



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 all of you. The 2023-2024 school year promises to be an exciting year of growth as we navigate our new world around us. We will continue to strive to offer a safe, inviting, and respectful place for all students to be able to grow and perform great music. Band offers a diverse musical experience for all students at OCHS.

Oregon City High School will offer four band classes during the school day: Early Bird Jazz Ensemble, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Honors Wind Ensemble. Please email your counselor if you are not enrolled in a band class (including jazz band) to have it added to your schedule. **Make sure to sign up for our OC Band Booster 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, 2017 and First Place in 2018 and 2019! First Place in music and marching in the New York Veterans Day Parade in 2011 and Third Place in the Victoria Day Parade 2017 in Victoria, BC Canada! We received a Superior Rating by the judges in the Waikiki Holiday Parade in Honolulu, Hawaii in 2016.

I need everyone's help! Please fill out the Marching Band Form before August 21, 2023 (first day of band camp) in order to secure your spot in the Pioneer Scarlet Brigade! The schedule for our band camp is below.

Monday, August 21 to Friday, August 25 from 10 am to 4pm on OCHS Field #1 (on the track behind the school). Students will be outside for much of camp, so please bring a hat, sunscreen, water bottle, and sunglasses.

We will be focusing on pep band music and parade marching technique on Monday and Tuesday. The rest of the week will be focusing on field show music and marching drill.

What do you need for Band Camp?

- Instrument
- Music Lyre
- Music Flip folder with plastic sheets
- 2” 3-Ring Binder for Music
- 1” 3-Ring Binder for Marching Drill
- Pencil
- Highlighter (your favorite color)
- Refillable Water Bottle
- Comfortable Shoes (closed-toe; no flip-flops, sandals, or slippers)
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Sack lunch/snacks
- Dress for the weather

If you are participating in 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. 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.

Monday 8/21-Friday 8/25 Band Camp 10am to 4pm

Marching Band Schedule – September through October 2023.

All Practices are Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at OCHS. Please block these dates and times out now in order to avoid conflicts in the fall. The dates are as follows:

Tuesday, 9/12
Thursday, 9/14
Tuesday, 9/19
Thursday, 9/21
Tuesday, 9/26
Thursday, 9/28
Tuesday, 10/3
Tuesday, 10/10
Tuesday, 10/17
Thursday, 10/19

Performances

Homecoming parade and all home Football Games (pregame and halftime)

Remembrance Day Monday, September 11 in Oregon City

Fall Beach Retreat Friday, September 22 - Sunday, September 24, 2023

Friday, September 08 – Football vs. Canby Pioneer Stadium call time is 6:15pm

Friday, September 15 – Football vs. Century Pioneer Stadium call time is 6:15pm

Thursday, October 5 – Football vs. L.O. Pioneer Stadium call time is 6:15pm

Friday, October 20 – Homecoming vs. Tualatin Pioneer Stadium

We will march in the homecoming parade to the stadium (details to come)

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). Anyone interested in playing in jazz band, please sign-up **with your counselor by email. We will have an audition the second week of school.**

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 Jazz Band is limited to - 5 saxophones: 2 alto, 2 tenor & 1 bari; brass: 4 trombones, 4 trumpets; rhythm: piano, drum-set, bass & lead guitar - there will be an audition process during the second week of school. **Audition materials will be available on the first day of school.** ; please stop by the OC band room and pick up the music when convenient.

Website

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

I look forward to a great year of making music!

Musically,

Dana Henson

Mr. Dana Henson
Director of Bands
Oregon City High School

Marching Equipment Information

Instrument check-out 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 check out 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 \$40.00 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. If you have questions about lyres and flip folders, please contact Mr. Henson.

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.

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, science bowl, 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. 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 announced the first week of school.

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 fees, trips or any other band related expenses including private lessons.

OREGON CITY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND REGISTRATION

-The fee is \$175 - Please make check payable to OCHS Band - it may be paid during high school registration OR sent in with this form.

TO BE INCLUDED, THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED

No Later than August 21, 2023

Print Student Name Parent Signature Instrument

Very Important. Please provide contact Information

Mailing address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

T-SHIRT. Please Circle t-shirt size (adult sizes): XS S M L XL XXL XXXL

Optional

Black Hooded Band Sweatshirt - with student name (optional - very nice for football season)

Students are welcome to purchase these for Fall Pep Band.

Circle sweatshirt size (they run a little small): S M L XL XXL
\$35.00 _____

Soph.-Senior May use funds from band account. Must verify that funds exist. Attach email from band treasurer to verify funds.

\$_____.00 _____

Make checks Payable to: **OCHS Band**

Total Submitted _____

Mail to:

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RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN

August 21, 2023