



# OLATHE NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

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## OLATHE NORTHWEST BLUES & BBQ BANQUET

It is time once again for the *Annual Olathe Northwest Blues & BBQ Banquet* to be held at the Olathe Northwest High School on February 3rd, 2018. This year will be the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the inception of this event. It is the largest, most entertaining, and main group fundraising event for the Olathe Northwest High School Band program. This amazing evening of music, food, and great entertainment is run by our very own Olathe Northwest students. They make this evening a night you will not soon forget! Over 3,100 sponsors have supported this banquet since its inception, many of whom attend this event each and every year.

The night begins with a BBQ dinner catered by a local establishment and then moves into a live and silent auction presided over by the City of Olathe's Mayor, Michael Copeland. The true magic of the evening culminates with the Olathe Northwest Jazz Ensembles and the some of our area middle school jazz ensembles taking the stage in a nostalgic night club atmosphere. The Olathe Northwest Blues & BBQ Banquet has become an institution that others have attempted to duplicate, however our loyal supporters know this is a one of a kind ONW Ravens event.

We are channeling our fundraising efforts to help our students with costs of travel to represent our school in Washington D.C. over Memorial Day 2018, as well as festivals, competitions and musical experiences. In 2014, Olathe Northwest Raven Pride Marching Band represented the state of Kansas in the New York City Veterans Day Parade commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Nation's Day Parade. In 2012, our band marched in the Walt Disney Parade in Orlando, Florida and also performed at Kennedy Space Center. In 2009, the band represented the state of Kansas in the 2009 Holiday Bowl Celebration in San Diego, California. These trips allow us to showcase our outstanding students whom excellently represent our community.

Each year we look to our local business partners and institutions in the community to assist us with donations for our live and silent auctions. Your donation may be in the form of cash, merchandise or service gift certificates, and/or unique items of value from your business. We are fully aware that you receive many requests such as this from other organizations; however we hope that you can still find a way to support our student run program. Please keep in mind that your donation may be tax deductible (*ONW Boosters is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt foundation*) and to show our thanks and appreciation for your support, your name and/or establishment will be recognized privately as well as publicly at this event and on our website.

We would like to say thank you in advance for your support of our program. For those of you that have supported us in the past; we truly could not do this without you! Thank you again for your generous support!

Sincerely,

Robert Davis  
Director of Raven Bands

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