

THE BANDS OF OLA HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Marching Band Parents and Students:

We hope that you are having a wonderful summer break! The marching band staff and the OHS band booster club have been working hard these past few weeks to ensure another terrific season for our marching band.

Can you believe that Marching Band Camp is right around the corner? Please see the Band Camp Schedule, which is included, as the Colorguard, Percussion, Section Leaders, and Full Band all begin meeting on different days and times. We would also like to send a request out to parents for support during our upcoming camp days. We could use some parent chaperones to help with keeping students hydrated and healthy on the field during band camp from 9:00-12:00, then 6:00pm-9:00pm, and we also need some parents to help serve lunches to the kids during camp. Any parents willing to help should e-mail Gail Conner at connergmail@gmail.com as she will be arranging the parental support for camp. We strongly encourage all parents to volunteer during these weeks in July. Come see what we do and help support all the great work the kids will be doing!

Students: As marching members of the OHS Marching Band, you have the responsibility of taking special care of your bodies. Avoid eating saturated fats or other foods you may think are unhealthy (i.e. Twinkies, Ho Ho's, chips, candy bars, etc...). Be responsible, maintain a healthy diet, and begin a cardiovascular-focused exercise routine. It has been an extremely hot month of June, and it looks like we are in for a very hot rest of the summer. Running, jumping jacks, jump rope, push-ups or any other type of physical activity is highly recommended ... students should get outside some and get used to the heat. When reporting for an all day camp be sure to eat a good breakfast, but avoid excess intake of dairy products. Drink a lot of water before reporting for rehearsal. You **MUST** come in with a full tank.

Below is a list of required materials that students need to wear/bring to each rehearsal. I would like to emphasize that all students need to bring a one gallon cooler full of water; we recommend the one gallon coolers with built in drinking straws on the top of the lid, which you can purchase at Dicks Sporting Goods, Target, or Wal-mart. Your student's name needs to be on his or her cooler with a permanent marker, along with any other personal belongings such as sunscreen, inhalers, etc.

Required Materials

The following items are a **MUST** for every member of The OHS Marching Band. Failure to have these items at every visual rehearsal will severely hinder the outcome of the rehearsal.

1. Sun Block and lip balm– SPF 15 or higher (wear on you and bring extra to reapply)
2. Water Cooler – **MUST BE A MINIMUM OF 1 GALLON (WITH NAME ON IT)**
3. Shorts or comfortable athletic clothing – **NEVER WEAR JEANS or long pants!**
4. **White or light color T-Shirt** or Tank Top; No Sports Bras
5. Good Tennis shoes that expose the ankle. **NO HI-TOPS, FLIP FLOPS, SKATE SHOES (Vans), OR BACKLESS SHOES!**
6. Hat, bandana and Sun Glasses – For all day camps.
7. Three Ring Binder and pencil– Drill sheets and Music will be placed in this binder

In order to carry and keep up with all of these required items for all day camps, we recommend that you bring a backpack. Last, but most importantly, **BRING A POSITIVE ATTITUDE – It's going to be HOT out there!!!**

If you have any questions about band camp, feel free to contact me. **Enjoy the last few weeks of summer break, and I look forward to seeing you all soon.**

Sincerely,

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2010 Payment Schedule for Marching Band and Colorguard

May 3 rd	Payment #1	\$150 for Band and Colorguard Members
May 28 th	Payment #2	\$150 for Band and Colorguard Members
July 30 th	Payment #3	\$125 for Band and \$175 for Colorguard Members
August 27 th	Payment #4	\$100 for Band and \$150 for Colorguard Members

As stated this past spring, the cost for this year's marching band is
\$350 for Band Members and \$450 for Colorguard Members

In our meetings last spring we were unable to give a final cost of the WCU trip so we set a figure of approximately \$200 - \$225 per band member for the trip. I am pleased to inform you that the price of the Western Carolina Band Trip in October has now been set and will be **\$175 per band member**

We have set 4 separate payments that will allow families to evenly spread out all the costs. Feel free to pay earlier if you would like, or use our paypal account on our website to make payments.

It is imperative that we stay on our payment schedule to ensure the objectives of the band can be met for this season. When students' payments are behind, we cannot pay the bills.

All students that are not paid in full by September 15 will not be allowed to rehearse or perform with the marching band until dues become current.