



WARRIORS IN TUNE

September 2018

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

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I cannot believe that summer has ended and it is time to start another school year. The band staff at WHS is very much looking forward to this year and hope everyone has had a wonderful summer – especially those students who have spent their summer at school dedicating time to learning music and drill for our upcoming marching band season.

September is always a time for new beginnings. In most jobs, one would not be able to say that they get to restart each year, but in education we can. Each September contains feelings of excitement coupled with a twinge of sadness. We have graduated out a set of amazing seniors that are on to bigger and better things and incoming is a new set of faces to remember that will remain with us for another four years. There are new names to learn, new instruments to hand out, new lockers to assign, and a new year to begin again. At the same time, we are recognizing that we will once again graduate another exceptionally talented set of seniors at the end of our educational year. It is a circle that we hate to love.

With that being said, we would like to make sure to draw your attention to our Warrior Band Webpage at www.washingtonbands.org. We do our best to keep this as updated as possible with information for you and your students. You will find concert dates for each ensemble, marching band schedules, and information on fundraising and keeping with your student's ISA account (Individual Student Account)

We hope that you continue to support music education in our schools by getting involved in any way that you can. Behind each successful music student, there is a parent or guardian shuttling him/her to lessons, rehearsals, performances, competitions, and hopefully advising them to practice to their instrument. We thank you wholeheartedly for committing your time to us as well as your student's. Participating in music in one of the greatest things your student can be involved in. I have never met an adult who ever regretted participating in music, even for a short time. I have only met those who wish they did. If you every have any questions, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Thank you! We hope to have a magical year of music making with your student.

~ Kiley and Ben



September:

- 1:** President's Bowl – Howard Wood Field
- 4, 6:** Marching Band Rehearsal 5-9 PM
- 10:** Band Booster Meeting 7 PM – WHS Band Room
- 11, 13:** Marching Band Rehearsal 5-9 PM
- 14:** Homecoming Football Game 5-8 PM
- 15:** Marching Competition – Wildcat Classic – Omaha, NE
- 18, 20:** Marching Band Rehearsal 5-9 PM
- 22:** Marching Competition – Waseca, MN
- 25, 27:** Marching Band Rehearsal 5-9 PM
- 28:** Home Football Game 8 PM
- 29:** Marching Competition – Starfest – Sioux City, IA

October:

- 2, 4, 9, and 11:** Tuesday and Thursday rehearsals from 5-9 PM
- 6:** Festival of Bands
- 13:** Mid Iowa Band Championship – Ankeny, IA
- 23:** Indoor Show Rehearsal – 5 PM
- 30:** Indoor Show Rehearsal – 7 AM
- 31:** Indoor Show Rehearsal – 7 AM; 1:30 Indoor Show Performance

November:

- 1:** Indoor Marching Band Show and Chicken Dinner!! 6 PM
- 2:** Football Playoffs – Time to be Determined

FESTIVAL OF BANDS

October 6th

Big changes in the Festival of the Bands parade route in 2018. This year, bands will be marching around Covell Lake instead of the traditional trip through downtown. The latest map available is in this newsletter (on the last page). This map is not a public release map. It is just internal for parents until it is finalized. It sounds like the biggest challenge will be parking. We asked in the FOB meetings if there was a suggested place that spectators should park vehicles and we were told no. There might be opportunities at Terrace Park as well as near the convention center. Other events in the area that day include two monster truck shows, so parking might be at a premium. Our best advice is to go early and give yourself time to do a bit of walking if necessary. Also, undecided at this time, is whether we will be allowed to park busses in Veteran's Memorial Park.

This is one of the events during the year that really puts a strain on our volunteer resources. We have a great crew of parents that are more than willing to help. WHS has been given the time slot 1:30 pm-5:30 pm to cover all volunteer posts (approximately 70). There are all kinds of opportunities to help. We will need people to man areas ranging from ticket booth operators to field marshals to water station attendants to bus parking. If you have any questions regarding job descriptions, please contact Kristi Cornette kristicornette@gmail.com or Amy Benda bendaamy@gmail.com. Please take time to look through the sign-up genius to see if there is a place where you can help. Grandparents and other relatives, friends, and alumni are also welcome to help.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4FACA62CA0FA7-festival>

Fundraising

Band Cards:

Fundraising for the band season started with the Marching Band selling WHS Marching Band Cards. This is one of the best fundraisers for you student all year long. Cards sell for \$10 with \$9 of the “profit” going directly to your student’s charms account. If you need any more, please contact Heidi Tooley at 376-2239.

Band Spirit Signs

This year, the band is selling band spirit signs which can be displayed in your yard. The front side promotes the WHS band. The back of the sign is also printed – except it is for the WHS marching band in case you have a student in marching band and would like to use this side during the marching band season. Signs (with the yard stakes) are sold for just \$20! Order forms are available in the band room. Contact Kristi Cornette kristicornette@gmail.com or Lori Hein blhein@aol.com for additional information.

World’s Finest Chocolates

Students will begin selling chocolate bars on September 10th. It’s a great way to satisfy a sweet tooth affordably. Watch for more information soon!

On-Going Fundraisers

1) Hy-Vee cards - The form is attached to the newsletter.

2) 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 & can be put in the orange fundraising box in the practice room hallway. Batteries are also sold at Band Booster meetings, Band concerts and other events.

3) Scrip Cards – You may order gift cards with over 300 businesses to choose from including department stores, gas stations, restaurants and home improvement. WHS Band Boosters will order gift cards at a discount; families pay face value for the cards and the difference is an instant rebate for your students 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 Order will be September 21st.

Student Accounts-Charms

We ask that you access your students account and update their information. Charms Office Assistant is the premiere Music Student Account and Information Manager. The Warrior Bands uses “Charms” for a number of purposes: Account Balances, Student Information Access and most of all Communication.

Here’s how to access:

1. Click on this link: www.charmsoffice.com
2. Hover over the “Enter/Login” Button and select Parent/Student/Members
3. Enter the school code: WashingtonBand. Click Enter Charms
4. Enter the student password, which is your WHS Student ID. Click Enter

Click on UPDATE STUDENT INFORMATION to see/update your student and parent information. Fill out as much contact information as possible, so that we can keep you up to date and contact you. Please check the EMAIL ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESSES areas. From there, you can access the FINANCES area to see the current balance of your Individual Student Account (ISA). This will also give you a summary of what the student has earned.

WHS Orange Cheering Section

A block of cheering fans is much more effective and fun than if they are speckled throughout the stands. WHS band parents try to sit together at football games and marching band competitions. For football games, the parents sit behind the roped off section for the band. At competitions, we try to save spots on the 50 yard line. Look for the WHS flag or sea of orange and gray! You'll learn a lot about competitions from veterans and meet fellow band parents.

WHS Band Boosters

Getting involved in the band program will give you the opportunity to share with your student the last four years of their education. The best way to get involved is to become a part of the Band Boosters. It is a great way to meet other band parents and - since your student is already enrolled in one of the WHS bands - then you are already a member! You can take on a big role or be an occasional volunteer – or even just come to our meetings and listen to what's going on in the band program. The Band Boosters meet the second Monday of the month in the band room at 7 PM.



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)					

