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*The WHS IMB is not just about marching band, it's about supporting ALL musicians!*

We hope your students are enjoying their music classes and activities. Everyone should have been measures for their concert attire and be practicing their music. Below are some upcoming events and program information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the board members (see email addresses on the last page).

### **ONLINE VOLUNTEER TRAINING (ALL) - Have you done yours yet?!?**

We are an all volunteer organization and need everyone's help to make the events such as competitions, concerts, dinners, Quarters Auction, Bingo, Silent Auctions, etc a success. Please complete your online CCPS training. Thanks to all those who have already completed their training. If you haven't yet taken the online volunteer training, please do so today! Visit the [CCPS website](#) to complete your online volunteer training.

**\*\*A few updates about the training:** It is best to complete the training on a desktop PC, not a Mac/iOS device, and not on any smart phone. These are items the county is working to fix, but we wanted to pass them along to you. If you have issues or do not receive your confirmation email within 10 business days of completing the online training, please contact the CCPS 410-751-3070 and talk with the CCPS HR department.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS (ALL)**

Visit [owlband.org/calendar](http://owlband.org/calendar) for instructions on how to add all of the IMB events to your mobile devices. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [president@owlband.org](mailto:president@owlband.org).

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# Upcoming Events

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Mon Sept 25	Marching Band practice (Winds 3-5:30pm/ Percussion & Guard 6:30-9pm)
Thur Sept 28	Marching Band - Full Band 6pm - 9pm and Marching Band 101! 8:30pm
Sat Sept 30	Thirty-One Party to benefit the WHS IMB 2-5pm
Mon Oct 2	Marching Band - Full Band 6pm - 9pm
Thur Oct 5	Marching Band - Full Band 6pm - 9pm
Fri Oct 6	Marching Band - Home Football Game (Homecoming)
Sat Oct 14	Westminster Silver Showcase MB Competition (aka Home Show) (ALL IMB)

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### *WHAT IMB PAYS FOR - MUCH MORE THAN MARCHING BAND!*

While it seems like Marching Band receives a majority of the funds the IMB raises, the funds are used to support ALL Ensembles including all Music Classes and extracurriculars like Jazz Band. We use Sponsorships and events such as the Home Show to bring in a lot of funds early in the year so we don't have to do big fundraisers later in the year.

#### Educational items:

- Clinicians for spring music camps/master classes
- Scholarships for all ensembles
- Instrument repairs & replacements (as needed)
- Concert programs and candy
- Buses (as needed)

#### Fun Stuff :

- Picnics
- Trips (like subsidize Hershey Park "Music in the Park")

This year the boosters need to raise \$43,000 (more than the classes have to raise in four years). We cannot do it without your HELP! Please participate in any way you can to help our kids and our program be the very best it can be!

### *Westminster Silver Showcase Marching Band Competition ... aka HOME SHOW*

Our Marching Band Home Show is less than a month away and we need your help! Please take a moment to look over the three sign ups below to see where you can help to make this day a success!

A huge thank you to everyone who has already signed up to help! It is greatly appreciated! Volunteers are still needed for this day! We need help from both adults and students (service hours will be given!). Please look over the following Sign-up and see if you are able to help. We have lots of new families this year so if there is a job you are not familiar with or would like more information on PLEASE don't hesitate to reach out! I can also create shifts to accommodate you if you are unable to do the times outlined in the sign up...just let [Michele](#) know! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d49ada728a2fa7-home3>

\*Donations are needed for our Home Show! Please click below to see if you are able to help by donating items to our big day!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d49ada728a2fa7-home2>

\*Finally, we are still looking for a couple trophy sponsors. Please click on the sign up below for details. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d49ada728a2fa7-home4>

### **HELP ADVERTISE THIS EVENT!**

If you can help us advertise this event by placing a sign in your yard, Please email Keli at [homeshow@owlband.org](mailto:homeshow@owlband.org) to pick one up.

We also need people to drop off flyers at local doctor offices, dentist office, and other local businesses. The flyer is attached and also available at [owlband.org](http://owlband.org).

Please sign up to help us in any way you can!

### ***SHOW SHIRTS!! \*\*Last Call\*\****

If anyone would like to purchase this year's Marching Band show shirt entitled "Inspiration" please contact Gerri at [gerriweed@mac.com](mailto:gerriweed@mac.com). Volunteers are asked to wear some sort of Westminster High t-shirt when volunteering at events so that guests will know who to ask if they need assistance.

Personalized spirit wear is also available for purchase at [www.owlband.org](http://www.owlband.org).

### ***THIRTY-ONE PARTY!!***

Shop now for the holidays and help support the music program. A portion of the profits will be donated to the IMB. Bring your friends and family and stop by anytime during the party to view all of the great products! Please RSVP to [correspond@owlband.org](mailto:correspond@owlband.org) for the address/directions.

If you can't attend but would like to place an order, please do so at

<http://www.mythirtyone.com/90001/shop/Party/EventDetail/10186697>

SEPTEMBER SPECIALS OFFER with Direct Shipping before the party: If you want to place an order online you can do so through <http://www.mythirtyone.com/conniecosta> and then click on "My Parties" or "Shop" and look for the Sept 30th party and select Direct Ship for right away, to get some last minute SEPTEMBER DEALS. (The party will use the new October catalog.)

### ***RESTAURANT NIGHT AT CHIPOTLE!!***

Our next restaurant fundraiser is coming up on Tuesday, October 3, from 5-9 pm at Chipotle in Westminster. We would like everyone to participate as Chipotle donates a very generous 50% of the proceeds to ALL of the music programs at WHS! You can print the flyer from our [website](#), or show it to the cashier on your phone. \*You can also use your ScripNow! For 10% back to your student's account!

## QUARTERS AUCTION

The WHS IMB Quarter's Auction will be held on Friday, Dec 1st at WHS in the second floor cafeteria. If you have any new items or items that you've never used and don't mind parting with, please consider donating them to the IMB. Also, if you have any gift cards to stores you never go to, unwanted Kohl's cash, etc, the IMB can repurpose those and incorporate them into great prizes at our Quarters Auction or other event. We will give you a receipt so that you can write the donation off on your taxes the same as any other charity. If you would like to donate anything, please contact [treasurer@owlband.org](mailto:treasurer@owlband.org) to make arrangements.

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## OPEN IMB POSITIONS:

We currently have openings/need co-chairs on the following IMB committees. If you would like more information or to help out with one of these committees, please contact any of the IMB board members.

- Fundraising - we need help with several upcoming events
- Curricular Ensemble Liaison Parents - needed for each music class
- Concert Attire (for 2018)
- Wine Festival Coordinator (very small position - good starter job!)
- 2018 Yard Sale and Flea Market (Sat, June 23, 2018)
- Car Washes (April - Sept 2018)



## WATER DONATIONS

Did you know that we go through 125 large and 65 small water bottles at each football game to water the band? That really adds up when we also use 120+ at competitions to keep the kids hydrated. This is in addition to all of the water we will need to sell at the Home Show. Please continue to send in cases of water in order to help keep our students and guests hydrated. Both 8oz and 16 oz bottles are needed. Donations are always accepted and can be brought to the Instrumental Music Room at any time!

## **PARENT/GUARDIANS - AFTER COMPETITIONS**

When the marching band students return from competitions, it is tradition to welcome them back as they walk off the buses and into the Athletic Entrance with a cheering section. Please join us to celebrate the kids and their accomplishments by helping us cheer them on. This also helps to get them in and out quicker since we are all there and it wakes them up.

## **CHAPERONES**

There are still just a few spots left for chaperones this season! If you would like to help on a trip with our Marching Band please look over our needs and see if you are able to volunteer!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d49ada728a2fa7-whs2017>

## **OVERNIGHT HALL MONITORS - JMU TRIP**

Our overnight trip to VA will be here before we know it! The band will be spending two nights and we need volunteer trained adults to cover shifts for hall monitoring. Shifts are typically only two hours long.

It's an easy job...but, it does require night shift duty! We are asking every adult going for the weekend to pitch in and help. PLEASE let Michele know if you are planning to travel to VA to support our MB for this trip. Even if you are staying in a different hotel (most people are) we ask that you help with this need! Many people have mentioned their travel plans to her, but **Please** put your info in writing. Send Michele at [volunteer@owlband.org](mailto:volunteer@owlband.org) with the adults names who can take a shift, the night(s) you will be there (Friday, Saturday or both) and any special instructions (ex. both parents are willing to take a shift but have to take them at different times due to a younger child traveling).

Keep in mind...we are hoping to have enough adults to do shifts that we won't have to ask chaperones to cover hall duty...BUT, if we do not - chaperones will get first and last shifts so they can get some uninterrupted sleep in between!!

# **STUDENT ACCOUNT FUNDRAISERS**

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The following Fundraisers are available to help pay down your student's music program fees (Fees include the cost of concert attire, instrument rental fees, and ensemble trips). Additional account fundraiser options are listed on <http://owlband.org/fundraisers/>.

- **SHOPWITHSCRIP GIFT CARD PROGRAM** This is the easiest way to cover the cost of your student fees... all while spending no more than you currently spend on items such as groceries, gas and shopping! Check out a list of all participating retailers at [www.ShopWithScrip.com](http://www.ShopWithScrip.com). More information is available at <http://owlband.org/fundraisers/scrip/> and any other questions can be sent to Scott at [whsscrip@gmail.com](mailto:whsscrip@gmail.com)
- **FALL WINE FESTIVAL FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES** These are some very easy days and you don't have to know anything about wine! As a Linganore volunteer, they provide

lunch and snacks at the festival, and, if volunteer is over 21, are eligible to purchase wine that day at a 20% discount! Email [correspond@owlband.org](mailto:correspond@owlband.org) if you sign up or have any questions.

Wine on the Beach (29-30 SEP) - Ocean City, MD

[http://linganore.ivolunteer.com/wineonthebeach\\_001](http://linganore.ivolunteer.com/wineonthebeach_001)

Autumn Reggae Festival, October 7th and 8th at the winery.

[http://linganore.ivolunteer.com/autumnreggaeorgvolunteers\\_2017](http://linganore.ivolunteer.com/autumnreggaeorgvolunteers_2017)



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact anyone on the board.

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