Oswego East High School Marching Band
2019-2020 Season

Our Oswego East “Beasts of the East” exists as one of the largest extra-curricular groups at Oswego East High School. Our Marching Band has continually provided crowds with high-quality and entertaining performances during football games, parades, pep rallies, trips, festivals, and various community events. This group consists of dedicated students who proudly represent the Oswego East High School Band Program.

What is the OEHS Marching Band?
The OEHS Marching Band is an extra-curricular music group that serves several purposes. The Marching Band provides entertainment at all home varsity football games. Furthermore, the Marching Band supplements community events with its participation in local parades and functions and represents our school at competitions. The Marching Band plays a vital role in raising morale throughout the community.

Why should I be in the OEHS Marching Band?
The Marching Band provides positive experiences on a musical, social, and personal level. As a member, you will learn to improve yourself in the areas of musicianship, personal responsibility, discipline, social interaction, and physical coordination.

As an incoming freshman, the Marching Band provides the chance for you to get to know other freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors before the first day of school. The older students are extremely willing to help fellow band members find classes, find lockers, complete homework, and assist with any other problems you may encounter along the way. The band provides you with a STRONG social support group right from day one to help ensure your success at Oswego East High School.

What if I don’t know how to march?
Previous marching experience is not necessary to be in the group. You will be taught all the necessities to become a strong marcher.

Do I have to audition?
There are auditions/placement hearings for Guard and Percussion. For the other instruments, there is not an audition.

Are instruments provided?
Instruments are provided for sousaphone (tuba), mellophone (French horn), and percussion (drum and mallet) players. Percussionists will need to purchase their own sticks and mallets. Students playing any other instrument should supply their own instruments.

What time commitments are involved?
Attached in this packet is a list of performance and rehearsal dates. As a member of the band, we expect you to commit to attend all rehearsals and performances, as the success of the ensemble depends on the contributions of everyone. This is a team activity in which all members are essential; all members have a place and a function in rehearsing for and creating a complete performance.
What if I have a conflict with a rehearsal or performance?
By signing the Marching Band Commitment Form, we are expecting that you have checked the attached calendar with your personal calendar, and will retain the calendar for future reference. Use the calendar well in advance to avoid conflicts. The Band Department respects your time and will rarely change from this schedule that is issued months in advance. In return, please respect the Marching Band’s rehearsal and performance times so you can be present at every rehearsal and performance from beginning to end. If you have a vacation planned, you can still be in marching band. Simply indicate your travel commitments on the registration form.

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How much does it cost?
The fee for marching band is divided into two main payments. The payment owed to OEHS is $150. This money goes towards your T-shirt, travel, music, field equipment, and clinicians. The payment owed to the district as a district activity fee charge is $65. You will also be asked to buy specific marching band shoes (ordered through OEHS) that will cost approximately $30. This is potentially a one-time purchase (depending on your growth). Along the way there may be additional costs for extra trips or events. Percussionists may be expected to pay fees for sticks or mallets, and guard members may be expected to pay additional uniform and equipment costs.

When is the deadline to join?
The commitment form is due by Friday, May 17. The form and payment can be returned to Ms. Cooper (OEHS), Mr. Rexroat (OEHS), or your junior high band director. Only those students that return the registration fee and signed commitment form by this date will be guaranteed a spot. The halftime show must be written for an exact number of students, and therefore we must know our numbers at that time. Once a student has signed up, the student and family must follow through on that commitment.

We hope this packet has answered your questions about the 2019-2020 season for the OEHS Marching Band. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Cooper by e-mail at kcooper01@sd308.org, or please contact Mr. Rexroat by email at srexroat@sd308.org.
## 2019 – 2020 Marching Band Calendar

Our calendar shows our rehearsal and performance dates. Additional rehearsals may exist for color guard and percussion.

If you have any questions about the schedule and possible extenuating circumstances, please contact Ms. Cooper kcooper01@sdsd.org

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<td>Full Band Rehearsal 5.30pm-8pm: 7pm-8pm Family Preview Performance</td>
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<td>(Tentative Date) Performance for Blue/Silver Bash (After School-4.30pm)</td>
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<td>DeKalb High School Marching Band Championship, All Day</td>
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<td>Away Performance at Oswego High School Football Game, Call Time TBA</td>
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<td>Mon. 10/21</td>
<td>Full Band Rehearsal and Uniform Turn In</td>
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*We will also perform at all home play-off games. Rehearsals will be added if necessary based upon play-off appearances.*

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2019-2020 Oswego East High School
Marching Band
Commitment Form

By signing this form, it is understood that both parent and student have read the entirety of this packet, including the calendar. By signing this form, you are committing to your participation in the 2019-2020 Oswego East High School Marching Band.

Student Name_______________________ Student ID Number_______________________

Marching Band Section (Name of Instrument or Guard) _______________________

2019-2020 Year in School (circle one)  9  10  11  12

Street Address_______________________ City _____________ Zip__________

Student Phone Number ____________ Student Email _______________________

Parent/Guardian Names______________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Phone Number ________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Email(s)____________________________________________

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T-Shirt Size (Adult Sizes)    S    M    L    XL    XXL

Student Food Allergies or Dietary Needs

______________________________________________________________

Please indicate any June dates when the student cannot attend rehearsal because he/she will be out of town:

______________________________________________________________

(FORM CONTINUES ON THE BACK)
In order to have successful performances, the program relies on the help of adult family member volunteers to chaperone events. Adult members, please initial next to one or more event at which you are available to help.

Tuesday, 6/11: Uniform Distribution Help (1pm-5pm commitment) ______
Wednesday, 6/12: Uniform Distribution Help (1pm-5pm commitment) ______
Thursday, 6/13: Uniform Distribution Help (1pm-5pm commitment) ______
Sunday, 6/16: Oswego Prairie Fest Parade (11am-2pm commitment) ______

Monday, 8/5: Band Camp Dinner Help (4.30pm-6pm commitment) ______
Tuesday, 8/6: Band Camp Dinner Help (4.30pm-6pm commitment) ______
Wednesday, 8/7: Band Camp Dinner Help (4.30pm-6pm commitment) ______
Thursday, 8/8: Band Camp Dinner Help (4.30pm-6pm commitment) ______
Friday, 8/30: Home Football Game (5.30pm-10pm commitment) ______

Friday, 9/13: Home Football Game (5.30pm-10pm commitment) ______
Saturday, 9/21: Pontiac Competition (11am-TBA commitment) ______
Friday, 9/27: Home Football Game (5.30pm-10pm commitment) ______
Saturday, 9/28: DeKalb Competition (Time TBA) ______
Monday, 9/30: Panther Review Performance (5.30pm-8.30pm commitment) ______

Friday, 10/18: Home Football Game (5.30pm-10pm commitment) ______
Monday, 10/21: Uniform Turn-In Help (5pm-7.30pm commitment) ______

Please make the $150 check payable to Oswego East High School.
**Please note that this fee is non-refundable.**

Once signed up for Marching Band, all students must follow through on the commitment to be in the group. Drill is written for the exact number of students who enroll. If a student does not follow through on the commitment, it negatively impacts the other members.

At this time, there is a district fee of $65 that will be paid through Push Coin. More information on how to access this payment will be given at a later date.

I have read through the OEHS Marching Band info packet, and I understand that in registering for marching band I will agree to abide by the stated policies, as well as the rules that exist in the Oswego East High School Handbook.

Student Signature ________________________________________

Parent Signature _________________________________________

Please return this form and the $150 check payment no later than May 17, 2019. The additional $65 District payment will be made at a later date.
Color Guard

All incoming freshmen and future sophomores, juniors, and seniors are welcome to audition for the OEHS Marching Band Color Guard!

**Previous experience is not required.**

Auditions Dates:

May 15th
May 22nd

Time: 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Enter through door #3 (Band Room Door)
Dress Accordingly (Gym Shoes, No Jeans, etc.)

Attendance at all of the above dates is required.

Questions?
Contact:
Ms. Joi Jordan: jjordan@sd308.org
Ms. Kelly Cooper: KCooper01@sd308.org
OEHS MARCHING BAND
PERCUSSION AUDITIONS

In order to place students on the percussion instrument at which they will be most successful during the 2019-2020 marching season, we will be holding 3 days of clinics/auditions.

Dates and Times: OEHS Band Room (enter through Door #3)
- Wednesday 5/15, 6pm-8pm
- Tuesday 5/21, 6pm-8pm
- Wednesday 5/22, 6pm-8pm

What to Bring
- Any mallets and sticks you have (sticks and mallets will be provided for those who need to borrow some)
- Marching audition packet (provided by the junior high or high school band directors)

Instrumentation
- Marching Snare, Tenor, and Bass Drum
- Keyboard Mallets
- Multiple Auxiliary Percussion Instruments
- NO ONE IS CUT

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

If you have any questions, contact your Jr. High Band director or email the OEHS Band Directors.

Ms. Cooper - kcooper01@sd308.org

or

Mr. Rexroat - srexroat@sd308.org