



WARRIORS IN TUNE

December 2018

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

<https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonHighSchoolBandsSiouxFallsSd>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December:

- 3:** Band Booster Meeting – 7 PM in WHS band room
- 10:** All State Band Auditor Form Due (use link on WHS band page)
- 10:** Fall Concert (Freshman, Varsity, Concert and Symphonic Bands) – 7 PM WHS Auditorium

January:

- 14:** Band Booster Meeting – 7 PM
- 18:** Scrip Group Order
- 19:** All-State Band Auditions – Lincoln HS

Director Notes:

The holiday season signals the beginning of a very busy time for the Washington Bands. During this season, the band program tries to focus on sharing our passion for music with as many audiences as possible.

The most prominent thing that will happen this month is our Winter Concert which will be held in the WHS Auditorium on Monday, December 10th at 7:00 pm. It will feature every concert band at Washington for the first time this school year. We hope many of you will join us for this concert.

While we look forward sharing our musical talents, this is also the time when many parents begin buying gifts. Did you know that simply getting a professional mouthpiece (and ligature for clarinets and saxophones) can make a DRASTIC difference in your student's tone and ability to play in tune? Several students are astounded by the ease with which these mouthpieces play and the most common comment is, "Is it so much easier to play, I feel like I am not fighting with my instrument for the first time!" While this can be a moderately expensive investment, it pays huge dividends and is less expensive than a new instrument. (Ligatures for clarinets & saxophones can also make a big difference for a minimal investment.) There are also a number of things that make great gifts and stocking stuffers for your student. Here are some ideas, some instrument-specific and others not:

- Tuner (There are many small, inexpensive ones on the market.)
- Metronome (Also, many small inexpensive ones from which to choose.)
- Tuner/Metronome combinations are also available and are fairly inexpensive.
- Sticks & mallets, and a bag to store and protect them. (One pair each: snare, mallets, timpani)
- Valve oil, slide cream, polishing cloths, brushes for cleaning instrument and mouthpieces
- Music stand
- Brass mutes (straight or cup are most commonly used)
- New mouthpiece/ligature (consult with your student's director or private teacher for suggestions)
- New cleaning swabs, a padsaver, or polishing cloths for their instrument
- Music – solos, books, ensembles for lessons and for fun
- Private lessons (How about a few to help get ready for contest and All-State auditions?)
- Tickets to a concert
- CD's/DVDs, especially professional soloists on their instrument or wind, orchestral, or jazz ensembles

Please contact one of the directors if you'd like advice on mouthpieces, method books, and other musical gifts for your student.

In addition, Mrs. Coyne would like to extend a huge thank you to Bob Carlson, Ben Harder, and all of the band parents who helped make the transition into motherhood as easy as possible. The Washington Band was in extremely good hands thanks to the hard work of the directors and all of our parent volunteers. We are so thankful for everything you do for this program.

Best wishes to all of you for a joyous holiday season. May this time of the year be spent with great music, family and friends, and all those you love.

– Musically yours, Kiley Coyne and Benjamin Harder

Upcoming December Concert:

The Winter Concert

The Winter Concert is December 10th and will start at 7 pm. It will feature the Concert Ensembles of the Washington High School Band Program: The Freshman Band, the Varsity Band, the Concert Band, and the Symphonic Wind Ensemble. Please make sure that you have concert black attire:

LADIES - Wear a floor length black dress/skirt or black pants with a black blouse/top with at least 1/4 length sleeves. We do this to make sure that you look your best, and are as professional looking as possible. Modesty is always the best possible when attending a formal occasion.

MEN - Wear black pants with black socks, black dress shoes (no sneakers), and black long sleeve button up shirt or white button up shirt with black tie and black jacket. Black jacket with a black shirt and white/silver tie is also acceptable. No white suits.

Top Ten Rules - CONCERT ETTIQUETTE (for Concert Bands)

1. Refrain from talking during the performance. Wait until there is applause, between selections, or between ensembles.
2. Refrain from unwrapping candy, cough drops, etc. during the performance. Best to do at the same times as above.
3. Turn off pagers, cell phones, and watch alarms. These tend to go off at the most inappropriate times!
4. Do not wave to your student or try to get them to wave to you. Students have been instructed not to respond to audience "cues."
5. Do not take flash photography during the performance.
6. Do not move to the front with your video camera.
7. Do not leave as soon as your student's portion is over.
8. Applaud at appropriate times. Some selections have many movements - see the program and watch the conductor.
9. Do not leave the auditorium during the music. Wait until the ensemble is between selections.
10. Go to the concert expecting the best & compliment your student on his/her performance when it is over.

DVD's of the 2018 Marching Band Season will be available at the band concert on December 10th. You may submit the form below with payment to the orange box prior to the concert or may pay & pick-up at the concert.

\$20

2018 Washington High School Warrior Marching Band Show

DVD Order Form

The DVD will have performances from the marching band season and also the marching band season slide show. Great for gifts!

Student Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Quantity _____ X \$20.00 Payment Type: Cash _____ Check _____

Make checks payable to WHS Bands

FUNDRAISING

Uncle Jerry's – Information coming soon – watch for details!

Donations:

- Account Donations are accepted at any time or can be turned in with a fundraiser
 - Donations may be turned in at school in an envelope marked with student's name & account donation, place in the black box in practice room hallway
 - Donations turned in with a fundraiser, place in an envelope marked donation

Ongoing Fundraisers:

- Scrip Cards – available online & mobile – next group orders will be December 14th – Scrip Cards are a great way to get gift cards for holiday gift giving!
 - WHS Band Boosters orders gift cards at a discount from Great Lakes Scrip Center; WHS Band families pay face value for the cards and the difference is an instant rebate for your students account. Prepaid cards used just like cash for everyday items such as food, clothing, gas and entertainment. Available as physical cards, electronic cards and reloadable/renew cards.
 - Many businesses over 9% rebate – average rebate 5% - over 300 businesses to choose from including department stores, gas stations, restaurants and home improvement.
 - 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.
- HyVee Cards – available 1st & 3rd week of the month, band booster meetings & at band concerts
 - Can be used for groceries, gas, pharmacy, flowers, Starbucks, Market Grille & liquor
 - Forms available online – order form and payment may be placed in the red lock box in practice room hallway
 - Spend \$525/month and earn \$300/year for your student;
 - Spend \$630/month and earn \$360/year for your student
- Interstate Batteries (65% profit) – available anytime, band booster meetings & at band concerts
 - AAA & AA batteries available - \$15 for 24 pack of batteries
 - Forms available online – order form and payment may be placed in the orange lock box in practice room hallway
- Amazon Smile – Do you shop at Amazon? 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. While 0.5% may not seem like a lot, that percentage spread over all the parents and students of the WHS band program can really add up.

All fundraising information can be found on the band website: www.washingtonbands.org/fundraising.html

Fundraising questions – email washingtonbandsinfo@gmail.com

All-State Band Auditions

All State Band auditions are January 19th, 2019 at Lincoln High School. Please use the link on the WHS Band webpage for indicating interest in All State. Information must be submitted through the link by December 10th.

Please contact Mrs. Coyne or Mr. Harder if you have any questions.

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)					