



WARRIORS IN TUNE

August 2019

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

August:

- 1-2:** Marching Band Camp 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- 5:** Marching Band Camp 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (uniform checkout)
- 6:** Marching Band Camp 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m./**Parent Preview Dinner at 6 p.m.**
- 7:** Warrior Day!
- 10:** Retreat with grill out and uniform run at HWF 1:00 p.m. – 9 p.m. (This is a change from previous schedule.)
- 13:** Marching Band Rehearsal at HWF 8:00 a.m. – noon (NOT 4-8 as in previous schedule.)
- 15:** No Rehearsal – PST Night
- 16:** Marching Band Rehearsal 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Group and Individual Photo Night)
- 20:** Marching Band Rehearsal 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- 22:** First day of school/No evening rehearsal
- 24:** RHS Clinic – All Day
- 27 & 29:** Evening Rehearsals 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

September:

- 3:** Evening Rehearsal 4-8 p.m.
- 5:** Evening Rehearsal 4-8 p.m.
- 10:** Evening Rehearsal 4-8 p.m.
- 12:** Evening Rehearsal 4-8 p.m.
- 14:** President's Bowl – All Day w/7 pm Game
- 16:** Variety Show (Drumline Only)
- 17:** Evening Rehearsal 4-8 p.m.
- 19:** Evening Rehearsal 4-8 p.m.
- 20:** Home Football Game 5 p.m.
- 21:** Marching Competition – Waseca, MN
- 24:** Evening Rehearsal 4-8 p.m.
- 26:** Evening Rehearsal 4-8 p.m.
- 28:** Marching Competition – Luverne, MN

Note from the Director:



Dear Washington Warrior Band Families,

We sincerely hope that you and your student have had a restful summer. So far, we are shoulder-deep in marching band season and the students have been outstanding. Looking forward to a great season!

As you are doing your back-to-school shopping, we wanted to remind you of some things that your student may need to have a successful year in band. Below is some back-to-school information categorized by instrument class.

Woodwinds

Reeds: Stock up! But make sure your student's reeds are comfortable to play on. Reeds come in different strengths ranging from 2 (soft) to a 5 (hard). Students sometimes will play on reeds that are much too hard for them thinking that as one gets older, one must move up in reed strength. ***This is not the case!*** If a reed is too hard, it will be difficult to get any sound out of it at all and, if you do, it will sound airy and thin. If a reed is too soft, it will play right away but it will not last long and the sound will be very flat. A good strength reed to play on would be a 3 (medium). But it also depends on your student's preference and the brand of reed you buy. All brands are different.

Cleaning Swab: Always run a cleaning swab through your instrument after each use. Leftover condensation in the instrument causes mold!

Cork Grease: You should be greasing the corks of a woodwind instrument regularly (a couple times a month is a good rule). You do not want to over-grease them as they will wear down and need to be replaced sooner.

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Continuing the Note from the Director:

Things to get checked out with a music store before school starts:

- Pad replacements
- Cork replacements
- Regulation (professionals will check all the screws and make sure all arms and keys are tightened or loosened as required for the instrument)

Brass Equipment

The beginning of a new year is a good time for students to re-evaluate their needs and equipment. It may be that your student is ready to make a change to a step-up model, or even a professional level instrument.

One idea that requires less financial commitment and could result in dramatic improvement is upgrading a student's mouthpiece. There are many different manufacturers and each one makes slightly different, yet totally distinct mouthpieces. Many retail outlets will allow students to try out mouthpieces for a period of time before they buy, which I recommend.

Valve/Slide Oil: Proper lubrication not only helps students play their parts correctly, it can also affect the tone and pitch of an instrument. Make sure your student has enough valve/slide oil and tuning slide grease to last them the year. I always buy an extra, because those small bottles seem to turn up missing frequently!

Cleaning equipment: Students should have a micro-fiber cleaning/polishing cloth, and a flexible snake with stiff bristles to clean out their instruments.

Things to get checked out before school starts:

- Slide/Tuning Slide dents or alignment issues.
- Valve action problems
- Water-key cork replacements

Hopefully this has been helpful. If you have any questions about your student's instrument, what to buy, etc., please email Mrs. Coyne or Mr. Harder at any time. We are very much looking forward to the beginning of the school year and working with your students!

Musically yours,
Kiley Coyne and Benjamin Harder

The annual **WHS Warrior Band Parent Preview Dinner** will be on August 6th starting at 6 PM. The students will show parents and fans what they have learned in band camp! The students will perform on the practice field and dinner will be served in the WHS Commons after the performance. Tickets will be \$5.00 and free to children under 5 years old. Parent Preview night also gives you the opportunity to order Spirit Wear, sign-up and learn about WHS Band Booster Committees and volunteer opportunities, purchase uniform gloves and check-out fundraising opportunities – Band cards, Scrip cards, HyVee cards and batteries will be available! Please invite family and friends to this fun event to kick-off the marching band season! If you can volunteer to help out at Parent Preview, please contact Sheila Hoff at 940-0206.

Uniform Checkout

Uniforms will be fit and distributed on **August 5th** during Marching Band Camp. We will need 8-10 people to help on Warrior Day in the band room from 8:30-11:45 and 1:15 until all students have a uniform (before 5:00). The volunteers will be helping with fitting uniforms, getting jackets and pants down from the uniform closet, hat fitting, vestie and gauntlet retrieval, and assigning uniform bag and numbers. If you have any uniform/fitting/clothing experience, your help on Warrior Day would be greatly appreciated...please call Michelle Ellis at 376-2341.

Gloves will be available for purchase at the parent preview performance and also on Warrior Day.

SHOW T-SHIRTS WILL BE ISSUED AND ARE TO BE WORN UNDER THE JACKET FOR ALL PERFORMANCES!! PLAIN BLACK SOCKS (NO DETAILING OR LETTERING IS ACCEPTABLE) ARE TO BE WORN AT ALL PERFORMANCES.

The uniform consists of a jacket, a vestie, a pair of bib pants, and a garment and a shoe bag. Hats are issued to students; plumes are distributed immediately before performances by our chaperones and collected afterward for safe storage. The sequined "vesties" are connected to the main jacket with snaps. The garment bags and shoe bags are to be used to protect and transport the uniform jacket/pants or guard uniforms.

If you have any uniform questions or concerns, please contact Michelle Ellis at 376-2341.

The Pit Crew Needs You!

This is going to be another exciting year making for lasting memories. The teamwork, camaraderie, joys, achievements and, yes, even the frustrations and heartaches, all come together to create memories that last a lifetime. And there is perhaps no better way to share in these memories than to be a small part of the presentation. **So, we invite you to become a member of the Pit Crew.** The pit crew is the band's "roadies", and is responsible for loading, unloading, staging, and helping transport equipment and props to the field.

We can use every volunteer we can get. You do not necessarily need to attend every event, but we do need to make sure we always have enough parents to work the show. And, yes, it is possible to work the Pit Crew and also be a Chaperone. If interested contact Brad or Sheila Hoff at 940-0206.

Item of Note



Congratulations to Emmanuel Michael, one of our 2019 drum majors. Emmanuel has been selected to participate in the New York Orchestra Jazz band as one of 24 young talented jazz musicians. They will be playing in Carnegie Hall and then traveling to Asia for two weeks.

Fundraising

Fundraising for the Marching Band Season will start with WHS Marching Band Cards. The cards will be distributed to the Marching Band students in early August. There are approximately 15 local businesses on the card, which have offered various discounts. The cards will be sold for \$10 each, and each student will be expected to sell at least five cards. For each card that a student sells, \$9.00 (90%) will be added to their account. The WHS Marching Band Discount Card fundraiser gives back the largest percentage of all the fundraisers and is a great way to build the student account. Watch for more information as this is one of the best fundraising opportunities all year!!

Throughout the school year, we have fundraisers that are open to all WHS Band students including selling frozen food, coffee, Holiday gifts, and other items. Not interested in selling? There also will be fundraising opportunities through volunteering events (for example, Family Fun Fest and Canaries games). All of the WHS band fundraising information can be found on the band website at the following link:
<http://www.washingtonbands.org/fundraising.html>. This will be updated throughout the year.

In addition to these fundraisers, we will have three on-going fundraisers throughout the year. They are:

- 1) **Hy-Vee cards** - The form is attached to the newsletter.
- 2) **Interstate Batteries** - We have packs of 24 – AA & AAA batteries available. The packs sell for \$15 each and the students receive a profit of \$9-\$10 on each pack sold. The battery form is available online and batteries are sold at Band Booster meetings, Band concerts and other events.
- 3) **Scrip Cards** – You may order gift cards with over 300 businesses to choose from including department stores, gas stations, restaurants and home improvement. WHS Band Boosters will order gift cards at a discount; families pay face value for the cards and the difference is an instant rebate for your students account. Instructions for placing a Scrip order are available on the band website:
<http://www.washingtonbands.org/fundraising.html> - Click on the 'Learn More' button under the Shop with Scrip section. The next Scrip Order will be August 16th.

For questions on HyVee Cards or Interstate batteries, contact Dawn Tabora at 605-321-0607. For questions about Scrip Cards, contact Linda Weidner at 605-359-0872.

2019 President's Bowl Ticket Sales – WHS Booster Club Fundraiser

The Annual Presidents Bowl is scheduled for September 14th with Roosevelt vs. O'Gorman at 3:30 and Washington vs. Lincoln at 7:00. This event is the largest fundraiser for the 3 Public High Schools, and all activities at WHS benefit from the President's Bowl. The WHS Booster Club receives funds from the President's Bowl Committee making this one of our most important fundraising events supporting fine arts, athletics and school activities at WHS!

WHS Booster Club would like every student involved in an activity at WHS to sell at least 10 tickets. The tickets are \$7 each and includes both games. There are monetary prizes for the top sellers and every student that sells 10 tickets will be put into a special prize drawing.

Tickets will be ready for purchase during Parent Preview. Please watch your email for more information coming out soon about the 2019 President's Bowl!

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 #
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)					