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Hey Band!

We are very excited to come together for a new year with the Wahawk Band! We observed much musical growth this past year and look forward to the great opportunities 2022-23 will bring!

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 do your best and take it!

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### Sources of Information

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Band Twitter: Follow us @WahawkBands

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#### **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 22-23 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 schedules, contest itineraries as they become available, current fundraisers, information about our booster program, and more.

**Please visit the website 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 we are not always in 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](mailto: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 mostly occur in August, with the exception of a couple short music practices on July 11 & 18. This is when we learn our show music, learn marching basics, as well as our show formations. As part of our team, it is important that all our marching band members participate. Below are the summer rehearsals we have, plus a few other events. Rehearsals will take place at West High.

July 11 & 18th 9:00- 10:30am (Brass), 10:30am- Noon (Drumline), 1:00-2:30pm (WWs)  
July 21 8:00am- 4:00 pm Band Leadership Team Training Day @ WHS  
August 1-2 9:00am - 12:30pm (Color Guard rehearsals), 12:30- 1:30 Leadership Team  
9:00 - 11:00am ( *Battery = Drumline rehearsals*)

**Freshmen/New Marchers Marching Orientation** (wear tennis shoes) \*section leaders/DMs help  
Wednesday, August 3 9:00am – 11:30am

## FULL BAND CAMP

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

August 8-12 & 15th: 8:00am – 1:00 PM (Everyone)

**Band Materials Registration** (\*a parent should also attend\*)

*\*payments can be made through Revtrak, Cash, Check, or Credit/Debit card*

August 11: 5:00 - 7:00 pm (11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students - should take about 40 min)  
August 12: 5:00 - 7:00 pm (9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Marching Band Students - should take 40 min)

## **Night Rehearsals**

August 16 & 17 6:00pm – 8:30pm  
August 18 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 19: 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 need to make arrangements 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](http://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 – 8:30pm**. 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**

***-(contest venues are subject to change, but the dates should stay the same)-***

Friday, September 2 – Home Football Game

Monday, September 12 – Family Night on the Field (exhibition/demonstration)

Friday, September 16 – Home Football Game (Homecoming)

Friday, September 23 – Home Football Game

Saturday, September 24 – Linn-Mar Marching Invitational (Marion)

Saturday, October 1 – Bands Across the Prairie (Cedar Rapids) & Five Seasons (Cedar Rapids)

Friday, October 7 – Home Football Game

Saturday, October 8 – IHSMA State Contest (Dubuque) & Valleyfest Showdown (Des Moines)

Friday, October 21 – Home Football Game (Senior Night)

\*Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> – My Waterloo Days Parade\*

\* = Not a required performance for students

### **Other Band Performances in 2022-23** (not exhaustive list)

Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>– 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Band and HS Music Concert (Orch/Choir)

Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>– HS Music Concert

Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> – HS Music Concert

Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – HS Music Concert

Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – IHSMA Large Group Contest

Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – HS Pops Concert

Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> - HS Graduation Performance