteering, or just showing up for monthly meetings, all that we ask is that you share with us your ideas and a little of your time and energy.

Everyone has something to contribute and we need each and every one of you!

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Basics on the ONW Band Boosters, Continued

When Do We Meet?

All Band Booster board meetings are at 6:30pm in the Band Room on the dates posted on The Jump and www.ravenbands.org. We will post an agenda online a few days before each meeting for your review. Despite the fact that they are titled "board meetings", all Boosters are welcome to attend. Upcoming board meetings are as follows:

If you miss a meeting, don't worry. Meeting minutes are available online on the Booster page at www.ravenbands.org

2021-2022 Band Booster Executive Committee

Below is the preferred means of communication with the ONW Band Booster Executive Committee:

| Position | Name | Contact Information |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Band Director ** | Robert Davis | rdavisonw@olatheschools.org |
| Assistant Band Director ** | Galen Whisman | gwhismanow@olatheschools.org |
| President | Michael Augustine | president@ravenbands.org |
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| Treasurer | Tracie Wright and Sheila Hite | treasurer@ravenbands.org |
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| Historian / Scrapbook | Beth Riekeman | historian@ravenbands.org |
| Publicity Agent | Jana Ruskanen | publicity@ravenbands.org |
| Roadies Coordinator | Kimberly Augustine | roadies@ravenbands.org |
| Uniform Coordinators | Danna Dahl and Paula Brekken | uniforms@ravenbands.org |
| Volunteer Coordinator | Trish Logsdon | volunteers@ravenbands.org |
| Webmaster | Ashley Augustine | webmaster@ravenbands.org |

** *Ex-Officio members of the Band Boosters board*

2019-2020 Band Booster Standing Committee Chairs

Below is the preferred means of communication with the ONW Band Booster Standing Committee Chairpersons:

| Position | Name | Contact Information |
|--|--------------------------------|--|
| Alumni Coordinator | --- | alumni@ravenbands.org |
| Bingo Night Coordinators | Jenny Wassom and Trish Logsdon | bingo@ravenbands.org |
| Blues & BBQ Coordinator | --- | bbq@ravenbands.org |
| Blues & BBQ Auction Coordinator | Sarah Nickel | auction@ravenbands.org |
| DCI – Brass Impact Coordinator | Rob and Jena McElwain | dci@ravenbands.org |
| EoY Banquet & Senior Gifts | --- | banquet@ravenbands.org |
| Food Coordinator | Mickey Schauf | foodcoordinator@ravenbands.org |
| Olathe Dist. Marching Invitational Coordinator | Kimberly and Michael Augustine | invitational@ravenbands.org |
| Props Coordinator | Jerry Prew | props@ravenbands.org |

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Basics on the ONW Band Boosters, Continued

Band at ONW by the Hour

Just as the ONW Band Boosters focuses on all the different bands in the program, this handbook was written to help out all bands. In total there are ten (10) different bands within the ONW Raven Bands program. Not all of them are full year programs, but to help better explain the whole Raven Bands program the following is a basic idea of each individual band. Each band is comprised of freshman through senior students who qualify based on auditions completed in the Spring semester of the previous year (unless otherwise stated).

| 1st Semester Class Schedule | | |
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| Class Hour | Band Name | Basic Description |
| 1 st | Marching | This band performs at each "home" field varsity football games and any Saturday Marching Band competitions/festivals. They rehearse in the summer and before school from August until the end of October. |
| 4 th | Concert | This band is comprised of students who chose not to audition for Symphonic/Wind Ensemble/Raven Winds bands. Students who choose not to march during the 1 st semester should enroll in this class. |
| 5 th | Jazz Lab | This band is comprised of students who choose not to audition or have auditioned and not been selected for Jazz I / II / III Bands. Students may not enroll in jazz band only. Jazz classes may be taken in addition to either Concert or Marching Bands. |
| 5 th | Jazz I | This band is considered to be the part of the Raven Bands advanced group. Students may not enroll in jazz band only. Jazz classes may be taken in addition to either Concert or Marching Bands. |

| 2nd Semester Class Schedule | | |
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| Class Hour | Band Name | Basic Description |
| 1 st | Raven Winds | This band is considered to be the Raven Bands advanced group. This band will begin immediately after the Marching Band season and will finish out the remainder of the school year. |
| 2 nd | Wind Ensemble | This band is a select ensemble of students who qualify for the Raven Bands intermediate group. This band will begin immediately after the Marching Band season and will finish out the remainder of the school year. |
| 3 rd | Symphonic | This band will begin immediately after the Marching Band season and will finish out the remainder of the school year. |
| 4 th | Concert | This band is comprised of students who chose not to audition for Symphonic/Wind Ensemble/Raven Winds bands. Students who choose not to march during the 1 st semester should enroll in this class. |
| 5 th | Jazz I | This band is considered to be the part of the Raven Bands advanced group. Students may not enroll in jazz band only. Jazz classes may be taken in addition to either Concert or Marching Bands. |
| 6 th | Jazz II | This band is a select ensemble who qualify for the Raven Bands intermediate group. Students may not enroll in jazz band only. Jazz classes may be taken in addition to either Concert or Marching Bands. |
| 7 th | Jazz III | This band is comprised of students who audition and qualify for this group. Students may not enroll in jazz band only. Jazz classes may be taken in addition to either Concert or Marching Bands. |
| Practices are Held at 3:30pm on the Day of Each Game | Pep Band | This band is comprised of band members who volunteer to participate as the Ravens Basketball Pep Band. No audition is required – Only an understanding that if a band member signs up he/she is required to attend all games (unless otherwise excused). Basketball season runs from December through end of February/March. |

Communications

Background

Communications is essential for our organization to work properly, so we have opted to use several different electronic forms in order to get the information that you'll need to know about upcoming events.

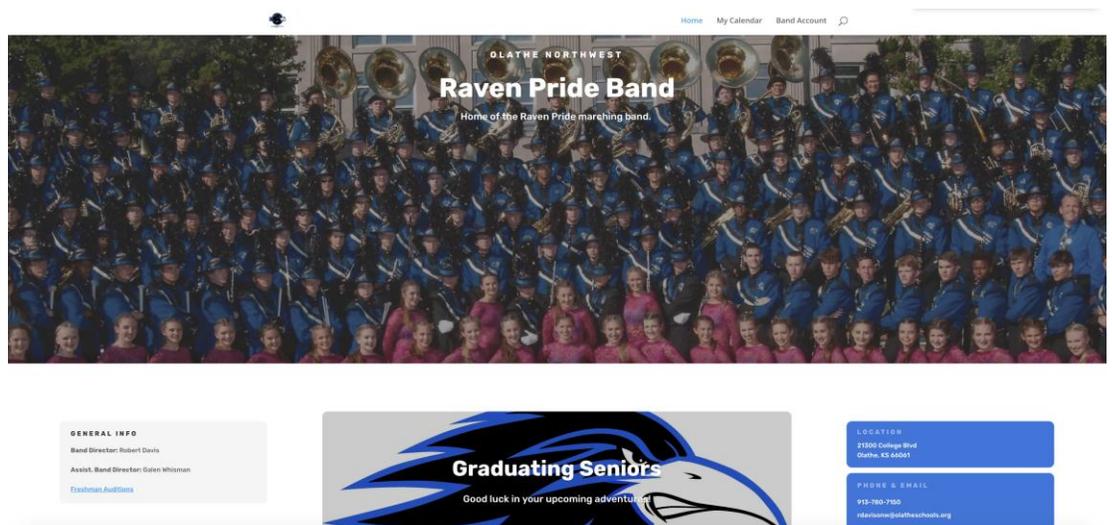
- The Raven Bands Website (<http://www.ravenbands.org>)
- The Jump App
- Charms Website (www.charmsoffice.com)
- Direct Emails
- Shutterfly

If you have any questions about the website, please contact our Webmaster :
Ashley Augustine @ webmaster@ravenbands.org

Raven Bands Website

The Raven Bands have their own dedicated website (www.ravenbands.org) which contains a wealth of information about what's going on in the Raven Bands program.

- Band Calendar
- More details about upcoming fundraiser events such as Blues & BBQ Banquet
- Access to send emails to Mr. Davis, Mr. Whisman, and all members of the Band Boosters' Executive Board
- Access to Band Boosters' Board meeting minutes
- Access to retrieve previous emails sent out about band information
- Information on how to access your student's band ledger account and how to request reimbursements
- Link to Charms website
- Link to the Band's Shutterfly account (must be approved to be a member)
- Link to the ONW Raven Pride Bands Facebook account



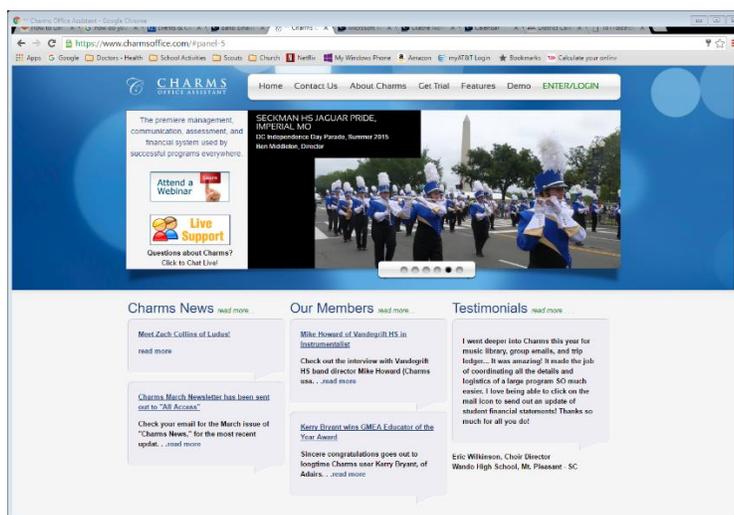
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Charms – Why is it Important?

The Raven Bands and the Band Boosters use a software program called **Charms Office**. Although you can link to it from the Raven Bands website, it is separate application that allows us to:

- Integrate student and parent contact information
- Tracks the Raven Bands calendar
- Manage inventory
- Assign and barcode uniforms
- Work on finances (including individual student accounts)



To log in to the student's account, follow the steps below:

| Step | Action |
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| 1 | Browse to: https://www.charmsoffice.com |
| 2 | Click on the "Enter/Login" button in the upper right corner |
| 3 | In the "Parents/Students/Members" section, please enter the following school code: ONWHSBand |
| 4 | Click on the "Enter Student/Parent Area" button |
| 5 | In the "Student Area Password" section, please enter your student's school ID <i>NOTE: Ignore the red box that might pop up requesting you to change your password – Instead just click on the "Home" icon located in the upper left corner.</i> |

Please check with your student to confirm their login info. They have likely been using this program since middle school.

From here you will be able to find out just about anything you want that pertains to your student – from the band calendar to what's going on in your student's financial ledger account to sending an email to the Band Director and the Boosters' Board members.

** When your student first joins the band please double-check the personal contact information (Click on "Update Info" icon). Don't forget to update the account anytime your information changes.

It is VERY IMPORTANT that the phone and email information for both the student and their parents are current – AND that your student's t-shirt size is accurate.

The contact information in your student's Charms account is what we use to send out Band updates and information -- that includes emails from Mr. Davis as well. If you have additional family members that you would like to receive band communications, please enter them in your Charms contacts. The t-shirt size in your student's profile is the size we use when ordering band shirts (No changes will be allowed after the order has been made).

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Emails

We have found that emails are a great way to reach everyone so expect to see a few of them in your “Inbox”. We realize that people are typically inundated with a sea of email from here, there, and everywhere. There are times when it’s hard to just keep up with it all. With that in mind we intentionally do our best to keep emails to a minimum while still keeping you and your student informed.

Most of the emails you will receive come from Mr. Davis, our Band Director. However, there will be times occasionally when someone from the Booster Executive Board will need to send information out to you; usually it will contain volunteer and fundraising information.

Do You Use Facebook or Shutterfly to Get Out Information?

Yes, Raven Bands has a Facebook page (ONW Raven Pride Band) but it is set up as a closed group so, you’ll need to request access through facebook. Parents and students are allowed to post pictures and information about band events. It’s really helpful during marching band festivals/competitions or anytime one of the bands is traveling by bus outside of school hours. **This facebook page should only be used to share photos and recognitions. This page is not monitored by the band directors or officials on the booster board. Many things have changed in the past couple of years and will continue to change, so it is important not to rely on how things have been done in the past.**

We also use our Shutterfly account so that parents and students can upload or download pictures during band events. This account is secure as well so you’ll need to be invited.

Who Should I Contact if I Have Any Questions?

First of all, questions are good. We like questions! That means you’re engaged and we always appreciate that.

If you have question about the Band Boosters or just want information from a band parent’s perspective, PLEASE ASK!! Anyone from the Boosters Executive Board would be happy to answer any questions you may have – please refer to the Basics on the ONW Band Boosters listed in the section above. If that person you contact doesn’t know the answer we will make sure we get you in contact with someone who does.

This handbook has also been formatted so that the following sections are broken down by our most common questions. At the beginning of each section there is a paragraph(s) titled “Background” which gives you an overall description of the section and includes a contact person that you may reach out to if you have any additional questions.

Calendar of Events

Background

Mr Davis has published a calendar that has been provided by email and is available in Charms Office. These calendars include all bands intermixed and can be confusing. The calendar is also available at www.ravenbands.org where the calendar has been segregated by the various bands.

If you have any questions about the band calendars, please contact the Band Directors :

Robert Davis at rdavisonw@olatheschools.org or Galen Whisman at gwwhisman@olatheschools.org

As you're looking through these calendars you'll notice there are a lot of auditions, concerts, and festivals. For questions about specific events, please refer to the section below titled "What Are All These Events About?"

What are All These Events About?

No matter which band your student is in their calendar is pretty full with concerts, festivals, and competitions throughout the year. For those who are new to high school band it can get a little overwhelming to know what you can participate in and what you can't, so the following is a brief description of most of the events.

Marching Band Events

| Event | Details |
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| Old Settlers' Day (Stand & Blow – Downtown Olathe) Cancelled for 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every other year ONW is invited to perform at the Old Settlers' Day "Stand & Blow" as part of their kick-off for the weekend celebration. • Students will meet up at school to check out their uniform & will ride the buses to/from school. • The band will play a few songs over by the court house (corner of Cherry & Loula). • Families are welcome to go down to the festivities and watch the performance. |
| March to Meadow Lane & PRT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of our marching preparation the band has an annual tradition of marching and performing from ONW to Meadow Lane Elementary to Prairie Trail Middle School and back to ONW. This is currently being reviewed and expanded to include Summit Trail. • This march is performed during morning school hours • All student should wear their show shirt to school! ▪ Parents are welcome to come to school and watch the performances |
| Old Settlers' Parade Cancelled for 2021 – alternate parade activity planned | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each year all Olathe high schools (and middle schools) perform in the parade. Our students will be asked to meet at ONW early that morning to check-out their uniform and get prepped. School buses will drive students to and from the parade. Uniforms will be checked back in when students return to ONW • Details for drop-off/pick-up should be given to your student within a week of the parade • Many families drop their student off at school and then find a spot on the parade route to watch everyone go by. After the band finishes the parade they head back to ONW and pick up their student once they've checked in their uniform |
| Olathe District Marching Band Festival | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a fun night at CBAC (College Boulevard Activity Center) when each of the Olathe high school marching bands perform for each other in a showcase performance format • All band students and their families are welcome to come and watch the performances, but seating does fill up so we highly suggest that you arrive early if you want a seat |

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What are All These Events About?
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Marching Band Events, cont.

| Event | Details |
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| Football Games | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We play at all “home” games so we will always be on the west side of the field (furthest away from ONW). Students should arrive to school by the 4:30pm call time. Each student is responsible for check-outing their assigned marching band uniform from the uniform room, getting their uniform on, and their instruments ready to rehearse as soon as possible. Parents are encouraged to come into school around this time to help out with various Band Booster jobs. Once instructed by the Band Director the Marching Band will line up outside and march to the CBAC Stadium. Parents are welcome to walk with the band if they choose. Otherwise, this is a good time to drive over and park at the stadium. <i>Important Tip: If parents/family is planning to stay for the game, you must either purchase an admission ticket or show you Activity Pass that you bought during school registration. Everyone is required to show proof of purchase even if you are helping the band. This is a district decision and the Band or the Band Boosters have no influence in this matter.</i> Prior to the band marching towards the stadium the band bags and percussion pit instruments will be loaded up, driven to the CBAC field, and unloaded in a designated area for student access During each game the Band Boosters provide students with a snack and water so while it’s fine to give your student money, it’s not necessary |
| Marching Band Competitions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For each competition, the drop-off/pick-up for the students will be on the band side of ONW Designed time will vary based on each competition, but be prepared for them to be gone ALL DAY Parents are always welcome to watch (or even volunteer time to help with Band Booster jobs), but you will need to find your own transportation and pay your own expenses such as competition admission tickets Students need to eat breakfast before arriving and pack a meal to take with them. The Band Boosters will provide a dinner meal for the students and bottled water for the students. If you feel your student will need/want more food than that, then it would be best for the student to bring a little extra money with them. Often times there will be a concession stand available, but <u>only after</u> the band has performed – <u>not before</u> Many times the band’s return arrival time is more of an estimate than an exact time so your flexibility on pick-up times is greatly appreciated. Following the band on our Facebook account is a great way of “staying in the loop”. |

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What are All These Events About?, cont.

Concert Bands Events (Symphonic, Wind Ensemble, Raven Winds, & Concert)

| Events | Details |
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| <p>John P. Sousa Honor Band</p> <p><i>NOTE: For Freshman Band Students only</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auditions are done through CD recordings that students can turn in • Specific piece of music will be chosen for the students to record by the Band Director • Students will be notified if they have been selected to perform in this honor band • Selected students will be able to participate in a 2-day workshop in Lawrence, KS • At the end of the workshop students will perform a concert for family and friends at the KU Lied Center |
| <p>Tuba Christmas</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Tubas and Euphonium players will be able to play with other area schools at the Kaufman Center • Parents/Families are welcome to attend as long as they have a purchased ticket (traditionally the band has paid for the student players) |
| <p>Regional Honor Band</p> <p><i>NOTE: For Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Students</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interested students need to notify the Band Director so he/she can receive an audition time • Specific piece of music will be chosen for the students to play at auditions • There is a nominal fee for each audition which has traditionally been paid for by the Band Boosters • Auditions will be held at Olathe East high school on Nov. 3, 2018 – Times will be given to the participating students within a week before the actual day. There will not be much flexibility with these times, so be prepared. • Parents are allowed to attend their student's private audition only if the student approves • Students selected will be able to play in one of two bands at the Regional Honor Band Festival Concert • Parents/Families are welcome to attend the Festival Concert |
| <p>KMEA State Convention</p> <p><i>NOTE: For students who were selected for the Regional Honor Band</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auditions for the KMEA are available for students who were selected for the Regional Honor Band • There is a nominal fee for each audition which has traditionally been paid for by the Band Boosters. • Auditions are held in Salina, KS so there will be traveling and an overnight stay involved • The overnight stay and meals have traditionally been paid for by the State of Kansas • If a student is selected, he/she will travel to Wichita, KS for a 3 day workshop with professional clinicians to prepare for a final concert • Parents/Families are encouraged to attend the final concert with the purchase of a ticket • The cost of students' lodging and meals has traditionally been paid for by the State of Kansas |
| <p>Wind Ensemble / Raven Winds Pre-Contest Concert</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These are practice concerts with other local bands in preparation for the KSHAA State Large Group Festival • These concerts are held in the middle of the school day • Parents/Families are welcome to attend at no cost |

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Concert Band Events (Concert, Symphonic, Wind Ensemble, and Raven Winds)

| Events | Details |
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| <p>Retreat to Lake of the Ozarks</p> <p><i>NOTE: For students in Raven Winds only</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a Friday – Sunday weekend trip to the Four Seasons-Lake of the Ozarks Resort for intense practice to prepare for the State Large Group Festival with specialized clinicians. There is a fee for this trip that has traditionally been paid for by the students – Historically the cost has been approximately \$250/student |
| <p>KSHSAA State Large Group Festival</p> <p><i>NOTE: For students in the Wind Ensemble and Raven Winds bands</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Festival is held at a local high school in the middle of the school day Parents/Families are welcome to attend at no cost |
| <p>Regional Solo & Ensemble</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For All Band Students Auditions will be held at a local high school where students can perform as an individual (solo) or with a small group (ensemble) – For ensembles, students are responsible for pairing the group together themselves Interested students need to notify the Band Director so he/she can receive an audition time There is a fee for each student auditioning (traditionally this fee has been paid for by the Band Boosters) Students will select their own music for the audition. Each student is responsible for buying two (2) original sheets of their music and bringing both of them to the audition. <i>Important Tip: Automatic disqualification will be given to any student who either doesn't have two sheets of music or turns in photocopies of the music. They are serious about this – no exceptions.</i> Audition times will be assigned approximately one (1) week prior to the auditions During the audition, students will be judged on presentation as well as performance so dress, diction, and attitude are important too All solos will need a piano accompaniment when auditioning (traditionally the Band Boosters have paid for a pianist to work with all of the students) Parents are welcome to watch their student's audition as long as they have the student's approval If a student receives a "1" rating for their audition, then he/she/they will advance to the State Solo & Ensemble Festival |
| <p>State Solo & Ensemble Festival</p> <p><i>NOTE: For select students who received a "1" rating at their Regional Solo & Ensemble audition</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Solo & Ensemble Festival will be held at the Washburn Rural High School for selected students who received a "1" rating for their audition at the Regional Solo & Ensemble There is a fee to participate which has traditionally been paid for by the Band Boosters Parents/Families are welcome to attend |

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Calendar of Events, Continued

What are All These Events About?,
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Concert Band Events (Concert, Symphonic, Wind Ensemble, and Raven Winds)

| Events | Details |
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| ONW Percussion Show | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performed at ONW by the ONW Percussion Students as a fundraising show for friends, families, and other students • All students and families are welcome with the purchase of a ticket |
| ONW Spring Band Concert and End of the Year Banquet | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For all band students and their families • It's a combined concert and award recognition banquet ceremony for all band students' achievements. These awards include (but are not limited to) Band Letters and/or Pins, Festival Awards, Senior Recognition, and Mr. Davis will announce next year's marching band drum majors. • The evening starts out at 5:30pm in the ONW Commons with a banquet dinner immediately followed by the awards ceremony. At approximately 7pm everyone moves to the ONW Auditorium for the Spring Concert. The awards ceremony will continue on between the band changes during the concert. • To attend the Banquet everyone must purchase a ticket which takes care of the cost of the meal. However, if you only want to attend the concert (and not the banquet), you don't have to buy a ticket. |
| Senior Commencement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For all Freshmen – Junior students in the Symphonic, Wind Ensemble, and Raven Winds Bands • This is a required event for these students to perform at the graduation commencement ceremony • Due to the limited seating, parents are not allowed to attend unless they have received a coveted graduation ticket from outside the band program |

Uniforms

Background

Uniforms are the “face” of the band. It’s important for the band to not only act as one together, but to look as though they are one. The Raven Bands have three different uniforms for the students and with approximately 400 students during the 2021-2022 school year you can imagine how much coordination it takes to get everyone fitted and checked. Below is a description of each uniform according to their band and a few helpful tips.

If you have any questions about uniforms, please contact our Uniform Coordinators:

Danna Dahl and/or Paula Brekken @ Uniforms@ravenbands.org

Marching Band

Marching Band’s uniform is the most elaborate because of all its pieces. It has:

- Long sleeve jacket
- Pants that are actually more like a bib
- A pair (2-pc.) of “tails” that can be snapped onto the jacket
- A pair (2-pc.) of “gauntlets” that are fitted onto the jacket around the wrist area
- A hat with a detachable plume (“feathers”)
- A pair (2-pc.) of black gloves (furnished through Band Fees)
- A pair of black long socks (furnished one pair through Band Fees – highly suggest buying extra socks)
- A pair of black marching shoes (furnished through Band Fees if you are a New Marcher)
- One “Show” t-shirt (furnished through Band Fees)

****Students are required to wear their show shirt under the uniform at every event. It is highly recommended that they also wear a pair of gym shorts underneath their uniform as well.****

All fittings will be done at school during the Full Band Camp around the uniform room (Room 1810 – adjacent to the Nurse’ Office). There will be girls & boys dressing rooms available for them to change, but *it’s recommended that they wear/bring a t-shirt and shorts that can be worn under the uniform. **If you are a return marcher, please remember to bring your marching shoes.***

At this time a uniform will be assigned to each student for inventory purposes. This is also the time when we will gather an order list to purchase new marching shoes. So, if you are new marcher or a return marcher who has outgrown your shoes, make sure your name and shoe size is on the order form.

If you cannot make it to the Uniform Fitting it’s very important that you contact the Uniform Coordinators. Otherwise, you may not be able to get a uniform!

For each football game or competition, the students are responsible for picking up or “checking out” their own uniform from the Uniform Room (Room 1810 – adjacent to the Nurse’s Office) by the posted call time.

After the event is over students are responsible for packing their uniform up and have it ready for inspection during the turning in or “check in” process. Once their uniform has been approved they will hang it up in the assigned spot of their closet in the Uniform Room.

Shoes and socks are allowed to go home at the end of each event because they are student-owned. **(It is highly recommended to have the socks washed after each event.)**

****NOTE:** Except for the socks and shoes, the Marching uniform is owned by the Olathe School District and checked out to each student for the sole purpose of performing as a member of the Raven Pride Band program at all band events. *Unfortunately, there are times when accidents happen and a student may damage or lose parts of the uniform. In these cases, it is the responsibility of the student to pay for a replacement item if that item cannot be repaired or found.*

In addition to the uniform each student will have a band bag (which is paid for through band fees and is student-owned) that they should bring to each event. This is a great place to keep and carry band shoes, socks, and just about anything else your student feels they need. However, please keep in mind your student’s band bag will be tossed around as we transport it during football games and away competitions. So, **PLEASE DO NOT KEEP ANYTHING IN YOUR BAND BAG THAT CAN BREAK.**

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Uniforms, Continued

Jazz Band

Jazz Band's uniform consists of --

For Women:

- Black dress coordinated as a group (provided by student)
- Black dress shoes (provided by student)

For Men:

- Black long-sleeve dress shirt (provided by student)
- Black dress pants (provided by student)
- Black dress socks (provided by student)
- Black dress shoes (provided by student)
- Suspenders supplied by ONW – white for Jazz I, blue for Jazz II, & black for Jazz III
- Neck tie supplied by ONW – white for Jazz, blue for Jazz II, & black for Jazz III

Suspenders and neck ties will be “checked out” to the students sometime during the week of their first performance. Students are allowed to take them home during the Jazz band season. Students will need to “check in” their tie and suspenders at the end of the school year.

Concert Band (includes Concert Symphonic Wind Ensemble and Raven Winds)

Concert Band's uniform consists of –

For Women:

- Black dress (owned by ONW)
- Black dress shoes (provided by student)

For Men:

- Black Tuxedo (owned by ONW)
- Tuxedo shirt (provided by student, but if new shirt is needed – orders are through ONW)
- Black socks (provided by student)
- Black shoes (provided by student)

For all new band students --

Each year during 1st semester there will be a Uniform Fitting Day (or Days) for all new band students to get fitted for their uniform. So, keep an eye out for further instructions. All fittings will be done at school around the uniform room (room 1810 – adjacent to the Nurse's Office). There are girls & boys dressing rooms available for them to change.

At this time a uniform will be assigned to each student for inventory purposes. This is also the time when we will gather a list to order tuxedo shirts for anyone who needs a new shirt either because they are new or they have outgrown their older shirt.

If you cannot make it to the Uniform Fitting it's very important that you contact the Uniform Coordinators.

Once the concert uniforms are assigned they are “checked out” to the student and sent home to be kept for the duration of the student's time in the ONW Raven Band program. Concert uniforms should be “checked back in” if:

- 1.) Your student has outgrown their current uniform and need to replace it for an “upgrade” -
Please wait for the Uniform Fitting Day in the Fall to turn in an outgrown uniform.
- 2.) Your student has chosen to leave the Band program prior to the end of their senior year, or
- 3.) Your student is leaving the Band program because he/she is a graduating senior.

Immediately following the ONW Spring Concert - Senior students from all bands (Symphonic, Wind Ensemble, Raven Winds, and Full Year Concert) are to “check back in” their uniform in the Band Room. Please wait for specific instructions from the Uniform coordinators for more specific details.

Whenever your student turns in their uniform, make sure they have another outfit with them to change into.

Volunteers

Background

Volunteering is a critical part of Band Boosters support for our directors and our students in our Raven Bands. While we have lots of activities that depend on volunteers throughout the year, we have broken them down into the following area. We feel there is an opportunity for everyone to contribute to our band program based on their interests and skills. An email is sent out in Mr. Davis' weekly email or from the Charms system to parents and/or students for different areas, as explained below.

If you have any questions about general volunteering, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator :
Penny Haughey at Volunteers@ravenbands.org

Chaperones

For marching band festivals and for all band concert season festivals for which the band travels from ONW, a parent or director must ride on each bus to and from the event with the band. Marching band chaperones are coordinated through the main Marching Band Sign-up Genius. Festival chaperones are not needed usually until spring semester and are coordinated through email or a spring signup genius since festival chaperones are needed in the spring for all bands.

Food & Drinks

Assist with identifying, purchasing and coordinating delivery of snacks & waters (Marching Band football games) or one meal (Marching Band festivals and Pep Band for home basketball games). We request donations for some items throughout the season; other food and drink purchases are reimbursed by the Band Boosters or by the Band District budget.

Fundraising

Assist with generating fund-raising contacts & ideas, organizing and staffing fundraising events, and distributing sold items to students for their delivery. An individual Signup Genius or email is sent out for each event. Information about our largest fundraiser, Blues & BBQ, can be found in the section, Blues & BBQ Banquet and Auction. See **Fundraising** section for more details.

Marching Band – Student Field Prep Assistance

Marching Band requires the largest number of volunteers because of the large number of students and amount of equipment being moved and set up. Volunteering for these activities is usually coordinated through a series of Marching Band Season Signup Genius. Each event will have its own Signup Genius which you will be able to find within some of Mr. Davis' weekly emails. A second option that is now available to us this year is a link to each Signup from our new (and improved) website -- www.ravenbands.org

- Football games are usually on Friday evenings and volunteer opportunities are generally between 4pm – 10pm.
- Festivals occur usually on Saturdays during September/October and can vary in length based on the festival format and location but are usually all-day events.

We provide details on the date and time/length of each event as soon as we have it available, and you will receive an update from Signup Genius if information on a slot for which you've volunteered has been updated. It takes many hands to coordinate our marching band performances at the Friday night football games and festivals, but the Signup Genius format allow parents to volunteer for specific dates and jobs that work for them.

With the marching band's student field prep assistance, we have jobs that we need help with. Please note that each of the areas listed below take between 5 and 8 people to get the job done.

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Volunteers, *Continued*

Marching Band – Student Field Prep Assistance, cont.

| Position | Description |
|--------------------|--|
| Bleacher Covers | Placing bleacher covers out before pre-game to protect the uniforms and putting them away after the game - home football games only |
| Snacks & Water | Distributing snacks & water during halftime at football games or throughout the festival/competitions |
| "Pluming" | "Pluming" (putting on/taking off feathers from the hats) the marching band students for shows and festival events just prior to and immediately after each performance |
| Uniform Inspection | Assisting with uniform questions or repairs during events and last-minute uniform inspections |

Marching Band – Raven Roadies

Volunteering with the Raven Roadies is also coordinated through the one Marching Band Season Signup Genius that was mentioned above. At each football game and marching band festival/competition we need volunteers to:

- Assist in loading and transporting marching band equipment/instruments from ONW to CBAC before a home football game and then back to ONW after the game.
- Assist in loading and transporting marching band equipment/instruments from ONW to whichever festival the band is competing in that day and then back to ONW after the festival/competition is over.
- Move front ensemble (percussion) instruments on and off the field for the marching band show during half-time at home football games and at each festival/competition.

In order for the Raven Roadies to get their job done at each event we need:

- A minimum of 12 people to help move the instruments on and off the field.
- 3 full-size pickup trucks to pull trailers and equipment to and from the events. These trucks must have a hitch with a tow capacity of 7500 lbs. and be able to connect to the trailer's braking system (7-blade RV adaptor).
- 3 minivan or suburban vehicles to carry the student's band bags and equipment to CBAC for the home football games.

For specific questions about the Raven Roadies, please contact our Roadies Coordinator:

Kimberly Augustine at roadies@ravenbands.org

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Volunteers, *Continued*

Marching Band – Raven Props

Volunteering with the Raven Props is also coordinated through the series of Marching Band Season Signup Genius that was mentioned above. At each football game and marching band festival/competition we need volunteers to:

- Assist in assembly and supervision of the movement of marching band props from ONW to CBAC before a home football game and then back to ONW after the game.
- Assist in loading and transporting marching band props from ONW to whichever festival the band is competing in that day and then back to ONW after the festival/competition is over.
- Assist in assembling the props off field and moving them to their proper field placement

In order for the Raven Props to get their job done at each event we need:

- A minimum of 7 people to help move the props on and off the field
- A full-size pickup truck with hitch to pull the trailer and props to and from the events

For specific questions about the Raven Props, please contact our Props Coordinator:

Jerry Prew at props@ravenbands.org

Uniforms

All students have concert uniforms (tuxes for men, dresses for women). Volunteers assist by:

- Altering concert uniforms as needed after fittings (Alterations can be done at home)
 - Checking in the marching band uniforms at ONW after home football games or festival events – this is coordinated on the main Marching band Season Signup Genius. Marching band uniforms are kept at ONW in the uniform room between events; Concert uniforms are kept at home by the students.
 - See **Uniforms** section for more information
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The Cost of Supporting the Band

Background

Financial Support – this is the other key component in the Band Boosters directive. It's unfortunate, but true that the Olathe School District is not able to fund everything that our students need to have the high impact band program that we have here at Olathe Northwest. This is where the Boosters come in (along with a lot of manpower help from the band students and our Band Directors, Mr. Davis and Mr. Whisman).

The monies we are able to raise through fundraisers and fees ALL go to the program and its students by way of either paying for band costs or directly into student ledger accounts (based on the student's participation in the fundraisers).

If you have any questions about financing, please contact our Treasurer:

Tracie Wright and Sheila Hite at treasurer@ravenbands.org

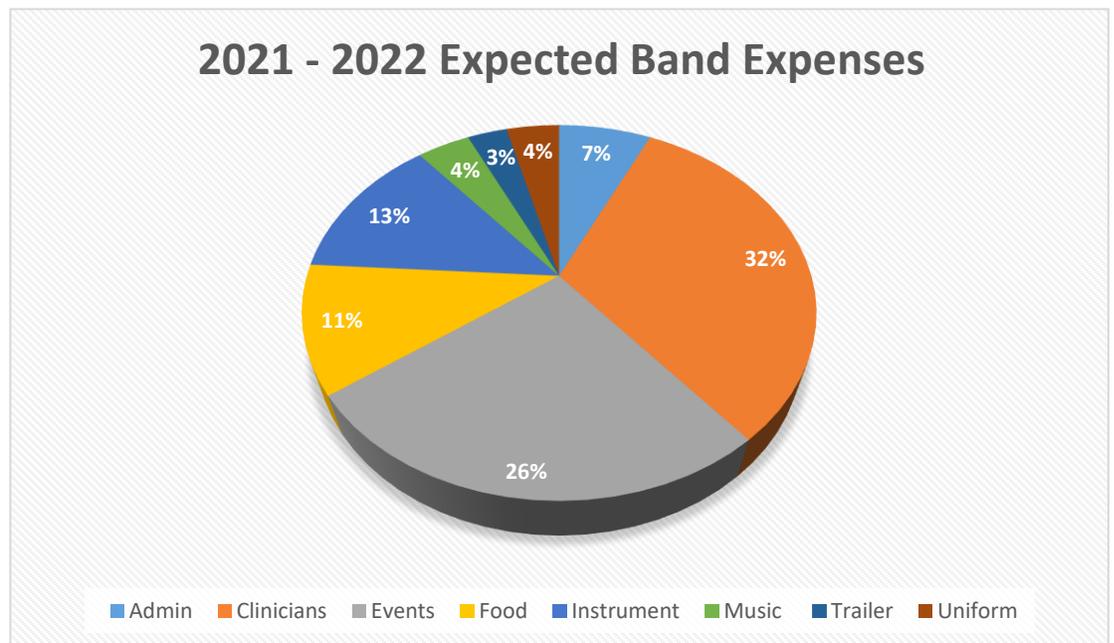
What Band Costs?

"Band Costs" is a general description of all the different expenses that the bands incur during the school year. In order to bring the kind of full year band program that we all love so much Mr. Davis and the Band Boosters are expecting to spend approximately:

| Band Student (for the 2019 – 2020 school year) | Est. Cost per Student (Based on Total Program Costs) ** Not Band Fees ** |
|---|--|
| Marching Band Student (returning) | \$ 345 |
| Marching Band Student (new) | \$ 420 |
| Concert Band Student (full-year) | \$ 190 |
| Jazz Band Student | \$ 68 |

Some of these costs you would expect to see such as uniform expenses and snacks/meals at each event. However, there are other costs that the Boosters help take care of that may not have occurred to you such as repairs to any ONW owned instruments, maintenance and transportation of the band trailers, transportation of the band students, and competition & festival fees.

The following graph will give you a better idea of what has been raised and spent on the Raven Band program:



For those interested in delving deeper into the Band expenses, please contact the Band Boosters' treasurer.

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The Cost of Supporting the Band, Continued

What Are the Band Fees for My Student?

Band Fees for each student vary based on their participation in the Raven Bands program. A student who is in more than one band will have a higher Band Fee than a student who is participating in just one band. The following is a breakdown of fees for each band:

| 2019 – 2020 Band | Fees | Items Included in the Fee |
|--|--------|---|
| Marching Band (Returning Marchers) | \$ 200 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One pair of gloves One pair of marching socks One Marching Band t-shirt (aka "Show Shirt") Uniform Cleaning & Maintenance <i>Dues</i> |
| Concert Band (Students in Full Year Concert Band) | \$ 55 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One Band t-shirt Uniform Cleaning & Maintenance <i>Dues</i> |
| Jazz Band (Jazz I, Jazz II, or Jazz III Bands Only) | \$ 40 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Dues</i> |

Possible Incidental Expenses a Student may be Required to Purchase Outside of the Band Fee:

| 2019 – 2020 Band | Fees | Items a Student may need to Purchase |
|--------------------------------|-------|--|
| Marching Band Shoes | \$ 30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Required for all New Marchers</u> <u>Available to any Return Marcher who needs to order a new pair of marching shoes</u> Considered to be part of the ONW Marching Uniform Part of uniform that students can keep |
| Marching Band Duffle Bag | \$ 45 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Required for all New Marchers</u> Considered to be part of the ONW Marching Uniform Part of uniform that students can keep |
| Concert Band (For Men Only) | \$ 20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>For men only:</i> Concert tuxedo shirts are part of the uniform, so if you're new or have outgrown last year's shirt you will need to purchase another one |

** Please Note: Do not let Band Fees stop you from participating in the band! If you need help with band fees, please contact Mr. Davis at rdavisonw@olatheschools.org or by phone at (913) 780-7150 or (913) 963-6524. All inquiries will be held in the strictest of confidence. All students are welcome in the band program, supports are in place for students who need assistance with fees.

Dues? What Exactly are the Dues Paying For?

Dues are defined as any general expenses that each Band incurs as a group. Some of these expenses include:

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|---|---|
| Festival Fees for Marching Band Events  | Pizza Dinners for Pep Band and other occasions  |
| Festival Fees for all Concert Band Events   (Concert, Symphonic, Wind Ensemble, and Raven Winds) | Clinicians Fees   # |
| Festival Fees for Solo & Ensemble Entries   # | Maintenance expenses for Band Trailers  |
| Festival Fees for all Jazz Band Events # | Maintenance/Repairs expenses for ONW-owned band instruments   # |
| Snacks at Marching Band Camps  | Traveling Expenses for all away events   # |
| Lunch Supplies at Old Settlers' Day  | Basketball Pep Band t-shirts   |
| Marching Band Snacks at Home Football Games  | Parties and Celebrations   # |
| Marching Band Meals at all Competitions  | Student Awards/Letters   # |
| Pancake Breakfast for all Bands   # | Field Show Music and Props  |

 = Part of Marching Band dues

 = Part of Concert Band dues

= Part of Jazz Band dues

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The Cost of Supporting the Band, Continued

When and How Are We Expected to Pay My Student's Band Fees?

We can collect band fees in a few different ways now. We are able to accept payments made by:

- Cash
- Check or Money Order
- Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or AmEx)
- Transfer of funds from your student's band ledger

Cash, Check, or Money Order: Payments can be dropped in the black mailbox inside the ONW band room (on the wall just outside of Mr. Davis/Mr. Whisman office). Please seal your payment in an envelope and identify the student's name and purpose of payment ("Band Fees") on the front of the envelope.

Credit Card: Payments can be made by logging into your student's CharmsOffice account and select the Finance button. Under fixed asset section you should find a "Pay" button. By clicking on the "pay" button it will automatically send you to the Paypal website which will allow you to make a secure payment online.

Transfer of band ledger funds: Students/Parents are able to use money earned through previous fundraisers to pay for band-related expenses such as band fees. If you'd like to pay for band fees with your student's band ledger, please fill out the "Transfer Ledger Funds Request" form located on the Raven Bands website (www.ravenbands.org) - It is located on the resources page.

Once the form is completely filled out you can either:

- Drop it in the black mailbox inside the ONW band room (on the wall just outside of Mr. Davis / Mr. Whisman office)
- Scan it, save it into a .pdf, and email it to the treasurer's email address (treasurer@ravenbands.org)

We will also be collecting Band Fees at ONW all day on Registration Day and at the Meet the Band / Parent Meeting, so please look for our table at school. We will have copies of the Transfer Ledger Funds Request forms for you to fill out there and we will do our best to have credit card payment access as well.

(NOTE: Full Disclosure - Internet access within ONW can be spotty so depending on where our table is located we may have some trouble with connections.)

Please feel free to stop by our table if you have any financial questions as well.

If Band Fee payments cannot be made before August 31st, then please contact the Boosters' Treasurer, Tracie Wright, for other options.

Student Ledger Accounts – What is it and How Does it Work for Me?

A Student Ledger Account is a financial account that is set up for each band student. This account, or ledger as we like to call it, is created when they first join the band program and will be available to the student until they leave the program.

Within each ledger, we track:

- What band fees and/or trip costs the student has accrued
- What fees and additional costs have been paid for
- What monies the student has earned through fundraising
- Any other payments that have been paid for at the student's request

Students can use the monies he/she has accumulated in their ledger to pay for the following things:

- Annual band fees
 - Student's portion of cost to go on a band trip
 - Purchase tickets to an ONW Band Event such as End of Year Banquet
 - Reimbursement for musical instrument lessons
 - Reimbursement for personal instrument repair/maintenance costs
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The Cost of Supporting the Band, Continued

Student Ledger Accounts – What is it and How Does it Work for Me?, cont.

In order to track your student's personal ledger:

- Log into their Charms Office website account (www.charmsoffice.com)
- Click "Finances"

The first section will show you the balance of the ledger. The sections after that will list the itemized history of the ledger based on band fees, field trips, fundraising, and any miscellaneous details.

How Can I See My Student Account Activity?

- Follow the link to Charms: www.charmsoffice.com
- Log in as Parents/Students/Members
- Use School Code: ONWHSBand
- Enter the password for your account
- If you get the page telling you to change your password (this is optional). If you wish to continue using your student id – JUST IGNORE AND CLICK ON THE HOME button on the top left.
- Click on the Finances icon and you will see your student Financial Statement.

- Charms Tip – If you are changing your password:

The box that is titled "Current Password/ID" – Even though it looks like your password is already entered (*****). Go ahead and Click here and re-enter your current password you are wanting to change (student id).

I have found that some browsers retain misc passwords here and it is not always correct and then you try to enter a new password it creates even more headache. I am currently working with Charms to make this clearer.

Always start with your student when changing information for the Charms account. They have likely been using this since Middle School and will need to continue to access this program throughout the year.

** If you just cannot get your student id or password to work email the Treasurer and she will reset your password to your student id.

Will There be Any Fundraising Opportunities for My Student?

Yes!! We will have several opportunities for the students to raise money through fundraisers. In fact, the following section is all about fundraisers. Many of our students are able to pay for field trips and other qualified items strictly through fundraisers – it really just depends on how much time and effort they put into these opportunities.

Fundraising

Background

It's difficult to talk about financial support without a discussion on fundraising – in fact, I dare you to try! Without fundraising our bands would not be able to do the things they do or go to the competitions and festivals that they go to. So while people may call it a “necessary evil”, it is still NECESSARY.

The ONW Band Boosters have come up with some fundraising options that have been very successful in the past and we feel will also be in the future. Below is a brief description of what we are planning to work on for the 2019-2020 school year and how the monies raised will break down between General Funds and Student Ledger Account Funds.

If you have any questions or ideas about fundraising, please contact our Fundraising Coordinator:
Penny Haughey at fundraising@ravenbands.org

General Band Funds vs. Student Ledger Account Funds

All fundraisers that the Raven Bands and Band Boosters participate in is solely intended to help the Raven Bands program and its students. Depending on the fundraiser its profits will be applied to:

- *The Band Boosters' General Funds*
 - Profits from a fundraiser being applied to the Band Boosters' General Fund help pay for expenses that the Raven Bands program incurs.

(Between fundraising profits and band fees, the Band Boosters will pay approx. two-thirds (2/3) of the Raven Bands budget.)

- *The Student Ledger Accounts of band students who participated in the fundraiser*
 - Profits from a fundraiser being applied to the Student Ledger Accounts will help the participating individual students pay for band/music expenses such as:
 - Band Trips
 - Reimbursement of private lessons
 - Reimbursement for any maintenance or repairs needed on his/her instrument
 - Tickets to a band event (excluding Blues & BBQ Banquet)
 - *Or, a portion will go to both Funds*
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Dine Nights

(General Band Funds)

Throughout the year we will have “Dine Nights” at participating restaurants such as:

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| Austin's Bar & Grill | Panera Bread |
| Papa Murphy's (103 rd & Woodland) | Panda Express |
| Chipotle Mexican Grill | Culvers |

Emails and flyers will be sent out to everyone so you have a chance to dine out during one of our nights and help raise money. Don't forget your flyer!

Hosting Concerts

(General Band Funds)

Occasionally we receive the opportunity to host a special concert.

- Drum Corp Int'l (DCI) – Summer 2022
- Olathe District Marching Invitational – Fall 2022

As the host we can raise money for the General Band Fund through ticket sales and concessions. For events like these we need a lot of volunteer help so stay tuned for further details.

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Fundraising, Continued

Bake Sales
(General Band Funds)

Typically, we run a Bake Sale a few times per year at:

- Olathe Northwest's school registration day (in July)
- Parent/Teacher Conferences (in October and February)

Prior to these Bake Sales you will receive an email invite to link into our Signup Genius. There you and/or your student can volunteer to bring baked "goodies" to sell or to help run the Bake Sale table.

**KC Ethnic
Enrichment
Festival**
(Student Ledger Funds)

Each August Kansas City holds the Ethnic Enrichment Festival in Swope Park, KCMO. Students are given the opportunity to work a few hours at one of the booths during the Festival for a wage (to be determined later). Students must sign up on the Signup Genius link (emails will be sent out) so that the list will be sent to Festival's volunteer check-in station.

Speedy Car Wash
(General Band Funds
and
Student Ledger Funds)

During this one-day fundraiser students/adults on-site will spend their time encouraging people to get their car washed and/or purchase \$25 Speedy Car Wash cards -- Students will not actually be washing cars. We earn proceeds based on the number of cars washed and the number of cards purchased at Speedy that day. Look for the Signup Genius email to sign up for a time slot. Sign up quickly, this is a popular fundraiser and times fill up fast!

Bingo Night
(General Band Funds
And
Student Ledger Funds)

Immediately after Marching Band season is over we host a Bingo Night Fundraiser. It's an evening at ONW to play rounds of Bingo and win fun prizes. Tickets for this event is the purchase of Bingo cards. We will have a "Pre-Sale" for bingo cards approximately two (2) weeks prior to the event, so keep a watch out for more details. During the Pre-Sale period students can earn up to \$10/card sold (not available after the pre-sale or at the door). Concessions and dinner at the event will be available for purchase as well.

**Poinsettia Plant
Sales**
(Student Ledger Funds)

In October/November, we will have sales forms available for any band student who wants to sell Poinsettia potted plants for the Winter Holiday season. Actual dates for turning in the orders/money will be determined later so watch your email for details. Poinsettias should be available for pick up at school after the ONW Winter Band Concert.

**Blues & BBQ
Banquet**
(General Band Funds
and
Student Ledger Funds)

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year! We have been hosting this Banquet every February since ONW opened in the Fall of 2003. Patrons at this Banquet will enjoy a delicious BBQ-catered dinner while listening to Jazz music being played by the ONW Jazz bands (Jazz bands from PRT and ST Middle Schools also join in for a set or two). At the same time there is a silent auction in the hallway where patrons can bid on a wide range of items. Tickets for the Banquet will be available after 2nd Semester is in session (January 2020) - more details to come. Students can earn money for their student ledger account several ways with this Banquet:

- Portion of the ticket sales can go to a specified student ledger account
- Students can work at the Banquet in a number of ways
 - You must sign up prior and turn in an approved time card at the end of the night
- Portion of the final sale for any items donated to the silent auction can go to a specified student ledger account

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Fundraising, Continued

Spring Plant Sale

(General Band Funds
and
Student Ledger Funds)

In April we will have sales forms available for any band student who wants to sell flower and herb plants for Spring planting (maybe even a Mother's Day gift). Actual dates for turning in the orders/money will be determined later so watch your emails for details. The plants should be available for pick up at school prior to Mother's Day.

Other Fundraisers

(General Band Funds)

We also hold other fundraising options such as:

- Selling promotional items like
 - Tervis cups with the ONW Raven Bands logo
 - Car decals with the ONW Raven Bands logo
 - Spirit Wear

If you have any questions or ideas about fundraising, please contact our Fundraising Coordinator:
Penny Haughey at fundraising@ravenbands.org

Blues & BBQ Banquet and Auction

Background

As we mentioned before, in the **Volunteers** section, our Blues & BBQ Banquet has become an ONW tradition. For the 2021 - 2022 school year we will be hosting our 19th annual banquet and auction for the Raven Bands (ONW opened for the 2003-2004 school year). It is our most popular and most profitable fundraiser of the year for those students and families who participate in it. Families from all the Bands are encouraged to and typically do attend this evening's activities. In fact, for the last several years we've had a full house!

With an event this grand it takes a lot of planning and help from the band students and their families, so volunteering is key at this event. An event like this not only allows us to raise money for the General Band Fund, but it allows students who participate in the Banquet to earn a percentage of the night's profits for their Student Ledger Account.

How Can My Student Participate?

There are several ways your student can participate in the Blues & BBQ Banquet and Auction –

- Turning in items for the Auction:
 - Students/Families can solicit donation items from area businesses to be put into the live auction or silent auction.
 - Historically, a student can earn over 60% of the auctioned price on any donated item they turn in to the auction. This money will be applied directly to their Student Ledger Account.
 - The best time to start working on those donated items is during the November/December time frame prior to the Banquet.
 - An official donation letter will be created for everyone to take with them when you ask a business for a donation. Look for it on www.ravenbands.org on the Blues & BBQ Page.
 - If you're looking for more information and donation ideas, then go to www.ravenbands.org on the Blues & BBQ page.
- Purchasing tickets to the Banquet:
 - A portion of most Banquet ticket purchased will be applied to your student's Ledger Account.
 - You must identify which student you want to apply the portion to on the ticket form when you purchase your ticket(s). If a student is not identified, the portion of the ticket will go into the General Band Fund.
 - Tickets will be available for purchase online in January 2020
- Students can work for an hourly wage during the Banquet itself and/or its preparations:
 - Jobs include –
 - Set-Up (Friday, the day before, or Saturday, the day of the Banquet)
 - Wait Staff during the Banquet
 - Auction Helpers
 - Clean-Up (Immediately after the Banquet)
 - For those students in ONW's Jazz I, Jazz II, or Jazz III – You will be paid an hourly wage for the time that you perform onstage during the Banquet (No need for you to sign up)
 - There will be a sign up (on Signup Genius) available for the students in January.
 - Based on the signups time cards will be issued to each student.
 - When a student shows up for work they MUST check in by finding their time card, fill out, and get it approved.
 - When a student is ready to end their shift they MUST find their time card, fill it out, and get it approved, and make sure it gets turned into the Time Card Supervisor (this will be a parent) by the end of the Banquet night.
 - *If your time card is not approved and turned into the Time Card Supervisor before your student leaves for the night, then he/she will not get credit for their time worked.*

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Blues and BBQ Banquet and Auction, Continued

How Can My Student Participate?, *cont.*

- The hourly wage is determined by the Band Booster board members after the Banquet and is based on how much profit we earned from the Banquet fundraising event. The more money the Banquet can bring in, the higher the hourly wage is for the students who worked the event.
 - Historically, the board members have approved an hourly wage that paid out approximately 75% of the Banquet's profit to the students. All wages are applied to the students' Ledger Accounts.

Any Band student can and is encouraged to work at our Banquet fundraiser. So, whether your student is in Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, or Raven Winds, it doesn't matter. This fundraiser is for all the students and we hope that all Band students will participate in some way. Each year students who work at the Banquet (or in preparation of) will earn money that is added to their Student Ledger Account or, if they would rather, they can use those hours of work as volunteer time to be added to their community service hours.

Is There Anything I Can Do to Help?

The students are an important part of making sure the Banquet runs smoothly. We like that because it gives them a chance to take a little more ownership of the Bands program and they seem to take pride in that. It also gives them a way to help pay for music related expense they will have during their time in the program such as band trips or reimbursement for private music lessons.

However, this fundraiser will not work if we don't have parent volunteers!!! We need parents to help plan, organize, catalog, and several other things so that we can help the students pull off an awesome fundraiser. For every area that the students are involved in there are parents to help guide them. There are also some areas that are better suited for parents to handle. So we'll be looking for adults to help in the following areas:

- Auction Prep Team
 - Catalog Item Prep
 - Item Presentation (putting baskets together)
 - Organize and lay out auction items during Set Up
 - Making Signs
- Set Up and Decorating Supervisors
- Auction Cashiers
- Food and Beverage Supervisors
- Time Card Supervisor
- Hostess Supervisor
- Clean Up Supervisors

If you are interested in helping out with any of these positions, please contact Sarah Nickel at auction@ravenbands.org

Showing Raven Spirit!

Spirit Wear for Raven Bands

Raven Bands spirit wear will be available for purchase several times throughout the 2019-2020 school year. Check out our new website for more details.

Marching Band Buttons

Marching Band buttons will be available for purchase again this year. Marching Band buttons are actually for the parents and families of our Marching Band students who want to show their support during football games and other band events.

Each button has a picture of your student and lists their instrument. Many parents also use these buttons as a type of "name tag" to identify "I'm the parent of _____"

Buttons cost \$5 each. *This is an optional purchase.*

More purchasing details will be coming by email, so if you're interested in ordering a button keep an eye out.

Lettering in Band For Your Student

Each Band student has the opportunity to earn a varsity letter and/or pin at the end of each school year.

Earning

a Band varsity letter and/or pin signifies that the student has gone above and beyond normal expectations in the Band program. It means that he/she has lots of spirit and is involved in the program.

Question: How do you quantify a student's spirit and enthusiasm?

Answer: PARTICIPATION! Participation = Points.

Mr. Davis and Mr. Whisman determine how many points it would take to represent the type of involved student who is worthy of lettering in Band. Activities and events are then identified and a corresponding number of points assigned for participation.

For example, during the 2019-2020 school year:

- Students needed to earn at least 100 lettering points by the end of the school year
- These are only some of the options that students could participate in and receive points
 - o Member of the Ragin' Ravens Basketball Pep Band (with perfect attendance) -- worth 50 pts.
 - o Member of the Leadership Team -- worth 50 pts.
 - o Drum Major in ONW Marching Band -- worth 20 pts.
 - o Participated in State Solo/Ensemble Festival -- worth 30 pts.
 - o Earned a Division "I" rating at State Solo/Ensemble Festival -- worth 30 pts.
 - o Regularly take private lessons during the school year -- worth 30 pts.
 - o Volunteered at ONW 5th grade "Try It Night" -- worth 20 pts.
 - o Participated in Olathe Youth Symphony, KC Youth Symphony, or Olathe Civic Band -- worth 25 pts.
 - o Participated in Pit Orchestra for Musical -- worth 25 pts.
 - o Participated in Volleyball Pep Band game -- worth 20 pts.
 - o Auditioned for State Honor Band, District Honor Band, or Sousa Honor Band -- worth 20 pts.
 - o Participated in the ONW Percussion Show -- worth 20 pts.
 - o Member of the Marching Band (3 or less tardies, perfect performance attendance) -- worth 20 pts.
- Throughout the year Mr. Davis may add other options to help students earn more points, so be aware of any extra opportunities.
- Note: Extra points can be given and taken away at the director's discretion

A few weeks before this year's Band Spring Concert and End of the Year Banquet a form will be available for pick up for any student interested in lettering. The student must fill out the form and turn it in no later than a week before the Band Concert/Banquet.

Advice Handed Down From Other Band Parents

Things I Wish I Knew as a New Marching Band Parent

BAND BAGS

- Students should ALWAYS bring their BAND BAG to band events. (Freshman students normally receive their bags on the day of the first football game. It will have their name embroidered on it and it is theirs to keep. They will use it each year that they are in band.)
- The band bag should ALWAYS have their LYRE AND FLIP FOLDER with music, EXTRA REEDS, STICKS, OR OIL. Bring WATER and non-messy SNACKS like pretzels, crackers, cheese sticks, apples, raisins, granola bars, etc. Snacks NOT allowed while in uniform: no Cheetos, no Doritos, no pudding/yogurt, nothing with ketchup or sauces, no nachos, no chocolate, no soda, no hot chocolate, no energy drinks, etc. (Stained uniforms have to be dry cleaned before the next event at the student's expense.)
- The band bag is a handy place to keep the student's warm hats, gloves, scarves or blankets for cold events, money for concessions, or anything else your student would want for the day/night. (They can leave wallet/purse and keys in their locker at school or bring with them in their band bag.) DO NOT PUT ANYTHING IN THE BAND BAG THAT CAN BREAK.
- Before band students march to CBAC for a football game, they MUST place their zipped up BAND BAG in one of the vehicles that will be parked outside the band doors to be transported to CBAC and unloaded by parent volunteers. If you leave your band bag in the band room or near your locker, it will NOT be brought to the football game. After the band plays pre-game, students will exit the field and pick up their band bag to carry to the bleachers. Hats without plumes and uniform jackets are to be stored in the band bag while in the bleachers so that they don't get lost or stepped on and they stay clean. When the show is over, students will carry their band bag back to ONW. They will not be transported back.
- When attending a parade or band festival by bus, students bring their band bags with them on the bus.

UNIFORMS

- Every band student should arrive to school for an event (game, festival or parade) wearing their SHOW SHIRT, tall black marching SOCKS and black marching SHOES. (They can wear different shoes to school, but they must bring the marching shoes with them for each event. We have a limited number of shoes to rent out so you may not get the right size if you have to rent a pair. They must have their shoes if they are to march.)
- You can leave your band shoes in your locker so you don't forget to bring them to school, but I would suggest washing your show shirt and your socks each time! Each of these items can be RENTED (see costs below) if your student FORGETS to bring them to an event.
- Uniforms belong to the school and the student is responsible for taking care of the band uniform. If the student stains the uniform or gets it dirty, it will be dry-cleaned at the student's expense. The band pays for cleaning all uniforms at the end of the year.
- We take great pride in our new uniforms and the team works hard to maintain them so they look great at each performance. Should a student LOSE or DAMAGE any part of their uniform, they are responsible for incurring the costs associated to replace the lost/damaged article.
- **UNIFORM COSTS:** Marching Jacket - \$306; Drum Major Jacket - \$315; Capes - \$72/pair; Pants/Bibbers - \$143; Hat - \$76; Gauntlets - \$70/pair; Rain/Stadium Jacket - \$100; Shoes - \$30 to purchase or \$2 to rent; Gloves - \$2.50; Socks - \$2; Marching Garment Bag - \$30; Plumes - \$38.
- **PLUMES:** The plumes are very hard to insert into and remove from the uniform hat and the hats break easily. Students ARE NOT allowed to insert or remove the plume in their hat. If they break the plastic holder on the hat while inserting or removing a plume, they will have to buy a new hat. (See cost above.) All plumes are to be inserted and removed by Band Parent Volunteers.

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Advice Handed Down From Other Band Parents, Continued

Things I Wish I Knew as a New Marching Band Parent, Continued

FOOTBALL GAMES

- ONW Football games are always held at CBAC (College Blvd. Activity Center), which is located one block west of Olathe Northwest High School. Enter on S. Valley Rd. and PARK your vehicle on the WEST side of the field, as the Home team sits on the west side and the Visitors sit on the east side.
- Unless you purchased an Activity Pass from school, bring cash to buy a ticket for the game and concessions. Check with the ticket booth if you are active duty military or a veteran for a discount.
- Students march from school to CBAC for the games. Feel free to park at school and walk over with the band or park at CBAC and watch them arrive. They normally march over about 45 minutes before game time. The parking lot at CBAC is a mess after the game, but it's not like the Royals or Chiefs.
- Most Band Parents sit in the bleachers next to the band. You are welcome to sit where you like.
- At the Homecoming Football game, the Band will play music while standing on the field ("stand and blow") during the Homecoming program at half-time and they will play their Marching Field Show AFTER the football game is over. This will be a later night than others.
- The last home game of the regular season is always our GLOW SHOW. The students will use packing tape to apply glow sticks, small flashlights and battery-operated strings of light to their uniforms and instruments in the 4th quarter of the football game. When the game is over, the stadium lights are turned out and the students perform their Field Show while they "Glow in the Dark!" Please BUY YOUR GLOW STICKS NOW! If you wait until the end of October to buy glow sticks, they may be sold out or be very hard to find. Battery operated strings of Halloween or Christmas lights are fun to use as well and can be easily seen from the bleachers.

BAND FESTIVALS

- Band Festivals are normally all-day affairs. We leave by bus (school or charter) early in the morning and sometimes do not arrive back home until after midnight. You will have to plan accordingly for drop-off and pick-up, remembering that they have to check their uniform back in at school before they can leave for home. Send snacks and water in their band bags. Lunch or Dinner may be provided, so be sure to read Mr. Davis' detailed emails about each festival so you know what is provided by the band and what is expected to be taken care of by the student.

INFORMATION via EMAIL

- You will receive information all year long from the Band Director, Mr. Davis, as well as the Band Booster President. These emails will be long, but they are full of very important information and are worth reading to the end. Email is the main way the ONW Band communicates with Band Parents. There is no way for us to separate the email communication between bands, it is an all or nothing system.

VOLUNTEERS

- Band Parent volunteers are here to help. If you or your student ever have a question or your student needs something while at an event (football game, parade, band festival), please ask.
- You can get involved! We can always use volunteers to help check uniforms in after games and festivals, chaperone trips or help load/unload equipment with the Raven Roadies. Please email volunteers@ravenbands.org if you would like to volunteer and we can find a place for you to help our Raven Pride Band!

BAND LETTERS

- All band members have an opportunity to earn an Olathe Northwest Band Letter. The letters are earned by participation in certain events, auditioning for Honor Bands, taking music lessons, etc. Mr. Davis will provide the information at a later date. The Band Letters are awarded at the ONW Band Banquet in the Spring.

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Advice Handed Down From Other Band Parents, Continued, Continued

**Things I Wish I
Knew as a New
Marching Band
Parent,** Continued

7:00am PRACTICES

- Before-school 7am band practice normally starts the first full week of school, does not occur on Thursday when it is a block day and they will end after our last event of the season. Check emails from Mr. Davis for exact dates each year.
- Please drop your student off or have them arrive at school by 6:45-ish each morning that they have 7am band practice. They are required to be on the field, in their spot at 7am, or they will receive a tardy. Students need time to put away their backpack, put their instrument together and walk to the field.

THURSDAY NIGHT PRACTICES

- Thursday night rehearsals begin the first full week of classes and run from 6PM – 8PM.
 - Please drop your student off or have them arrive at school by 5:45 each Thursday of evening practice. They are required to be in their spot at 6PM, or they will receive a tardy. Students need time to put their instrument together and walk to the field.
 - These practices are held regardless of the amount of daylight.
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