

WATERLOO BANDS WEST

2024-25



Welcome & Introductions

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Relationships & Communication

- West Band Website: wahawkbands.com
 - Email
 - X @WahawkBands
 - Google Classroom Page
 - Remind App
 - text @ef3964 to the number 81010
(join in June after 8th grade)

West Band Program Overview

- Concert Bands
 - 9th Grade Concert Band
 - Wind Symphony (10th - 12th Grades)
- Marching Band (Aug-Oct)
 - All 10-12 students, Registered 9th graders & Color Guard
 - Perform @ Home Football Games
 - Saturday Festivals/Invitationals in September/October
 - Required August Marching Camp - Show Music & Drill Design
 - 7:10 AM through 1st period daily & one evening each week

West Band Overview Cont'd.

- Jazz Band - Jazz 1 & Jazz 2
 - Extra-curricular: After School and/or Evenings
 - Local performances and contests/clinics
- Pep Band -A & B groups divide. Each plays for 5-6 Basketball games
- Weekly Lessons
- Honor Band Opportunities
- Solo/Small Ensemble Festival

Band Materials

- Instruments & Accessories
 - Personal, [West Music](#), or school rental
 - Rental fee \$50 per instrument
 - Percussion Fee
 - Percussion: sticks/mallets
 - Save your Middle School/home practice stand!
- Marching Band Supplies
 - highlighter, sun screen, water bottle, hat, tennis shoes, pencil, black shorts, show t-shirt, marching shoes, gloves, black crew socks, notebook

Recipe for Student Success

- Attendance is Important
 - Communication is Key
 - In Advance & In Writing
 - Directors, Coaches, Parents, Students
 - Advance planning & scheduling
 - Part of a team that counts on you!
 - Group Success = All In/100%

Recipe for Student Success, cont'd.

- Be Engaged!
 - Opportunities for Musical Growth
 - Rehearsal = Group, Practice = Individual
 - Sign Up for the Extras!
 - Volunteer (Students & Parents)
 - Concessions, Fundraisers, Stage Crew, Chaperoning, Pit Crew
- Bring a Positive, Coachable Attitude Every Day!

Band Letters

- 75 Band Points yearly
- Maintain a minimum B+ average in Band
- Earn Points for the Extras:
 - Jazz Band
 - Pep Band - Points beyond the minimum 5
 - Solo/Ensemble, Private Lessons, Honor Bands, Community
 - Volunteering/Concessions (Parents Earn Points Too!)
 - Patron of the Arts (Sibling's concerts, UNI, Community)

West HS Band Boosters

Support the Band Program:

- Fundraising (clinics/contests, trailer, uniforms, honor bands)
- Concessions = Primary Fundraising
- Event Volunteers: Chaperone, Crew, Uniforms, Logistics, Snacks/Meals
- Band Parent vs. Band Booster
 - Student support is appreciated, program support leaves a legacy of quality.


Mission

- **Making High School Band Meaningful For Students**
- **Music/Arts, Sports & Activities Enrich Lives!**

If your student needs to rent an instrument, please complete the
[Instrument Rental Survey](#)

Please look at ways you can be involved as a Band Parent:

[Parent Volunteer Form](#) (please click to complete)



**Thank you for contacting us with
any questions or concerns.**

We are here to help!