



WARRIORS IN TUNE

September 2019

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

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Warrior Band Members,

We have successfully completed the first week of the 2019-2020 school year and, while it was crazy time for everyone, we are so very excited for this upcoming year with your students.

So far, the marching band has been working so incredibly hard to get ready for our competition season. We kick off the Warrior Marching Band performances with a show at President's Bowl on Saturday, September 14th. Itineraries are in the band room as well as in the WHS Shared Drive on the Washington Bands website. Soon after, we will begin five weekends in a row of competing which will culminate with our annual Chicken Dinner/Indoor Show on November 5th. We hope you catch one of our performances this season!

Our concert bands have started playing some of the music we will perform for you this year. We are so excited about the level of talent and camaraderie of the students in this year's band program. It will be an outstanding year of concerts!

The WHS Symphonic Band also has some great news to share with you: after submitting audition recordings last year, we have been selected to perform for the 84th Annual Bandmaster's Association Conference at South Dakota State University in February, 2020. It is an incredible honor to have been chosen to perform for this conference. The Symphonic Band will present around 45 minutes of music for all South Dakota Band Directors who attend this conference annually. It will be an extraordinary educational experience for our students. We will be preparing for this spring concert for the entire year and will be bringing in several professional directors to listen and critique us as we prepare. We are so excited to share with the rest of South Dakota the great things that our students are doing in the WHS Band.

Of course, it isn't just this school year that is bringing exciting things to your students. We are also thinking ahead to next school year where all band students will have the opportunity to travel on a music trip to San Antonio, TX! We will leave over President's Break in February, 2021 and have many, many wonderful and educational events planned for our trip to the South. We will have a no-obligation, informational meeting about the trip sometime this spring where you can learn all about what we will do, where we will perform, and a rough estimate of cost.

We hope that you are also thinking ahead to this trip as we prepare for this year's fundraising efforts. Just as a note, all students are required to meet their fundraising target fees BEFORE they can use what it in their ISA (individual student account) for the trip. As your student fundraises this year, everything is documented in our system called, "Charms," which you can find on our website under "resources." Whatever money is left over each year after we pull their target fee will get transferred into the next school year. Your student can begin fundraising for this trip NOW. We will have several ways to raise money throughout this year and next year so that they can reach their target fee and their trip fee.

Again, we hope your students are as excited to play music with us this year as we are with them. It will be a great year of growing in music education, meeting friends, learning life-skills, and making life-long friendships.

Sincerely,

Kiley Coyne and Ben Harder

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September:

- 3: Evening Rehearsal 4-8 p.m.
- 5: Evening Rehearsal 4-8 p.m.
- 9: Band Booster Meeting 7 p.m. – WHS Band Room
- 10: Evening Rehearsal 4-8 p.m.
- 12: Evening Rehearsal 4-8 p.m.
- 14: President's Bowl – All Day w/7 pm Game
- 16: Variety Show (Drumline Only)
- 17: Evening Rehearsal 4-8 p.m.
- 19: Evening Rehearsal 4-8 p.m.
- 20: Home Football Game 5 p.m.
- 21: **Marching Competition – Waseca, MN**
- 24: Evening Rehearsal 4-8 p.m.
- 26: Evening Rehearsal 4-8 p.m.
- 28: **Marching Competition – Luverne, MN**

October:

- 1: Evening Rehearsal 4-8 p.m.
- 3: Evening Rehearsal 4-8 p.m.
- 4: Home Football Game 8 p.m.
- 5: **Festival of Bands–All Day Howard Wood Field**
- 8: Evening Rehearsal 4-8 p.m.
- 10: Evening Rehearsal 4-8 p.m.
- 11-12: **Overnight Trip: Youth in Music Competition – Minneapolis, US Bank Stadium**
- 14: Band Booster Meeting 7 pm – WHS Band Room
- 15: Evening Rehearsal 4-6 p.m.
- 17: Evening Rehearsal 4-6 p.m.
- 18: Home Football Game w/MS 5 p.m.
- 19: **Marching Competition – Quad State Vermillion, SD**
- 24: Home Football Game 8 p.m.
- 29: Indoor Show Rehearsal 4-8 p.m.
- 30: Indoor Show Rehearsal 7 AM-8AM with Matinee at 1:30 p.m.

Presidents Bowl

The Presidents Bowl Committee is a non-profit corporation committed to the fundraising and support of the booster clubs of Washington, Lincoln, and Roosevelt High Schools in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Each year, a committee of hundreds of parent-volunteers plan and execute a variety of fundraising activities. The Presidents Bowl Committee's vision, for the future, is to continue to grow each event, and add additional events, with a strong focus on the integration of the public schools and the community. The success of the Presidents Bowl has been made possible by the generous support of hundreds of merchants in the Sioux Falls business community. The Presidents Bowl Committee has raised nearly two million dollars for over 50 programs within Roosevelt, Washington, and Lincoln high schools. Money raised at the annual event is divided up between the 3 public high schools and helped to pay for travel, uniforms, equipment, and programs that have provided and enhanced educational opportunities for students.

Each student is asked to sell 10 game tickets at \$7 each. Please purchase these at school before the game or we'll have to split the gate ticket sales money with the other schools. There is also QDoba for the tailgating this year! \$7 will get you a full-size burrito, chips, cookie and drink. \$5 of that money stays with WHS!!

<https://presidentsbowl.org/>

WHS VOLUNTEERS SIGNUP:

Band has the 7:30 am – 9:00 am shift for Setup. We need to fill 6 spots during this time. If this doesn't work for you but another time during the day does (or you'd just like to help out during the day), please sign-up for another time and just put chorus in the comments!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4caf2ba4fb6-whs2019>

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.

Festival of Bands

Festival of Bands is a yearly event held in Sioux Falls that all of the four Sioux Falls high school bands participate in and host. It takes a large number of volunteers from Washington, Roosevelt, Lincoln and O’Gorman high schools to make this event successful. Each high school will receive a donation to their school’s band program from the Festival of Bands.

This year, Festival of Bands is October 5th with the WHS band leading the parade at 8 a.m.! WHS band parents volunteer from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A great perk of volunteering is that you can use your volunteer name tag to get into the evening performances at Howard Wood Field for free! Washington will perform during the evening performance. More information (along with a sign up genius) will be coming out soon about volunteering at this important event for many local bands.

If you have any questions in the meantime about Festival of Bands or how you can be involved, contact any of the Festival of Bands Chair:

Sheila Hoff
940-0206
SLHoff78@gmail.com

Help Needed: We are looking for people who are able to pull a marching band trailer. Help is needed on the following weekends: September 21st, September 28th, October 12th-13th, and October 19th. Can’t do it all weekends? No problem! Just let us know when you are available to help. Please call Brad Hoff at 605-201-3246.

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. The Band Boosters meet the second Monday of the month in the band room at 7 PM. It is a great way to meet other band parents and joining is easy since any parent with a student enrolled in one of the WHS bands is already a member! Simply come to the next meeting. 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.

WHS Band 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 parents wearing the band competition shirts! You’ll learn a lot about competitions from veterans and meet fellow band parents.

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)					