



Oregon City High School
Pioneer Bands
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Dear Musicians and Parents,

Welcome to the Oregon City High School Band Program. I am delighted that you are with us and I look forward to working with you. The 2017-2018 school year promises to be an exciting year of growth as we undertake many new travel and performance opportunities and continue to build on the success of the past!

Band offers a diverse musical experience for all students at OCHS. I think you will find this year to be *challenging, rewarding*, and most of all, **fun!**

Oregon City High School offers five bands: JV and Varsity Jazz Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Honors Wind Ensemble. All band related expenses may be covered through the many individual fundraising opportunities offered throughout the year. Our Scrip program is the easiest and fastest way to continually accumulate funds - see our website www.ocbandparent.org or e-mail ocbandparent@gmail.com for details. **Make sure to sign up for our email list and Facebook Page!**

Fall Pioneer Scarlet Brigade

Congratulations to our amazing Pioneer Scarlet Brigade (Marching Band) - *Sweepstakes winner Holiday Bowl 2010*, Second place in the Rose Festival's Grand Floral Parade, '09, '10, '11, '13, '16; First Place in music and marching in the New York Veteran's Day Parade and Third Place in the Victoria Day Parade 2013 in Victoria, BC Canada! **We most recently returned from our performance in Honolulu, Hawaii in the Waikiki Holiday Parade and related music events for the 75th Remembrance Ceremony for the attacks on Pearl Harbor.**

In order to design our **Fall Field Show**, reserve a uniform, provide adequate transportation and lodging for our band retreat, we need information on everyone interested in signing up for the Fall Marching Season. To see what we've done for field shows, go to "YouTube" - search: [OCHS Band Homecoming Field Show](#). Also, [check out our band web site -ocbandparent.org](#).

Marching Band is voluntary. Any band student in an OC band class may sign-up and join the OCHS Pioneer Scarlet Brigade. Simply fill-out and return the attached registration form **NO LATER THAN June 12, 2017** (last week of school). **Mail to: OCHS Band, 19761 S. Beaver Creek Rd., Oregon City, OR 97045. Please mail in forms and if possible, payment by no later than June 12. The office staff goes on vacation and your form will not be processed until August.**

As an after school **activity**, the cost - as set by the athletic department - is \$175 for the fall season. This is all-inclusive and pays for everything except the fall trip to the Oregon Coast- and the **\$30 ASB fee**. **We must have the forms ASAP, however, you can pay all of the fees during registration in August at the High School.**

**Please read the following carefully and return the enclosed
form by June 12**

Pioneer Scarlet Brigade -

Planning for this Fall will include preparing a Field Show for Homecoming and Linfield College, marching in the Homecoming Parade, preparing pre-game shows for home football games, and preparing for our trip to the Oregon Coast for our marching retreat.

There will be a separate form for the Spring Marching Band and will be sent out in early 2018. In the fall, Marching Band also supports Oregon City athletes by playing at all home football games. While marching band and pep-band performances are our obligation to help support the school and athletic programs, they are also an opportunity to receive your **VARSIITY LETTER**. When it comes to pep-band/marching band, the Drum Majors and I like to keep it up beat and fun.

If you are in fall marching band, the demands of a field show make it imperative that students make attending practices a **PRIORITY. ATTENDING THESE PRACTICES WILL BE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT**. Please inform Mr. Henson as soon as you discover a conflict with a practice or performance date. Email is the best way to document these missed practices. Please email Mr. Henson as soon as you discover the conflict. It is also the student's responsibility to let the Drum Majors and their section leader know of a planned absence. If an emergency arises, please get in touch with someone as soon as you are able to let us know you will not be at practice. **All practices are mandatory!**

All practices have been set up to avoid conflicts with sports, drama and other major school activities; and allow access to the practice field and related facilities. In the fall, **Band Camp** is our equivalent to sport's daily doubles. This is a very concentrated five (5) days of rehearsal where students learn their music, develop marching and field show skills, receive master classes on their instrument and sectional work. 90% of all skills and the field show will be learned at that time. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me, dana.henson@orecity.k12.or.us.

Camp dates for Fall Marching Band (All practice will be held at OCHS)

Friday, Aug. 18 – 9am to 4pm – all percussion and color guard members
Saturday, Aug. 19 – 9am to 4pm – all percussion and color guard members
Monday, Aug. 21 – 9am – all new marchers and section leaders report
Monday, Aug. 21 – 1pm – all marchers report for camp
Tuesday, Aug. 22 – Friday, Aug. 25 – 9am to 4pm all marchers

Rehearsal Schedule – September through October.

Sept. 5 through Oct 19. - All **Tuesday and Thursday nights**: 6:30pm-8:30pm at OCHS.

Performances:

Pete's Cruise In Car Show September 2nd (Report at 11:30 am) OCHS
Trumpet Section for National Anthem (Report at 8:45 am) OCHS
Friday, September 1 – Football vs. West Linn Pioneer Stadium 6:15pm
Friday, September 15 – Football vs. Centennial Pioneer Stadium 6:15pm
Friday, September 22 – Football vs. David Douglas Pioneer Stadium 6:15pm
Thursday, October 12 – Homecoming vs. Central Catholic Pioneer Stadium We will march in the Homecoming Parade!
Saturday, October 21 – Linfield College Halftime Performance
Friday, October 27 – Football vs. Reynolds Pioneer Stadium 6:15pm

Jazz Bands

We have an award-winning ensemble that performs several evenings of jazz each year and competes in several jazz festivals throughout the state. Students study jazz theory, improvisational skills, and various styles of jazz. (Rock, Latin, and Big Band Swing to name a few). I would like to continue our no cut policy. Anyone interested in playing in jazz band **should sign-up with their counselor by email or phone to have it added to your schedule.**

For curricular reasons, students **must** be members of Concert Band, Symphonic Band, or Honors Wind Ensemble to participate in this class; students are selected (*auditioned*) from these band classes.

Since instrumentation in the Varsity Jazz Band is limited to - 7 saxophones: 4 alto, 2 tenor & 1 bari; brass: 4 trombones, 4 trumpets; rhythm: piano, drum-set, bass & lead guitar - there will be an audition for placement only. **Audition materials will be available August 22;** please stop by the OC band room and pick up the music during the week of band camp.

Website

Please remember to keep up to date through our calendar and website at www.ocbandparent.org. You will find information concerning rehearsals, concerts, trips, and events.

Beach Retreat (Still in the planning stages)

We will be traveling to the Oregon Coast after school on Friday, September 29th and we will return on Sunday, October 1st. Details for this trip will be handed out during band camp. There will be a \$75 charge to cover the cost of food and transportation to and from the camp. Please block out these dates for the band retreat. We will be finalizing our homecoming parade tunes and parade block.

Marching Equipment Information

Instrument checkout will take place August 21 at OCHS. If you are a returning musician, please note that you will need to be here during that time to check out a school instrument.

If you are using your own instrument, please double check that you have enough reeds, valve oil, cork grease, neck strap, and your instrument is working well. Get to a music store ASAP if you need supplies or repairs.

DO NOT WAIT UNTIL BAND CAMP

Our AWESOME uniform moms will measure students for uniforms during the first few days of band camp. All students will be measured during band camp for their uniform, shako, and shoes. New members will be fitted for marching shoes, and we will order the appropriate sizes during the first few days of band camp. Marching shoes are \$34.00 and can be paid for using fundraised money.

New members with the band will need to purchase an appropriate lyre for their instrument. This includes flute players. Please ask Mr. Henson if you need assistance finding the right lyre.

All members are required to use a lyre and flip folder for marching band. We will be rehearsing music outside often, so lyres and flip folders are a necessity, not an option. Don't wait until band camp to purchase one.

All marching band and color guard members will be required to have a current physical on file with the athletic office and band office prior to band camp. Please make arrangements now.

All members are also required to wear comfortable shoes suitable for marching (marching shoes, cross trainers, tennis shoes). Shoes such as converse, vans, skater shoes, slippers, sandals, or flip-flops are not acceptable marching shoes. It is very difficult to march in shoes or boots with lifted heels. For your safety, please do not wear them to practice. If you have questions about proper footwear, please contact Mr. Henson.

Please make sure to bring a water bottle to practice. Water will be provided during camp. Make sure you bring and wear sunscreen during the sunny weather. It is also recommended that you bring sunglasses and a hat to wear during band camp.

Band Camp is a time where we get together to make new friends, see old friends, learn music, learn a field show, and have FUN!!! Remember, we all need encouragement when learning a new field show. Please boost each other up, don't pull each other down. Use positive encouragement to correct marching, music, and behavior. See your drum majors or Mr. Henson if you have issues.

FAQ's

Can I do sports, or other activities, and band at the same time?

The answer is always, YES. We have many students that are involved in sports, academic all stars, choir, drama, etc. The better you manage your time the more successful you will be. Staying up to date on the calendars for your activities will help you be successful.

Can I letter in band?

Yes! OSAA has determined that students can earn a letter in band by accumulating 65 points of participation in the program. The letter itself is exactly the same as the letter received by athletes. There are also other awards and citations that students can earn based upon their participation in our performance ensembles.

Does the band travel?

Yes. Although we do not take a big trip every year, we do perform throughout Oregon. This year, we plan to go to the Oregon Coast in the fall and our spring trip will be to Anaheim, California.

Are there fees involved with band?

Yes, we do fundraising for transportation, instructors, show/drill designer, festival fees, hotel, meal and activity costs. Other out-of-pocket costs that individuals may want to fund raise for are WIBC (Western International High School Honor Band); All-State/All-Northwest High School Honor Band/Jazz Band/Orchestra; and Music In May; marching band fees, band camp/band retreat. We offer many fundraisers to families so that part, or all, of these costs can be earned without any out of pocket expense. **Participate in fundraisers throughout the year to stay involved and offset costs.**

What is a band account and what is it used for?

The band account is a student account that is held by the school and used for any band-related expenses. Members may choose to take out the cost of band fees, band trips, or any other band related expenses including private lessons.

Registration is the same week as band camp, how can I register my student?

The registration times are set up to avoid conflicts with band camp and sports daily doubles. Our lunch break is from 12:00 to 12:45 everyday during camp. We are also finished with our rehearsal at 4 pm. **Please do not plan on pulling your student out of rehearsal to register.** Please schedule a time that will not conflict with band camp.

When are the best registration times for band students?

Seniors: 8/21 12:00 pm- 12:30 pm or 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Juniors: 8/22 12:00 pm- 12:30 pm or 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Sophomores: 8/23 12:00 pm- 12:30 pm or 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Freshmen: 8/24 12:00 pm- 12:30 pm or 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

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