



WARRIORS IN TUNE

December 2020

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Upcoming Schedule:

December:

7th – Fall Band Concert – 6:30pm at Washington High School and **will be livestreamed for home viewing at: bit.ly/WHSvideo**

12th – Deadline to sign up for All-State Band auditions (details in director's message)

14th – **Band Parent Booster Mtg – 7pm (Zoom information will be emailed closer to meeting date)**

23rd – 31st – No School Christmas/Winter Break – please encourage students to keep practicing over break

January:

4th – School resumes – remember to bring your instruments

11th – **Band Parent Booster Mtg – 7pm (Zoom information will be emailed closer to meeting date)**

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

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STUDENT ACCOUNT DONATIONS MAKE A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT!

Director Notes

The holiday season signals the beginning of a very busy time for music department at WHS. The Symphony Orchestra has already completed their winter concert and the vocal department will perform their concert next week on Monday, December 14.

For the band, we will hold our Fall Band Concert in the WHS Auditorium on Monday, December 7. The Freshman/Varsity Band combined concert starts at 6:30PM and the Concert Band/Symphonic Band concert starts at 7:30PM. We will clear the auditorium between performances. We hope many of you will join us either in person, if you have a wristband, or on livestream at bit.ly/WHSvideo.

Many students are also working fervently on their audition for All State Band. This year, All State Band Auditions will be done **virtually**. Students will need to prepare a solo etude, all major and minor scales (for which the judge will choose one major and one minor at random), the entire range of their instrument's chromatic scale, the prepared etude issued by SDHSAA, and a musical terms test. This year, there is **no** sight-reading requirement. All students will receive a perfect score on their sight-reading portion this year only. Recordings for auditions need to be done with a WHS band director and/or the students private lesson teacher and the terms test will be proctored by a WHS band director. If your student is interested in auditioning for All State Band this year, they need to sign up with Mrs. Coyne **BEFORE** December 12th. This year is a perfect year to audition because, due to social distancing guidelines for the actual event, SDHSAA will be taking 14 more students than normal. This is huge! Just going through the audition will help your student become a better musician and feel more comfortable should they audition in the years to come. We highly encourage it!

Lastly, this is also the time when many family members start buying gifts for your musicians (unless you are done already!) 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 a better mouthpiece sounds, and the most common comment is, "My instrument is 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 and saxophones can also make a big difference for a minimal investment.) Here are some gift ideas for your musician:

- Tuner/Metronome combinations are available and inexpensive. Although, many students now use apps on their phone for tuning and we recommend "Tonal Energy Tuner" which is \$3.99.
- 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 pad-saver, or polishing cloths for their instrument
- Private lessons (How about a few to help get ready for contest and All-State auditions?)

If you would like advice on mouthpieces, sticks, method books, and other musical gifts for any students that you'd like to give this holiday season, please call or email one of the directors.

~Have a happy holiday season!

December Concert Reminders

All guests will need a wristband prior to the performance to enter. There will be NO handling of cash to pay for wristbands the night of the event. During the week of November 30th each student was provided with 2 wristbands for their respective band performance time.

We will once again just ask for donations to enter the auditorium. As a guideline, tickets are usually \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for school-age kids, \$1.00 for senior citizens. Band Boosters will match dollar-for-dollar up to \$500.00.

To accommodate numbers, we are splitting the concert in half.

- If your student is in **Freshman Band or Varsity Band**: concert time is 6:30PM (student arrival at 6:00PM)
 - we will clear all performers and audience members immediately following this concert –
- If your student is in **Concert Band or Symphonic Band**: concert time is 7:30PM (arrival at 7:00PM)

Masks are expected to attend this event. Please social distance yourselves in the audience. We ask that you sit in the main floor seating area as we are keeping the balcony open for students who wish to watch their friends perform.

Again, for your convenience, you may also use this link to send donations for your ticket sales/free wristbands.

[**WHS BAND DONATION SITE**](#)

Concert Attire

LADIES - Wear a floor length black dress/skirt, black dress/skirt with black leggings or tights, or black pants with a black blouse/top with at least 1/4 length sleeves. In general, the only colors on stage are black and white that fit within these guidelines. 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) 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.

For the December concert students have been told they can wear a pop of color by having a red or green accent. This colored accent must be tasteful and minimal (i.e. headband, hair-bow, tie). No Santa or Elf hats will be allowed.

Top Ten Rules: Concert Etiquette *(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.

WHS BANDS TREE ORNAMENTS

At December concert, since 2016, we usually sell handmade WHS Band and/or WHS Marching Band Ornaments for your holiday tree. We will not have for them for sale this year in the traditional way, however, if you would still like your 2020 ornament to complete your set, visit our new WHS Band donation site! There are photos of the ornaments being sold and a link to purchase online. To make sure we have enough time to fulfill orders, we are asking that you place your order on or before December 7th so you may have them in time for the holidays. Unless otherwise specified, ornament orders will be sent home with your student before Christmas. Please disregard the message after you order that says orders will be fulfilled in January. Ornaments can be ordered at the WHS Bands Donation Website as well.

[WHS BAND DONATION WEBSITE](https://whs-bands-sioux-falls.square.site)



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Fundraising Opportunities

There are many opportunities throughout the year to raise funds for the band and for your individual student's fundraising account. Here are some of the upcoming and ongoing fundraisers:

WORLDS FINEST CHOCOLATE – There are still more boxes to sell – students will keep selling until all candy is sold.

FLYBOY DONUTS AND JUNGLE BEAN COFFEE SALES – Order forms are due this Friday, December 4th. This is the perfect opportunity to buy gift cards for everyone's favorite local donuts. For the coffee lovers, it is a great time to stock up on your supply. Coffee also makes a great gift!

FROZEN FOOD FUNDRAISER – Begins January 15th. Information will be distributed to students. Be sure to watch for them to bring information home.

HY-VEE REUSABLE BAG SALE – For the month of January, WHS Bands will receive \$1 donation for each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable red "My Heart" Bag at the Hy-Vee stores located on East 10th and 26th & Sycamore. Watch for more details in the January newsletter.

HY-VEE CARDS – Earn funds when buying your groceries! That's right – you can earn fundraising money just by purchasing Hy-Vee cards to fund your regular grocery store shopping. The form and more information are at the end of this newsletter (page 4 of this newsletter). Hy-Vee cards are also sold at Band Booster meetings, band concerts and other events.

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.

SCRIP CARDS – WHS Band Boosters orders gift cards at a discount. Families pay face value for the cards and the difference is an instant rebate for your student's fundraising 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.

REMEMBER TO USE THE RaiseRight by ShopWithScrip app

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, 3201 E Madison 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 **3201 E Madison Street, 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)					