

WHS PRE-Season Marching Band Information 2018-2019



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Dear Prospective WHS Marching Band Student and Parent(s):

Thank you for your interest in being a part of the 2018-2019 WHS Marching Band family. The WHS Marching Band is a network of friends who share a common interest and are working together to achieve a common goal of excellence in musical performance. Members of the band learn musical skills, discipline, leadership, and excellence – all while having lots of fun.

This packet outlines some of the basics of the 2018-2019 WHS Marching Band – it includes some information about the schedule and requirements of Marching Band members and their families. A far more detailed handbook will be handed out in June once all season details have been finalized.

The Marching Band experience begins with ‘open rehearsals’ in the Spring. These are Thursday evening rehearsals scheduled sporadically through April and May. At these rehearsals, prospective marching band members will be learning the basics of being a part of the band, developing musical and marching skills for the upcoming season, and laying the groundwork for our future together. These rehearsals are not required and there is not an attendance policy for them; however, prospective band members are expected to make every effort to be involved in many, if not all, of these rehearsals.

The summer marching band camp schedule is included in this packet and barring any unforeseen circumstances should not change very much at this time. The fall schedule outline is included as well, but please note that it is VERY TENTATIVE – USBands competition and WHS football schedules are still not finalized and a great deal of our schedule is based on those.

I am already excited to be preparing and planning for the 2018 WHS Marching Band and looking forward to meeting with everyone and starting things going in April.

Sincerely,

Brian Frazier
Marching Band Director, Westminster High School

Spring 'Open' Rehearsal Schedule

This spring, the WHS Marching Band will have a number of rehearsals that are open to all current as well as future members. These rehearsals are not required for 2018 marchers, but those planning to be in marching band in the future should make every possible effort to be at all of these rehearsals.

- April 19, 6-9pm
- May 3, 6-9pm
- May 24, 6-9pm
- June 7, 6-9pm – Parent Informational Meeting at 8pm

Summer Marching Band Schedule

Marching Band Summer Camps will take place in both June and August. These rehearsals are required for all members planning to march in 2018-2019. Concerns about the summer schedule should be brought to Mr. Frazier as soon as possible! Also, please note that some summer rehearsals make take place at a site other than Westminster High School (but still in the Westminster area).

- June 18, Monday – 6pm-9pm Full Band
- June 19, Tuesday – 6pm-9pm Full Band
- July 14, Saturday – 9am-4pm Full Band, summer mini-camp (choose one of two)
- July 28, Saturday – 9am-4pm Full Band, summer mini-camp (choose one of two)
- July 31, Tuesday – possible optional activity
- August 6, Monday – 9am-5pm Full Band
- August 7, Tuesday – 9am-5pm Full Band
- August 7, Tuesday – 6:30-9pm Guard and Percussion ONLY
- August 8, Wednesday – 9am-5pm Full Band
- August 8, Wednesday – 6:30-9pm Winds ONLY
- August 9, Thursday – 9am-5pm Full Band
- August 10, Friday – 9am-5pm Full Band
- August 13, Monday – 9am-5pm Full Band
- August 14, Tuesday – 9am-5pm Full Band
- August 14, Tuesday – 6:30-9pm Guard and Percussion ONLY
- August 15, Wednesday – 9am-5pm Full Band
- August 15, Wednesday – 6:30-9pm Winds ONLY
- August 16, Thursday – 9am-5pm Full Band
- August 16, Thursday – 6:30-9pm Kill Drill (full band)
- August 17, Friday – 9am-5pm Full Band
- August 17, Friday – 6:30-9pm Preview Show and Reception
- August 20, Monday – 6pm-9pm Full Band
- August 23, Thursday – 6pm-9pm Full Band
- August 27, Monday – 6pm-9pm Full Band
- August 30, Thursday – 6pm-9pm Full Band
- August 31, Friday – 5pm-10pm Possible Home Football Game

Fall Schedule – EXTREMELY SUPER TENTATIVE!!

Sept 6 – Nov 8	6-9pm	Monday and Thursday evening Full Band
Sept 14		Home Football
Sept 15		Possible Event (Liberty Show)
Sept 22		Possible Event (Century Show)
Sept 28		Home Football
Sept 29		HOME SHOW EVENT
Oct 12		Home Football (Homecoming)
Oct 20		Possible Event
Oct 27		Possible Event
Nov 2		Home Football
Nov 3		Possible Event
Nov 10		Possible Event

Required Materials for Rehearsals (Ready Bag) (in addition to musical instrument/equipment)

- Iced Water (1/2 or 1 gal jug suggested, write your name on it)
- Snacks, meals (lunch and/or dinner depending on schedule)
- Hat for band members/bandana for color guard and battery members
- Sunscreen/bug spray
- Sunglasses
- Pencil
- Music binder, dot book (3x5 book of index cards)
- Lyre and Flip Folder (for winds)
- Light rain jacket
- Change of clothes in case of bad weather

What to Wear for Rehearsals

- Comfortable athletic style t-shirts and short
- Socks and athletic shoes – make sure shoes are already broken in and provide support
- ALL ATTIRE MUST COMPLY WITH CCPS DRESS CODE REGULATIONS

Costs

All students are required to pay participation fees in order to help cover the costs of having one of the top marching programs in the state. Your membership fees in conjunction with money provided by the WHS Instrumental Music Boosters pays for staffing for over 150 hours of instruction, 60+ pages of drill design, 6-8 minutes of custom written music, all musical and guard equipment, event entrance fees, uniforms, and transportation. The Instrumental Music Boosters also offer scholarships to students who need financial assistance with paying the yearly fees.

Universal Fees:

All members of the WHS Marching Band will pay a \$400.00 participation fee. This fee includes the above-mentioned aspects of the program in addition to the 'show shirt' for this season.

Travel Fees:

Every other year, the marching band takes an extended (overnight) trip to perform away from Westminster. 2018 is not a travel year, so there will be no travel fees.

Fee Payment, Student Accounts and Fund Raising:

All information will be shared with marching band families at the May 31st parents meeting.

Additional individual costs:

All Students - Under uniform garments including socks (black for winds and percussion, TBA for guard), bike shorts/spandex for winds and percussion, TBA unitard/spandex for guard. These items **MUST** be purchased prior to the August 18th Preview Show. The specific items listed below **MUST** be purchased prior to the first day of June Marching Band Camp.

First Year Member Expenses - All first year members of the WHS Marching Band are required to pay approximately \$100 for items that they will use for their entire career in marching band – the WHS Marching Band Jacket, black marching band shoes (Dinkles), and black marching band gloves. These items are required for all performances.

Brass & Woodwind Students	<u>Where to Get It</u>	<u>Approx. Cost</u>
Lyre & flip folder for Instrument	Any Music Store	\$10-\$15
Percussion Students		
Snare drum sticks (Vic Firth SD1 recommended)	Any Music Store	\$10-\$15
Guard Students		
4 rolls each of black and white electrical tape	Hardware Dept.	\$10-\$15