

WELCOME TO OHS BAND BOOSTERS 2016-17!

Since you have a student in the Band, you are now an official OHS Band Booster! We welcome those of you who are new and look forward to seeing all returning band parents and guardians. Marching season is a busy, fast-paced time and the students work hard to learn new music and routines in a very short amount of time. Your involvement in OHS Band Boosters is a great way to support their efforts, make new friends and enjoy the music program at OHS.



Top 4 Tips for a Great Start to Your Band Year

1. Visit okemosbands.org

Our official website has links to handy documents like the most recent band calendar, the band handbook, and SignUp, the online tool we use to organize volunteers for band activities.

2. Pencil in these important fall dates:

- **OHS Band Boosters 20th Annual Tailgate Picnic & Friends & Family Performance: Tuesday, August 16**
- **Home football games: September 1, 16 & 23 and October 14 & 21**
Our unofficial pre-game and half-time cheering section sits in the stands under the press box. Please join us!
- **26th Annual OHS Band Car Wash-A-Thon: Saturday, September 17**
This major event helps students fund their trip accounts, and /or their contribution to our budget for instruments, uniforms, repairs, music, receptions, and awards. (Note: at least 80 volunteers are needed this day!)
- **Grand Ledge H. S. Marching Band Exhibition: Wednesday, October 5**
- **OHS Bands Fall Recognition Banquet: Monday, November 7**

3. Sign up for at least one activity

Band performances and activities literally cannot happen without lots of help from band parents and guardians. You can find the link to volunteer opportunities on our website at okemosbands.org. We use SignUp, an online signup and reminder tool, to organize our volunteers. Click the SignUp button to see a list of upcoming activities, and click View to see date and time details for any activity and to sign up.

4. Attend OHS Band Boosters meetings

Meetings are a great way to be informed and involved and get to know other band parents. All band parents and guardians are invited. We meet 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the OHS Library Conference Room.

2016 – 17 meeting dates are: Wednesdays, September 7 and October 12; and Tuesdays, November 15, January 3, January 31, March 7, April 11, and May 9. Your input and participation are welcome!

Band is a fantastic way for our students to make friends and feel a part of something truly special at their high school. And volunteering with the OHS Band Boosters is a fun and rewarding way to support our students and the band program we all love. If you are interested in helping with band events, we would love to hear from you!

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