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Hey Band!

All things considered, we had a positive Band year, with lot's of perseverance exhibited by students, parents, and teachers. We made the best of a tough hand with Covid. The Directors want to Thank ALL of you for your help in meeting these challenges. As the year has progressed, Band has started to feel more like the Band we are used to, which is exciting!

This coming year, we are looking to move towards returning to many of the Band functions and traditions that students have grown to love, including traditional Marching Band, Honor Bands, Jazz Bands, Music Trips, Pep Bands and so much more.

Everybody in Band plays such a vital role, and we cannot have success without dedication from everybody. When one person gets better, it is to the benefit of everyone. The reason that we push this idea is because band and music are different from any other activity. Everyone is always playing, participating, and contributing. There is no bench, no back-ups, and no substitutes, meaning that every student and their contributions are important to our success. All we ask is that you be the best you possible.

The other idea we emphasize is having fun. "It is fun to be good." Obviously, when the music and performances are good, we have a great time. It instills a great sense of pride and confidence in students, parents, band staff, and the directors to be associated with the Wahawk Band. Hard work in rehearsals pays dividends in performances. The other part of the fun is our Band Family. Students and parents continue to create and strengthen bonds of friendship that will last beyond high school.

We look forward to continuing the tradition of success in the Wahawk Bands and helping to make your participation in Band one of your favorite high school memories. Success is waiting for you. You just have to show up and take it!

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Sources of Information

Mr. Dobbs (dobbsj@waterlooschools.org)
Instrumental Music Office Phone 319-433-2721
Band Website: www.wahawkbands.com
Band Twitter: Follow us @WahawkBands

Join Remind App for class announcements

*(text the given class code to **81010**)*
**no need to rejoin if already joined West HS*
Remind groups last year. Use student 21-22 grade
10-12 Parents: text @ab3dkf to # above
10-12 Students: text @a8d646 to # above
Grd 9 Students/Parents: text @ef3964 to # above

The best place to get information about the band is on our website. We post most things there. On our site you can find a link to join our mailing list, current fundraisers, information about our booster program, plus postings of videos and recordings of our performances.

Please visit the website and join our mailing list to keep up with all of the summer updates and keep informed about all of the happenings in the band. This summer we will be sending out part assignments for marching band, posting recordings of the show, and posting updates for camp.

If you have more pressing questions, please e-mail a Band Director, or try calling the Instrumental Music Office. E-mail would be best because I am not always the office to receive phone calls.

Instrument Rentals

There are rental instruments available for baritone/euphonium, tuba/sousaphone, bari sax, bass clarinet, bassoon, french horn and oboe. There are some of the other instruments available and will work to find instruments that are needed if we do not have them. There is a rental fee of \$50/year for each instrument used. This is used to help offset the cost of repairs and cleaning. **To help prepare for band camp, please let us know if you will need to rent a school instrument.** You can email Mr. Dobbs (dobbsj@waterlooschools.org) or call the band office and leave a message (433-2721). Make sure to explain what instrument you will need to rent.

We strongly encourage ownership of instruments. We have found that students take better care of their own instruments and are generally more committed to playing if they play their own instruments.

If you own your instrument, the summer is a great time to take it in for cleaning and maintenance. It is imperative that students have an instrument that is in good working condition at the start of the school year. Regular maintenance and cleaning can save money in the long run, similar to an oil change for your car. You'll pay less for periodic maintenance than major repairs later. Instruments can be taken to Grady Instrument Service, West Music, or Tenor Madness. Make sure you tell the repair shop when you'll need it back.

Marching Band Summer Dates

Marching band rehearsals will start during the first week of August this year. Students who do not attend band camp may not be able to participate fully in our show. Below are the summer rehearsals we have, plus a few other events. Rehearsals will take place at either West High or Memorial Stadium.

Freshmen/Sophomore/New Member Band Orientation (wear tennis shoes for marching)

Wednesday, August 4 9:00am – 11:00am

FULL BAND CAMP

August 5-6: 9:00am – Noon (Percussion & Guard)
1:30pm - 3:30 pm (Guard)
1:00pm - 2:45pm (Woodwinds)
2:45pm – 4:30pm (Brass)

August 9-13 & 16th: 9:00am – Noon (Everyone) & 1:30 to 4:30 PM (Everyone)

Band Materials Registration

August 12: 5:00 - 7:00 pm (11th & 12th Grade Students)
August 13: 5:00 - 7:00 pm (9th & 10th Grade Marching Band Students)

Night Rehearsals

August 17 & 18 6:00pm – 9:00pm
August 19 7:00pm - Fall Sports Kick-off @ Memorial Stad. ***(Band will reh.afterwards at the stadium til 9 pm)***

Band Picnic (Byrnes Park shelter near pool)

August 20: 6:00pm – 8:30pm

What You'll Need For Band Camp

We will be outside a lot during band camp, so please plan accordingly. This summer, go outside and do something physical so you are comfortable being in the sun. When you come to camp, **bring water, sunscreen, sunglasses, pencil, hi-liter, and a hat. Always wear tennis shoes.** If you show up in sandals, you will be sent home to change. This is for your own safety when marching. Here are a few items you should bring with you to band camp:

A small notebook – You will need this the first week of camp. Here are some examples of small notebooks that would work well. Make sure it is spiral-bound.

Water, Water, and more Water



School Year Calendar (Marching Band Only)

This letter only includes detailed dates/times for the marching band season. All other dates can be viewed on our website (www.wahawkbands.com).

During the marching band season, rehearsals start during the “0” hour at 7:10 am. Students will receive academic credit for marching band! This also means the school attendance policy will be used for these rehearsals, meaning students will be counted tardy if they are late. If rides may be an issue, please let us know and we can help to find one. With many students in marching band, it’s easy to help find a ride.

We hold one night rehearsal a week on Monday night from 6:00pm – 9:00pm. Students must attend these as they are where we get the bulk of our work done. There will be occasional weeks where we will move the rehearsal to Tuesday night to facilitate Orchestra and Choir concerts or Mondays when there is no school. These can be found on the calendar on the band website.

Marching Band Performances

Friday, August 27 – Home Football Game

Friday, September 10 – Home Football Game (Homecoming)

Monday, September 13 – Family Night on the Field

Saturday, September 25 – Linn-Mar Marching Invitational (Marion)

Friday, October 1 – Home Football Game

Saturday, October 2 – Bands Across the Prairie (Cedar Rapids) & Five Seasons (Cedar Rapids)

Saturday, October 9 – IHSMA State Contest (Waterloo) & Valleyfest Showdown (Des Moines)

Friday, October 15 – Home Football Game (Senior Night)

Friday, June 10th – My Waterloo Days Parade*

* = Not a required performance for students

Other Band Performances in 2021-22 (not exhaustive list)

Monday, October 18th– 9th Grade Band and HS Music Concert (Orch/Choir)

Monday, December 13th– HS Music Concert

Monday, February 21st – HS Music Concert

Monday, May 2nd – HS Music Concert

Saturday, May 7th – IHSMA Large Group Contest

Monday, May 23rd – HS Pops Concert

*Not a required performance