

# WARRIORS IN TUNE



June 2020

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## Notes from Mrs. Coyne and Mr. Harder

Happy Summer!

As this will be the last newsletter that many of our senior parents will receive, I want to say a huge thank you and congratulations to all of our WHS Band Seniors and their parents. Your first day of school at Washington High School was also my first day of school at Washington High School and even though our time together started with the vandalism of the WHS Commons and ended with a global pandemic, we all made it. We are so proud of you and we thank you for your support of our program. We can't wait to see what better things come your way. Congratulations on your graduation!

Despite COVID-19 throwing a wrench in all of our plans we will continue to move forward with our marching band season and summer activities in whatever we can following the guidelines given to us by the Sioux Falls School District and the CDC. As you know, if your student is participating in marching band, all of our June summer sectionals will be online. Please make sure your student is a member of our Marching Band Google Classroom. I have emailed each student the link to join our classroom to their [k12.sd.us](mailto:k12.sd.us) school email. Our Google Classroom will be crucial for these students to stay engaged, keep up with communication, and complete their online assignments so that we do not fall behind. There are still about 20 students who have not accepted the invitation to our classroom yet.

Of course, the biggest event that we are looking forward to is our February trip to San Antonio! Hopefully you received the information last week including our itinerary and the commitment form. If not, or for easy access any time, you can visit the WHS Shared Drive Google Folder on our website [www.washingtonbands.org](http://www.washingtonbands.org). There is a folder called, "San Antonio" and you will find all of these forms in that folder. We hope many students are able to attend this trip with us as it will be a fun and educational experience for all of us. Moving forward, as details get finalized about this trip and we receive more information about how school will resume in the fall, our plan is to have a San Antonio parent meeting in August. We hope this can be done in person, however, we will do it online if school doesn't resume as normal.

We hope you all have a happy and safe summer. Remember that if your student is planning to participate in ANY activity (from sports to fine arts) during the summer or throughout the 2020-2021 school year, they **must** have a health form on file. These can be completed in your parent Infinite Campus. Students who try to participate in an activity and do not have a form on file will be sent home until the form is completed. **Fine Arts activities DO NOT require a physical!** Just a completed health form.

Thank you! Enjoy the sunshine!

Kiley Coyne and Ben Harder

### Upcoming Events:

**June 1<sup>st</sup>:** Summer instrument check out from 1:00-4:00.  
(Drive up to back band doors and wait in line 6 feet apart.)

**June 4<sup>th</sup>:** Marching band parent meeting at 7:00 p.m. via  
Google Meet.

(Use the signup genius link sent out to register for meeting.)



**Congratulations to all of our  
WHS band seniors! WHS Band  
Boosters wishes you the best!**



### FUNDRAISING SUCCESS!!

We did it! Congratulations everyone on meeting our fundraising goal for the year. This is the first time in recent history that the goal was met. The last time was before Director Coyne was with the program.

Congratulations to everyone on their hard work and thank you Assistant Director Ben Harder who provided a little extra incentive to students by agreeing to sacrifice his glorious beard if the goal was met. We hardly recognized him on the call, and we appreciate his dedication to the program!

### WHS 2020 Band Award Recipients

Two graduating students are selected for a prestigious band award each year. Congratulations to **Cole Johnson** who earned this year's John Phillip Sousa award for outstanding contributions to the band program and music. Congratulations to **Emmanuel Michael** for earning the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award for outstanding contributions to the jazz program. Both Cole and Emmanuel have earned recognition for their musical talent and we wish them, and all of our graduating seniors, all of the best in the future.



### Marching Band 2020

COVID-19 has impacted us all, but marching band will continue for 2020! It may affect schedules and some of our plans for the season, but we are marching forward! For now, in-person rehearsals for June are canceled. Instead, students will complete online assignments (about 10-20 minutes each) for the last three weeks of June (June 7-13, June 14-20, and June 21-27). On Sunday of each of those weeks, marching technicians will release videos to students via Marching Band Google Classroom. Each video will have three learning parts: marching, instrument, and physical conditioning. Students have until Thursday to complete their video submission of their components for review by marching band technical staff.

Although this has not been an ideal situation, we will continue to look at creative options for continuing a band activity that so many of us love. Thank you to all of the students for your dedication to the band program and your resiliency in adapting to the continuing changes caused by the pandemic.



**February 12-17, 2021**

### **2021 Band Trip**

The band trip is planned for February 12-17, 2021, over the President's Day holiday break. Right now, planning is continuing in hopes that the trip will be held.

- **Who can go?** This is a full BAND trip, not a marching band trip. Every student enrolled in the WHS band program is eligible to attend.
- **Travel costs:** Travel costs depends on total number of students who go, but are estimated between \$1,200-\$1,400. This includes the motor coach and all hotel fees. Students will be asked to make payments periodically before the trip. A non-refundable deposit of \$200 is required.
- **Meals:** The trip fee will include two meals every day - a hotel breakfast and an evening meal. Students will need to bring funds for buying lunches and for spending cash.
- **Events:** The band will go to the San Antonio River Walk and perform on River Walk Stage! They will also attend a band clinic and a concert or show, enjoy a narrated boat cruise, explore the Alamo, go to six Flags Fiesta Texas or SeaWorld San Antonio, tour Mission San Jose, visit the beach Corpus Christi, and explore the historic El Mercado!

## **Summer Fundraising**

Summer is a great time to get a jumpstart on fundraising for the upcoming year. Here are some of the upcoming and year-round fundraising opportunities:

**WHS Band Discount Cards:** At the start of Marching Band Camp, WHS Band Discount Cards will be sold. The WHS Band cards offer the highest profit of all of the fundraisers. During trip years, the cards sell for \$10/piece and all \$10 from each card sale will go back to the student account.

**Throughout the school year:** During the upcoming year, we will have many fundraising opportunities including such items as frozen food, coffee, Holiday gifts, and others! All of the WHS band fundraising information can be found on the band website at the following link: <http://www.washingtonbands.org/fundraising.html>.

**HyVee Cards:** WHS Band families pay face value for HyVee cards with 5% going into the student account. HyVee card orders are due the first and third Monday of each month. HyVee cards are also available for purchase at Band Booster meetings, Band Concerts and other band events. The form for HyVee cards is at the end of the newsletter and also on the band website.

**Batteries:** The WHS Band Boosters has Interstate Batteries for sale. 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 on the band website and the form may be printed and returned along with a check payment (made to WHS Bands) to the orange payment box in the practice room hallway.

**Scrip Cards:** The Scrip Card program is a great way to add to your students account! 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. The average portion of each scrip rebate that could be earned toward your student's account is **5%**. 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.

# 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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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 number:

Business	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)					