

Welcome Band Parents

7th/8th Grade Parent Meeting
September 19, 2019
5:00pm

Introductions

- Mrs. Molander
 - Band Director
 - Wind Ensemble, Concert Band
 - Woodwind Specialist
- Mr. Gutierrez
 - Assistant Band Director
 - Symphonic Band
 - Brass Special

- Mrs. Juarez
 - Band Booster President
 - 7th Grade Parent

Welcome to a new year...

- Thank you for being here to support your child's musical learning!
- Band is more than just learning to play an instrument!
 - Teaches skills you need in life
 - Teaches discipline
 - Teaches goal setting
 - Teaches teamwork

Band Placements

- All students are placed in one of three bands through a yearly audition. We take into account:
 - Progress throughout the year
 - Attitude and behavior
 - Practice habits
 - Attendance and grades
 - Needs of each band

Concert Band

- A place to build and strengthen fundamentals
 - Individually
 - As an ensemble
- Solidify instrumental technique and practice strategies
- Smaller setting
 - Allows for one-on-one attention
- Performances
 - 3 Concerts
 - Pep Rallies
 - 1 Football Game
 - Solo Contest
 - Pre-UIL
- No after school obligations, but are strongly encouraged to attend in the Fall

Symphonic Band

- A place for students who have strong understandings of music fundamentals and create characteristic tones on their instrument.
- Can prepare music outside of the classroom.
- Participate in competitions.
- Performances
 - 3 Concerts
 - Pep Rallies
 - 1 Football Game
 - Pre-UIL and UIL
 - Solo Contest
 - Region Band Auditions (optional)
- After School Obligations
 - Once a week practices in the Spring
 - See schedule in Band Handbook

Wind Ensemble

- Top performing ensemble at WAMS.
- A place for students who have a STRONG understanding of music fundamentals and an eagerness to perform difficult music.
- Are will to prepare music outside of the classroom.
- Participate in competitions.
- Performances
 - 3 Concerts
 - Pep Rallies
 - 1 Football Game
 - 2 5th Grade Recruitment Concerts
 - Pre-UIL and UIL
 - Region Band Auditions
 - A Solo Contest
- After School Obligations
 - Once a week practices (Fall and Spring)
 - See schedule in Band Handbook

The Band Handbook and Calendar

- All students will receive a copy to take home and sign.
- Also will receive a calendar specific to their band placement
 - Includes dates of all mandatory performances

- We will ALWAYS send home paperwork about events. If paperwork doesn't come home, check our website or join our text message group! (more on this later)

Supplies

- Students need the following items for class every day:
 - A quality instrument in working condition (see supply list)
 - All cleaning and maintenance supplies related to their instrument (see supply list)
 - A pencil
 - Band Book (provided by the school)
 - Band Folder (provided by the school)

- We firmly believe that NO STUDENT should be left out of joining the band due to finances.
 - Band is an investment, however...
 - We offer fundraising options and payment plans for ALL financial obligations of being in band.

Financial Obligations

- Renting an instrument from the school
 - \$75 district rental fee
 - Even when renting an instrument from the school, students still need all supplies listed on the supply list.
 - **NEW:** *7th/8th grade PERCUSSIONISTS will be using school-owned instruments and will need to pay the \$75 district rental fee.*
- The school has a limited supply of rental instruments! That requires us to provide instruments on a first-come-first-serve basis.
- **All instruments and supplies are needed by October 4th.**

Financial Obligations

- Band Fee
 - \$20
 - Covers the band t-shirt, band folder, band book, classroom supplies, catering/social expenses, and other items necessary for the functioning of the band program.
 - **Due September 20th**

- Uniform
 - Casual Uniform: jeans, athletic shoes
 - Formal Uniform: black dress pants, black dress shoes/socks
 - For some performances we ask students to dress in professional attire (something you would wear to a job interview)

- Occasional Trip and Meal Costs

**YOU CAN ALWAYS
FUNDRAISE TO
HELP COVER THE
COST OF BAND!**

- Paperwork about fundraising for band supplies and fees is available upon request!

Homework

- Good musicians practice at least 10 minutes every day. Great musicians practice at least 30 minutes every day.
- We need your help encouraging students to practice.
- Weekly Practice Records
 - Due every Wednesday
 - Turning in on time equals rewards parties each 9 weeks
 - Communication log between student, teacher, and parent
 - Requires an adult signature each week
- Band Hall is open every morning at 7:35 (as soon as the Front Gate opens) for practice

How to stay in touch!

- Join our Remind101 Band Parent group!
 - Follow instructions on the Remind101 Handout
- Find everything we send home on our website:
 - www.woodlandacresband.com
- A few words on parental involvement from Mrs. Juarez.

Parent Involvement

- We always need **volunteers!**
 - Fill out and leave the gold volunteer information sheet!
 - Complete district volunteer form
 - Low involvement
- We need at least one 7th grade parent to be a **Grade Level Coordinator** and help Mrs. Juarez with our Booster Program.
 - See Mrs. Juarez at the end of the meeting
 - High involvement
- High School Marching Festival Help (purple)
 - Your time working the concession stands raises money to help repair our instruments.
 - Last year we raised \$2,000!
 - October 5
 - October 19
 - October 26
 - Please check your time preference!

Thank you for
supporting the
WAMS Band
program!

