



WARRIORS IN TUNE

April & May 2020

Website: <http://www.washingtonbandsd.org>

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

May*:

May 11:

Spring Concert – 7 pm – WHS

May 24:

Graduation - Arena – 7 pm

* The May event dates listed here were set before the COVID-19 school closure. Continue to watch for more information. Hang in there, everyone!

PUFFINS DELIVERY APRIL 6TH!

Puffins orders will be in on April 6th. Drive up to the band doors in the back of WHS at 4:00 p.m. and someone will bring your order to you in your car. Thanks!

All State Jazz News

Congratulations to Emmanuel Michael on making All State Jazz! Emmanuel has made All State Jazz all four years of his high school career.



Congrats, Emmanuel!

Happy April (finally),

We hope you are all staying healthy and enjoying some of the sunshine!

It's difficult to provide an update on upcoming events when so much about the rest of the year is unknown. However, I will do my best to outline some things we are working on currently as well as our plans for the rest of the year's activities assuming school resumes in May.

Just like any normal spring-time, we are currently working on all things marching band. As a reminder, all commitment forms for the 2020 production are due **April 9**. Please ensure you fill out the online form that was sent last week to secure a spot on the field. We also posted the form in our Google Classroom for your students. The most difficult thing thus far has been figuring out drumline auditions. An email went out earlier this week detailing how we will go about handling those auditions remotely. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

So far, all production items for the show are on track – color guard silks have been purchased and are being made, music is being written, and the uniforms for the color guard and pit percussion have been designed! The next big thing we need to do is get measurements for those students that will be in these uniforms. In the next couple of days, I will be sending out a PDF of how to properly get the measurements we need from your student as well as video explanation from our designers (and a picture of what they look like!) If your student is in color guard or planning to be in pit percussion, these measurements need to be taken and sent to me by April 24th. Luckily, we have been working on this early, however, our design company associates are all working out of their homes so production and delivery will be delayed later than normal.

As for the remainder of the school year, most of our things have been cancelled. However, we are supposed to have a band concert on Monday, May 11. Assuming school is resumed on May 4th, we will do this concert. I know that only gives us a week to prepare but we are up for the challenge. This is also our senior recognition night and that is something I would rather not cancel if we don't have to.

Lastly, we would like to congratulate Emmanuel Michael on making All State Jazz this year from Washington High School. Emmanuel will be a four-year All Stater for Jazz in the combo. We had several students audition this year but competition was steep among Sioux Falls Schools. Congratulations, Emmanuel! Please see the note below from Brooks Bowman regarding All State Jazz:

"At this point, we are still planning on holding the event. If schools are back in session beginning May 4th, we don't feel that it is in the best interest of anyone to send students off to ASJ after only a couple of days back in school. Our plan is to push ASJ weekend back one week and make it a 2 day event on May 15-16."

There hasn't been word either way about All State Band as they have only temporarily postponed it but I will keep you all updated.

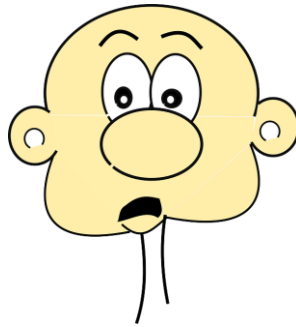
As difficult and crazy as this time is, please reach out if you have questions or need anything and we will get back to you as soon as we are able. Know that this is all new to us as well and we are simply trying our best. Our principal said it best when he told us that "all everyone needs right now is a little grace as we figure it out together."

Thank you.

Kiley K. Coyne
Director of Bands

STILL TIME TO HELP

MR. HARDER TO LOSE HIS HAIR



Mr. Harder has promised to shave his head if the students collectively meet their \$22,000 fundraising goal. We are so close, band! Only \$1,000 more to go before the end of the school year. Even though COVID-19 has made things a bit more challenging, there are still plenty of fundraising opportunities. Take a look below for ideas!

EASY FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES!

Amazon: Do you shop at Amazon.com? If so, you could help support the WHS band at the same time. By going to smile.amazon.com you can purchase all of the same items, for the same price and Amazon.com will donate 0.5% to the WHS band. All you need to do is visit smile.amazon.com and select Sioux Falls Washington High School Marching Band Boosters as your charity. Please follow the link below to set up this easy and convenient fundraiser. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-0442873>.

HyVee: Do you shop at HyVee? If so, you can raise money quickly and easily for your student's fundraising account. All you need to do is purchase HyVee gift cards through the band program. Every time you purchase a HyVee gift card, almost 5% of the value goes into your student's account. For example, purchase a \$50 gift card and more than \$2.35 goes into your student's account; purchase \$105 and a full \$5 goes into your student's account. You earn funds for your student's use just by purchasing the cards through the program. See the next page for more information.

Scrip Cards: Missing your favorite dining or shopping spot? Stock up on gift cards now! This is a great way to continue dining (drive up only, of course) or shopping...online. Just as good – buy now and save those Scrip cards for a shopping spree when the pandemic starts to ease. Gift cards can be ordered from over 300 businesses including department stores, gas stations, restaurants, and home improvement. Rebates are from 2% to 15%! Visit the band's website at <https://www.washingtonbands.org/scrip-cards.html> to get started.

Batteries: Now is the perfect time to stock up. You can purchase 24 packs of Interstate Batteries for just \$15! Size AA and AAA available. Call Dawn Taborda at 321-0607 to order.

WHS Band Hy-Vee Card On-Going Fundraiser

Hy-Vee Card **ORDERS** are due the first and third Monday of each month (Tuesday if Monday holiday).

Hy-Vee card orders (clearly label as Hy-Vee order) should be left in the designated envelope in the band room at the time your student has class or mailed/delivered to **Dawn Taborda, 2208 E. 1st Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57103** up until 8pm on due date. During summer months, all orders must be mailed/delivered to Dawn Taborda.

Hy-Vee Card **PICK-UP** is on the Thursday of the order week (Tuesday on Thanksgiving week).

Hy-Vee cards can be picked up from 6:30 – 7:00 PM at **616 N. Leadale Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57103**. If you will be unable to pick up your order at this time contact me at **321-0607 (cell)** or email me at **dawnmomx4@aol.com** to arrange another time. Pick-up will be at the school if a Band Concert or band event is occurring on the scheduled pick-up night.

Hy-Vee Cards will also be available for purchase at Band Booster meetings, Band Concerts and other band events.

WHS BAND HY-VEE CARD ORDER FORM

Date _____ Student Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Phone # _____ Email address: _____

*Payment must accompany the order blank, **Checks only please.**

*Make checks **payable to WHS band.**

Select dollar amount you wish to purchase (\$105, \$210, \$420, \$525, \$630, \$840 or \$1050),
fill in denominations desired and record check #

| | Amount ordered | \$10 | \$25 | \$50 | \$100 | Check # |
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| Hy-Vee | Total due \$105 (You will get \$105 in Hy-Vee cards + \$5 into student account) | | | | | |
| Hy-Vee | Total due \$210 (You will get \$210 in Hy-Vee cards + \$10 into student account) | | | | | |
| Hy-Vee | Total due \$420 (You will get \$420 in Hy-Vee cards + \$20 into student account) | | | | | |
| Hy-Vee | Total due \$525 (You will get \$525 in Hy-Vee cards + \$25 into student account) | | | | | |
| Hy-Vee | Total due \$630 (You will get \$630 in Hy-Vee cards + \$30 into student account) | | | | | |
| Hy-Vee | Total due \$840 (You will get \$840 in Hy-Vee cards + \$40 into student account) | | | | | |
| Hy-Vee | Total due \$1050 (You will get \$1050 in Hy-Vee cards + \$50 into student account) | | | | | |