



WARRIORS IN TUNE

February 2020

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

February:

1: Alternate All State Band Auditions (show choir members) - BVHS

4: Solo/Ensemble Contest – Augustana

6: Pep Band Performance – 6 pm

7: Morningside Jazz Festival

10: Band Booster Meeting – 7 pm

13: Prism Concert – 7 pm – WHS Auditorium

14: Performance at Bandmasters Conference

19: Band Placement Auditions Begin

20: Pep Band Performance – 5:30 pm - WHS Band Room

28-29: Omaha Jazz Festival (Overnight)

Upcoming:

March 3: Augustana Jazz Festival

March 9: Band Booster Meeting – 7 pm – WHS Band Room

March 26-28: All-State Band (select students) – Mitchell; concert at Mitchell Fine Arts Center on March 28th at 4:00 pm

April 14: Showcase Concert at Washington Pavilion – 7 pm

April 15: Large Group Contest – Brandon

April 23: Jazz I and Jazz II performance at The Meadows on Sycamore

April 24: Dessert and Jazz Concert – 7 pm – WHS Commons

April 30-May 2: All State Jazz – Mitchell; concert at Mitchell Fine Arts Center on May 2nd at 7 pm

May 11: Spring Concert – 7 pm – WHS

May 24: Graduation - Arena - 7 pm

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Happy February!

Everyone always asks me at the beginning of the new year, "So are things slowing down now since marching band season is over?" To which I reply, "Absolutely not." In fact, sometimes the winter/spring semester is a lot busier than fall and that is the case right now. There are **many** things happening in the WHS Band program right now.

For starters, we have begun our Jazz competition season. We had a fantastic first outing at Morningside College last Friday. Both bands played very well, and we received some awesome feedback so we can keep improving before our next competition . . . which is our overnight at the end of this month! (February 28-29). Our final Jazz competition is at Augustana on Tuesday, March 3rd. The schedule has yet to be finalized but all are welcome to come watch and support your students at this event.

This week, the WHS Band will also perform our Prism Concert **on Thursday, February 13th, at 7:00**. It is an exciting experience for the audience as well as our performers and is unlike any other concert we do during the school year. We hope many of you will make it to this concert and support our bands, ensembles, and soloists. This year, the Symphonic Band will be featuring senior oboist, Cole Johnson for our portion of the program. It's sure to be a fantastic concert.

Also this week, Symphonic Band (finally) performs our concert for the Bandmaster Convention at SDSU at 9:00AM. I feel like we have been sitting and rehearsing this music for an eternity, but we are ready to perform an outstanding concert! This event is open for anyone to attend. Students in Symphonic Band load the bus at **6:30AM** on **Valentine's Day** for this concert :)

Lastly, after President's Day Break, the WHS band members, as well as incoming freshman from the middle schools, start auditioning for the placement in 2020-2021 band. Placements should be finalized during the first week of March so once your student gets placed, they can change their schedule as needed to get placed in the proper band for next year.

Some things to look forward to: This Thursday we will be announcing the new marching band show for fall 2020 to the students! Ask your child about it when they get home, but we will also post it on our website. AND, one year from now over President's Break 2021, we will be on our band trip to San Antonio, TX! Many of the middle school students have already started fundraising for this event. We cannot get quotes for transportation until 330 days prior to departure so we won't know the cost for a couple more months. However, be prepared because there will be an informational meeting on this trip scheduled sometime late-April or May.

If you have any questions about all this information, don't hesitate to email me. We are very appreciative of all your support!

Sincerely,

Kiley Coyne

Congratulations to all of the students who will participate in the Solo and Ensemble Contest at Augustana College on February 4th. Students will perform for judges who rate and comment on their performance. Look for the results from the contest soon.

Prism Concert

The next concert the WHS Band puts on is at **7:00PM on Thursday, February 13**. This is our annual "Prism Concert." The concert features one song from each of the bands and Jazz bands and also features several solos, duets, trios, and other ensembles that these students have been preparing for All State Band, Solo Ensemble Contest, or College auditions. Come watch this wonderful and unique concert experience!

Symphonic Band-Bandmasters

The symphonic band has been invited to perform at the 84th annual Bandmaster's Convention at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 14th in the new Performing Arts Center at SDSU in Brookings. The group only performs there once every 6-10 years. All invited to attend, and there is no fee for admittance!

Jazz Bands

Jazz I, II, and III will have to opportunity to play at several upcoming jazz festivals in the region. These are competitive events, but our goal is to expose the jazz students to as many different bands and types of jazz styles as possible!

The Morningside Jazz Festival will be February 7th. In addition, Jazz I and Jazz II will make an overnight trip on February 28th and 29th to travel to Omaha for the Great Plains Jazz Festival at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Schedules of these events can be found on the band website under Jazz Ensembles. We would love to have any parents and supporters who are interested come check out the Warrior Jazz Bands performances!!!

Red Bag HyVee Fundraiser

Great news! WHS Band Boosters has been picked as the non-profit for the month of February at HyVee on Sycamore Avenue. For each red my Heart reusable bag purchased at HyVee on Sycamore, the band gets \$1.

Even more good news – if you purchase the bag at another Hy-Vee, you can still donate by using the Giving Tag attached to the bag to go online and select the WHS Band Boosters to receive the \$1 donation. Using the Giving Tag redirects the \$1 from the organization selected by the store to the organization of the shopper's choice. You can take advantage of the Giving Tag at all Hy-Vee stores 365 days a year!

View the link below for more information: <https://hy-vee.bags4mycause.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Hy-Vee-My-Heart-Bag-Marketing-Toolkit.pdf>.

Thank you to Alaina Lewis for her help in identifying this and many other fundraising options. And many, many thanks to HyVee for this and the HyVee card fundraising support!!

All State Band

Congratulations to all of the students who prepared and auditioned for all state band. The All State Band concert will take place in the Mitchell Fine Arts Center on March 28 at 4:00 p.m. Watch for all state results soon!

More Fundraising News

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Great Plains Food fundraising opportunity. More information about fundraising will be coming out through Charms soon. Also, if you need some batteries, consider ordering from the WHS Band. Twenty-four AA and AAA Interstate Battery packs are available for \$15 and students receive \$9.70 per pack sold into their account. If you would like to order batteries, please contact Dawn Taborda 321-0607. Batteries – as well as HyVee Cards (see below for more information) are also available for purchase at band concerts and band booster meetings. **Thanks for your support of the WHS Bands!**

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)					