



WARRIORS IN TUNE

July 2020

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

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

Upcoming Events & Details:

July:

July 8-10: Percussion Camp

Frontline: 9:15AM - 12:15PM in Band Room

Snare and Tenors: 9:30AM - 12:30PM in Orchestra Room

Bass Drums: 9:30AM - 12:30 PM in Choir Room

July 9: Summer Sectionals (wind players only; see below for more info)

July 13-17: Percussion Camp & Colorguard Camp

Percussion Camp: Same schedule as above.

Colorguard Camp: Will be in two groups. Group A will meet in auditorium from 9 a.m. - noon. Group B will meet in auditorium from 1-4 p.m.

July 13: Band Booster Meeting (meet in the school parking lot – west side)

July 16: Summer Sectionals (wind players only; see below for more info)

July 20: Marching Camp Begins (watch for more details soon)

Director Notes:

Dear WHS Band Families,

It has been a crazy June. There are a few things I am grateful for this month though. One is that I got to spend just a few short moments saying goodbye at some senior graduation parties and the fact that all Sioux Falls School District students did get to participate in a real graduation ceremony. Not everything can be normal right now, but I am glad we could make it as normal as possible.

Another thing I am grateful for is our WHS Administration. There are so many questions about what the future will bring, both for band and just for school in general. I wish I could tell you we had more answers than questions but that is simply not the case. We are taking it one day at a time. Our Administrators understand the importance of the Arts in our schools and have been working tirelessly to make sure we can rehearse as much as possible while still maintaining a safe environment. I am confident that whatever form of schooling we start in the fall, the Arts will be alive in our schools because the Sioux Falls School District knows its value.

Two things we are working on fervently is our plan for band camp and our trip to San Antonio in February. These are two great examples of what "taking it one day at a time" means. Right now, we are in a mandated moratorium from July 1-7 but with percussion camp starting on July 8th and wind sectionals beginning on July 9th, be on the lookout for an email in the next week on our plans for band camp.

Our band camp will look different. Our show will look different. Our competitions will look different. Our travel will look different. Our concerts may look different and our day-to-day rehearsals may look different. But we will adapt and make it work and keep you as informed as possible. Thank you for your patience. We hope you all stay healthy.

Kiley Coyne and Ben Harder

Are you a new WHS band parent?

Welcome to the WHS band boosters! All parents are automatically members – and we hope you'll join us the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. for meetings. Have questions? Please reach out to Mrs. Coyne, Mr. Harder, or any of the band board members (Sheila and Brad Hoff, Heather and Jaron DeWitt, Carey Deaver, or Jan and Brian Questad.)

"Dia De Los Muertos!"

SUMMER SECTIONAL NEWS

Summer sectionals will look a little different this year. Students will remain in groups of 10 or less per 1 staff member for the entirety of their rehearsal spaced 6ft-10ft apart. Sectionals will be scheduled in 2-hour rotating rehearsals between 4PM-8PM (1.25 hour inside, .75 hour outside) as follows:

- Flutes in Ensemble room: 4:00-6:00
- Clarinets in choir room: 4:15-6:15
- Saxophones in orchestra room: 4:30-6:30
- High Brass A (Mellophones) in little theater: 4:45-6:45
- High Brass B (Trumpets) in band room: 5:00 - 7:00
- Low brass in auditorium: 5:15-7:15
- Drum Majors in ensemble room: 5:45-7:45

Arrival and Exit Restrictions:

- All students should park or be dropped off in the teacher lot and will enter through the WHS teacher door (DOOR T)
- All students will exit out the back band doors (DOOR Q)
- Students may only arrive 5 minutes before their scheduled rehearsal start time. No more no less.
- Students will be required to sanitize their hands upon entering the building.
- Upon arrival, students will be asked to stand on a socially distanced "spot" on the floor in the foyer until their ENTIRE section has arrived.
- Students will be asked a series of COVID screening questions. If they answer "yes" to any of these questions, they will be asked to exit the building.
- All students will then be escorted to their rehearsal location where they must stay for the entirety of their rehearsal (except their scheduled marching time on the field)

School Accommodations

- Restrooms are closed except in emergencies only. If a staff member or student has an emergency restroom situation, they may only use the restrooms nearest the commons.
- All drinking fountains are CLOSED. Students MUST bring their own water containers.
- Students and staff MAY NOT go into any other part of the building. Once they enter their rehearsal room, there can be no students or staff crossing into that room until their rehearsal is over.

Rehearsal Safety

- Students WILL NOT share or touch any other instrument/equipment or instrument things (reeds, valve oil etc.) except their own.
- Percussion students will have mallets/instruments assigned to them that only they can touch. Percussion students can bring in their own sanitizing wipes to clean their instruments before and after use if they are concerned (I'm thinking along the lines of wiping down mallets and cymbals in the frontline)
- Instruments/Flags cannot be left in the building. Everything that comes into the building with the student must also leave the building with the student. Please do not bring anything extraneous to rehearsals (blankets, stuffed animals etc.)
- There will be chairs and stands with signs that read "do not sit here" so that students are properly distanced in rehearsals. We will be placing students 10ft apart to accommodate for their instruments.

Other Notes

- Students (especially Color Guard and Drumline) should wear comfortable clothes that they can easily move around in. We will be marching, dancing, and stretching.
- Color Guard: sandals ARE NOT allowed. Not even Chacos. You must wear close-toed shoes when spinning equipment.
- All students should wear sunscreen when going outside and have plenty of water.

Band Boosters & Volunteer Opportunities

All parents of band students are automatically members of the band booster. Band booster meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. During “COVID Season,” meetings will be held as possible via Zoom or in person. Watch your email for information each month.

Attending band booster meetings is a great way to keep informed of band activities, concerts, fundraising, and other band news. It is also a great opportunity to meet some of the most fun and dedicated parents you will find anywhere. Please consider attending meetings – or even just one or two a year.

Looking for ways to get involved? There are number of volunteer opportunities with the band each year –helping with marching band, chaperoning at competitions and games, selling tickets at concerts, organizing band events, etc. There are a variety of ways to help that meet your schedule – from very small to larger time commitments.

Speaking of opportunities....marching band is looking for a chair for the uniform committee. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Mrs. Coyne via email or Sheila Hoff at 940-0206.

Last, but not least – a quick, but very sincere, thank you to our new band booster board members effective July 1, 2020:

Presidents: Brad and Sheila Hoff (Sheila Hoff at 940-0206 or SLHoff78@gmail.com. Brad Hoff at 201-3236 or brhobby@gmail.com.

Vice Presidents: Steve and Heather DeWitt (Heather DeWitt at 212-2793)

Secretary: Carey Deaver (690-8378)

Treasurers: Brian and Jan Questad (323-5366; questad99@gmail.com)

Fundraising Fun

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:

WEISSER DISTRIBUTING

Mark your calendar for August 15th! Weisser Distributing has invited us in to assist them again this year. We will be looking for 6-12 volunteers to help out. Watch for more information about signing up as we get closer to the date.

HY-VEE CARDS

Earn funds buy buying 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 is at the end of this newsletter (below). 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.

The next Scrip Card order will be due on **July 17th**.

Please contact Dawn Taborda at 321-0607 if interested in Hyvee cards (or see below) or interstate batteries. Contact Linda Weidner at 359-0872 at for more information on Scrip Cards. Thanks for your support of the Warrior 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)					

