



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 2024-2025 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, Marching 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.

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. **We also won the Sweepstakes award for the Portland Grand Floral Parade in 2024!**

I need everyone's help! If you are registered for the Marching Band Class for Fall Trimester, you need to plan on being at band camp.

Monday, August 19 to Friday, August 23 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 8/19-Friday 8/23 Band Camp 10am to 4pm

Marching Band Schedule – September through November 2024.

All Practices are Monday through Friday during the Marching Band Class Fall Trimester (possibly 4th period). Attendance will be taken and excessive absences will impact your grade.

[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 19 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 on Wednesday of band camp beginning at 10 am. 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.

2024 - 2025 OCHS Band Schedule (Draft 06/10/24)

August 2024

Monday	8/19	<i>Band Camp 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at OCHS</i> <i>Band Parent Meeting 6:30 PM in the band room</i> Honor Band Auditions available online (Due in October)
Tuesday	8/20	Band Camp 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at OCHS
Wednesday	8/21	Band Camp 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at OCHS
Thursday	8/22	Band Camp 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at OCHS
Friday	8/23	Band Camp 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at OCHS

September 2024

Tuesday	9/3	First Day of School: Freshmen (band performance in the AM)
Wednesday	9/4	First Day of School: Everyone
Friday	9/6	Welcome Back Assembly Performance Pep Band Football vs. Grant @ Pioneer Stadium: Call time 6:15 PM. Alumni Night: Graduated Band Members Welcome to play!
Monday	9/9	Band Booster Meeting OCHS Band Room 6:30 PM
Wednesday	9/11	Pioneer Scarlet Brigade Performance Circle of Honor in OC
Friday	9/13	Pep Band Football vs. Mountainside @ Pioneer Stadium: 6:15 PM
Friday	9/27	Marching Band Beach Retreat
Saturday	9/28	Marching Band Beach Retreat
Sunday	9/29	Marching Band Beach Retreat
Monday	9/30	Band Concert Apparel and Shoe Orders going home WIBC/All State Recording help

October 2024

Friday	10/4	Homecoming Assembly Homecoming Parade (Pioneer Scarlet Brigade) Homecoming Game vs. Lakeridge (Half-Time Performance)
Saturday	10/5	Homecoming Dance
Thursday	10/10	Midterms/Grading (No School)
Friday	10/11	State Inservice (No School) WIBC Auditions Due by 11:59 PM
Monday	10/14	Band Booster Meeting OCHS Band Room 6:30 PM
Wednesday	10/16	Conferences 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM
Thursday	10/17	Conferences 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM
Friday	10/18	No School Pep Band Football vs. Tigard Call time: 6:15 PM

November 2024

Friday PM	11/1	Pep Band Football vs. West Linn (Senior Night) Call time: 6:15 PM
Thursday	11/7	American as Apple Pie Concert 7:00 PM. Call time 6:15
Friday	11/8	OSAA Football first round playoffs (TDA)
Saturday	11/9	Veterans Day Parade In Albany for Pioneer Scarlet Brigade Details will be sent home
Tuesday	11/12	Jazz Band TRL festival at West Linn High School Details will be sent home
Friday	11/15	OSAA Football quarter final round (TBA)
Monday	11/18	Band Booster Meeting OCHS Band Room 6:30 PM
Friday - Monday	11/22-11/25	WIBC Honor Band In Seattle Details will be sent home for those students selected

Wednesday 11/27 Scarlet Brigade to Hawaii

December 2024

Tuesday 12/3 Scarlet Brigade returns from Hawaii

Friday 12/13 Winter Formal Assembly

Saturday 12/14 Winter Formal Dance

Friday 12/20 *Last day of school/Winter Break Begins at 3:15 pm!*

January 2025

Monday 1/6 Teacher Work Day

Tuesday 1/7 First Day Back After Winter Break
Boys Basketball vs. Westview Call time: 6:15 PM

Friday 1/10 Girls Basketball vs. Glencoe Call time: 6:15 PM

Monday 1/13 Band Booster Meeting 6:30 PM in the band room

Tuesday 1/14 Basketball Games vs. Tualatin Call time: 5 PM

Friday 1/17 Basketball Games vs. Tigard Call time: 5 PM
OMEA all state honor bands in Eugene

Saturday 1/18 OMEA all state honor bands in Eugene

Sunday 1/19 OMEA all state honor bands in Eugene

Monday 1/20 No School/Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday 1/21 Girls Basketball vs. St. Mary's Call time: 6:15 PM

Friday 1/24 Band, Choir, Drama Movie Night in the auditorium

February 2025

Tuesday	2/4	Basketball Games vs. Lakeridge Call time: 5 PM
Thursday	2/6	Pioneer Welcome Night
Saturday	2/8	Possible Honor Band at Nelson High School
Sunday	2/9	Possible Honor Band at Nelson High School
Monday	2/10	Band Booster Meeting 6:30 PM in the band room
Wednesday	2/12	Evening Conferences 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM
Thursday	2/13	Evening Conferences 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM
Friday	2/14	No School All-Northwest Honor Band (Spokane, Washington)
Saturday	2/15	Possible Honor Band at Nelson High School All- Northwest Honor Band (Spokane, Washington)
Sunday	2/16	Possible Honor Band at Nelson High School All-Northwest Honor Band (Spokane, Washington)
Monday	2/17	President's Day Holiday/No School
Tuesday	2/18	Make-a-Wish Assembly
Friday	2/21	Girls Basketball vs. Lake Oswego Call time: 6:15 PM

March 2025

Saturday	3/1	<i>Solo and Ensemble at CCC (all day)</i>
Tuesday	3/4	<i>Winter Winds Concert in the auditorium 7:00 PM</i>
Friday	3/7	<i>End of Trimester 2/No School</i>
Monday	3/10	Band Booster Meeting 6:30 PM in the band room

April 2025

- Thursday** 4/10 *Honors Wind League Band Festival*
- Monday** 4/14 **Band Booster Meeting 6:30 PM in the band room**
- Thursday** 4/24 *Prom Assembly*
- Friday** 4/25 *Grading Day/No School*
- Tuesday** 4/29 *Band-O-Rama at OCHS 6:30 PM (Jazz and Scarlet Brigade)*

May 2025

- Thursday** 5/1 **Conferences 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM**
- Friday** 5/2 **No School**
- Saturday** 5/3 **Possible Teddy Bear Parade in Downtown OC**
- Saturday** 5/10 *Possible Wind Ensemble to OSAA State in Corvallis*
- Monday** 5/12 *End of the Year Booster Meeting 6:30 PM in the auditorium*
- Saturday** 5/17 *Marching Band to Florence (details to be sent home)*
- Sunday** 5/18 *Marching Band to Florence (details to be sent home)*
- Thursday** 5/29 **Pops Concert/Senior Sendoff 7:00 PM in the auditorium**
- Saturday** 5/31 **Scarlet Brigade to Strawberry Festival Parade in Lebanon**

June 2025

- Saturday** 6/7 *Marching Band to Grand Floral (details to be sent home)*
Graduation Band Performance at the Stadium
- Wednesday** 6/11 **Last Day of School/Half Day for Students**

