

Warriors in Tune



Notes from the Director

Greetings, and Happy 2014! I hope that everyone had a wonderful Holiday Break! We are glad to be back at school, making music and helping students to reach their musical potential.

First, thank you to parents, students, and anyone who helped to make the inaugural Symphonic/Concert Band Retreat a success.

Students from these two ensembles had the opportunity to work with professional musicians, ranging from college musicians to local performing artists:

Emily Anderson: Flute Teacher, Sioux Falls

Dr. Michael Walsh: Clarinet Professor, South Dakota State University

Joel Shotwell: Saxophone performing artist, Sioux Falls/Harrisburg

Dr. David Reynolds: Trumpet, Music Department Head, South Dakota State University

Andrea Carlson: Horn performing artist, Sioux Falls

Gary Pederson: Low Brass, Patrick Henry Middle School Director (former WHS Director)

Dr. Aaron Ragsdale: Percussion Professor, South Dakota State University

Shane Mackin: Director of Bands, Morningside College, Sioux City, IA

James McKinney: Professor Emeritus, Former Director of Bands, South Dakota State University

It was a fantastic event, and our students learned a great deal from these great musicians. Afterwards we invited students to participate in Bowling, and we hope that you check out the pictures included in the newsletter.

I am very excited to have our WHS Symphonic Band be invited to perform at the South Dakota Bandmasters Performance in February. Only the highest musical ensembles from across South Dakota are invited to perform at this event. I am looking forward to seeing lots of WHS parents, alumni, and friends join us in Brookings on February 14 at 11:15am to see our Symphonic Band play for music educators in the region.

To all of you, we wish for a great start to 2014!

*Mark Diischer
Director of Bands*

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Notes from the Assistant Director

Hello, Washington High School Band Family!

I hope you are all staying warm and enjoying your winter months. The band department is hard at work as always for a very eventful spring! Right now, students are working hard on All-State Jazz Band auditions, small ensemble pieces, and large group works for our February concert on the 24th.

On January 18th, the symphonic and concert bands took part in a clinic at Washington. We brought in clinicians and educators from around the area to work with these two groups. The students played from 8-5 with the guests and then enjoyed an evening of bowling to relax and socialize. It was a great

time for all and we hope the event becomes an annual event at WHS.

As we get into the winter and spring months, the WHS jazz bands will be entering their competitive season. We will be traveling to Mitchell, Brookings and Augustana this year for some great events featuring guest artists from across the nation. Stay tuned for more details and accomplishments from these dates.

I know that these months seem long for both parent and student. To combat those feelings, try switching up your routine or practice schedule. Students should look into getting books full of music that they love to play. I always enjoyed playing popular movie or TV themes as I was growing up. All of our local

shops carry books like this and you will be surprised at the enjoyment that everyone will get from that music. Let me know if you need any suggestions or ideas!

I wish you all the best and I hope life is treating you well!

If you have any questions or concerns please email me or come talk to me at school.

Until next time!

Chris Borchardt
Assistant Band Director
Washington High School



Fundraising for Band Student Accounts

Thank you to everyone that participated in the December Chocolate Candy Bar and January Puffins fundraisers!

The Puffins will be available for pick-up on February 10th afterschool in the band room.

The next fundraiser will be Hy-Vee Cookie Dough. Fundraiser information will be sent home in mid to late February.

Thanks for your support of the WHS Bands...Go Warriors! If you have any questions regarding WHS Bands

fundraising, please contact Kerry Larson at 271-2191 or Linda Weidner at 359-0872.

Solo and Ensemble Contest

The Region Solo and Ensemble Contest will be held at Augustana College on February 4. Students perform for a judge who will rate and comment on their performance. The schedule will be sent home with those students participating in the contest.

You are welcome to attend your student's performance! Results from the contest will be printed in the March newsletter.

From the Booster Co-President

Can you believe the school year is more than half over? It has been a great year so far for WHS Bands. Marching Band had a great season with its show Nightmares and Dreamscapes. Several students made All State Orchestra and regional honor bands this fall and winter. One of our students made the Madison Scouts for the Drum Corp Int. for the upcoming summer season. Three of the band members are National Merit Students. The award winning drumline (!?!) has played at the Sanford Events Center, Zombie Walk (where they won People's Choice Award) and the Festival of Lights. Several WHS students participated in the Tuba Christmas show in December.

Winter drumline and winter guard groups have formed for the first time at Washington and have been practicing diligently. The Symphonic and Concert Band retreat was well attended and successful. Several clinicians commented on the quality and dedication of WHS students. Congratulations to all. These are just a few of the things that come to mind right now.

Our directors Mr. Diischer and Mr. Borchardt have been involved in community music groups, jazz groups and the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra among others. What a great example for the students to realize that music can be a life-long endeavor.

Coming up is All State Band auditions, solo and ensembles, jazz band competitions, and large group competitions. Good luck to all who are participating. Lets get out and enjoy the shows! It is a great time to be part of WHS Bands. GO WARRIORS!!!!!!!!!

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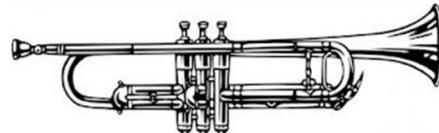
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Concert Bands

The Concert Bands have all been very busy working to improve technical aspects of their playing and applying their lessons to new literature. The next performance of the Washington Bands will be on Thursday, February 24 at 7:00 pm.

This concert will feature the WHS Symphonic, Concert, Varsity, and Jazz Bands. Come and enjoy a great night of music from our hard-working students!



• All-State Band Auditions

Auditions for the South Dakota All-State Band will be held on Saturday, February 1st at Lincoln High School. All-State Band will be held March 27-29, 2012 in Pierre, SD at T.F. Riggs. The public is invited to attend this outstanding concert, which will begin at 8 pm on Saturday evening.

The All-State Band is comprised of two separate, but equal, ensembles of 85 members each. The ensembles will each have their own conductor and set of repertoire for the program. The top scoring students in each section from across the state are selected to the All-State Band, with the instrumentation divided to create two ensembles. Audition results will be announced on February 15 at the SD Bandmasters meeting and will be posted on the web at www.sdhhsaa.com that afternoon.

• Symphonic Bandmasters Performance

The Washington Symphonic Band will perform for the Bandmasters (Band Directors) Conference. The theme for this concert is "A Voyage Across America."

The performance will take place on Friday, February 14 at 11:15 am at the Performing Arts Center on the campus of South Dakota State University in Brookings. The concert is open to family and friends of the Washington Bands at no cost and we hope that you will join us in this beautiful facility for this special performance!

Jazz Bands

Jazz I and II will participate in the Palace City Jazz Festival in Mitchell, SD on February 11. This event is non-competitive and educational in nature. The students will have the opportunity to perform and work with the clinicians. This year's clinicians are Dr. Nathan Jorgensen(SDSU), Robert McCurdy(SDSU), Ken Hoyne(Sioux Falls), Dick Bartling(Sioux Falls), Andrew Reinartz(Sioux Falls) and William Flynn (Wichita State University). The festival will be held at the Sherman Center on the campus of Dakota Wesleyan University.

All of the WHS Jazz Bands will participate in the Augustana Jazz on the Upper Great Plains Festival, to be held March 3-4 at Augustana College. Performance times will be made available to students as soon as we receive a schedule. Jazz III will perform on Monday evening, March 5 and Jazz I & II will perform during the day on Tuesday, March 6. You are invited to attend the performances and support our jazz students!



Registration

As the winter ends and students are starting to register for next year, I have received some questions about the registration process for next year's classes. Many students and families are concerned that they may not be able to register for band all four years of high school and still meet the requirements of the District and various scholarships that are available. I thought it might be a good idea, after having spoken to a guidance counselor, to outline an example rigorous academic program and demonstrate that band **CAN FIT YOUR SCHEDULE EVERY YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL!**

Below we have outlined the credits required for both plans:

SD Opportunity Scholarship:

4 Math	3 Math
4 English	4 English
4 Science	3 Science
3 Social Studies	3 Social Studies
2 Foreign Language*	Not required
1 Fine Arts	1 Fine Arts
.5 Physical Education	.5 Physical Education
.5 Computer Science*	Not required
.5 Economics or Personal Finance	.5 Economics or Personal Finance
2.5 Electives	7 Electives
22 TOTAL CREDITS	22 TOTAL CREDITS

New Personal Learning Plan Requirements:

3 Math	3 Math
4 English	4 English
3 Science	3 Science
3 Social Studies	3 Social Studies
Not required	Not required
1 Fine Arts	1 Fine Arts
.5 Physical Education	.5 Physical Education
Not required	Not required
.5 Economics or Personal Finance	.5 Economics or Personal Finance
7 Electives	7 Electives
22 TOTAL CREDITS	22 TOTAL CREDITS

*Students entering high school after July 2010 do NOT need .5 Computer Science and 2 credits of Foreign Language can be Foreign Language, Career/Technical Education or a combination.

Completing all the above requirements for the South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship would allow a student to graduate and earn \$5,000 over four years to a state university or technical school in South Dakota.

Students generally take 6 credits per year for each of their 4 years of high school for a total of 24 possible credits - **WITHOUT SUMMER SCHOOL**. Note that the opportunity scholarship and personal learning requirements, listed above, each only equal 22 credits.

Note that students grade 12 for next year have 2 ½ credits of elective space. In addition, with 24 total credits, students get 2 more electives for a total of 4 ½ electives! Students in grade 9-11 have 7 electives...even more yet! This would allow for registration in band for four years and still allow room to explore other classes as electives.

STUDENTS DO NOT HAVE TO DROP BAND TO FIT ALL OF THEIR CLASSES INTO THEIR SCHEDULES FOR FOUR YEARS.

Within the framework of these requirements, students can incorporate accelerated or advanced placement courses as they satisfy these requirements. Students who desire to take additional electives can still register for four years of band, but would need to take summer school or online class to do so. Also, students in more than one music ensemble, i.e., band, choir, and orchestra, would also need to consider picking up one courses each summer in summer school, but would still be able to be registered for both ensembles for four years.



2013-14 Band Calendar of Events

FEB.				
	4	Solo/Ensemble Contest - Region II	Augustana, Sioux Falls	All Day
	4	Pep Band: GB - Brandon Valley	WHS Gymnasium	6:30pm Call
	10	Band Booster Meeting	WHS Band Room	7pm-9pm
	13-15	South Dakota Music In-Service Conference	Brookings, SD	All Day
	14	SB: SD Bandmasters Performance	Brookings, SD	TBD
	20	Pep Band: BB - Roosevelt	WHS Gymnasium	6:30pm Call
	21	Pep Band: GB - Roosevelt	WHS Gymnasium	6:30pm Call
	24	SB, CB, VB, FB: Prism Concert	WHS Auditorium	7pm-9pm
	28	Potential Pep Band: Tournament	TBD	TBD
MARCH				
	1	Potential Pep Band: Tournament	TBD	TBD
	3	Augustana Jazz Festival	Augustana, Sioux Falls	
	3	Potential Pep Band: Tournament	TBD	TBD
	4	Potential Pep Band: Tournament	TBD	TBD
	6	Potential Pep Band: Tournament	TBD	TBD
	7	Potential Pep Band: Tournament	TBD	TBD
	10	Potential Pep Band: Tournament	TBD	TBD
	10	Band Booster Meeting	WHS Band Room	7pm-9pm
	11	Region II Solo/Small Ensemble and Orchestra	Sioux Falls	All Day
	18	Jazz Nite: Tent. Performance with UNL Jazz	WHS Commons	7pm
	27-29	ALL-STATE BAND	Pierre, SD	All Day
APRIL				
	4	Brookings Optimist Jazz Festival	Brookings, SD	TBD
	9	Large Group Contest, FB, VB, CB, SB	Brandon, SD	All Day
	14	Band Booster Meeting	WHS Band Room	7pm-9pm
	23	JB:TENTATIVE - Lions Pancake Feed	SF Arena	5:30pm-7pm
	28	SB, CB, VB, FB, JB: Spring Band Concert	WHS Auditorium	7:00pm
	29	Orchestra Concert	WHS Auditorium	7:00pm
MAY				
	1	SB: Showcase Concert	Washington Pav., SF	7pm
	8-10	ALL-STATE JAZZ BAND (Selected Students)	Aberdeen, SD	All Day
	12	Band Booster Meeting	WHS Band Room	7pm-9pm
	18	Graduation: 2014-2015 Symphonic Band	Sioux Falls Arena	Call: 6pm

WHS Band Hyvee Card On-Going Fundraiser

Hy-Vee Card **ORDERS** are due the first and third Monday of each month (Tuesday if Monday holiday).

Hy-Vee card orders (clearly label as Hy-Vee order) should be left in the designated envelope in the band room at the time your student has class or mailed/delivered to **Tom & Teresa Koch, 4130 E. Williamsburg Ct, Sioux Falls, SD 57103** up until 8pm on due date. During summer months, all orders must be mailed/delivered to Tom & Teresa Koch.

Hy-Vee Card **PICK-UP** is on the Thursday of the order week (Tuesday on Thanksgiving week).

Hy-Vee cards can be picked up from 6:30 - 7:00 PM at **Tom and Teresa Koch's house at 4130 E. Williamsburg Ct, Sioux Falls, SD 57103**. If you will be unable to pick up your order at this time contact us at **339-9402 (home), 360-9664 (cell)** or email us at **tntkoch@sio.midco.net** to arrange another time. Pick-up will be at the school if a Band Concert or band event is occurring on the scheduled pick-up night.

Hy-Vee Cards will also be available for purchase at Band Booster meetings, Band Concerts and other band events.

WHS BAND HY-VEE CARD ORDER FORM

Date _____ Student Name _____

Parent/Guardian
Name _____

Phone # _____ Email address: _____

*Payment must accompany the order blank, **Checks only please.**

*Make checks **payable to WHS band.**

Select dollar amount you wish to purchase (\$105,\$210, \$420, \$525, \$630, \$840 or \$1050), fill in denominations desired and record check

	Amount ordered	\$10	\$25	\$50	\$100	Check #
Hy-Vee	Total due \$105 (You will get \$105 in Hy-Vee cards + \$5 into student)					
Hy-Vee	Total due \$210 (You will get \$210 in Hy-Vee cards + \$10 into student)					
Hy-Vee	Total due \$420 (You will get \$420 in Hy-Vee cards + \$20 into student)					
Hy-Vee	Total due \$525 (You will get \$525 in Hy-Vee cards + \$25 into student)					
Hy-Vee	Total due \$630 (You will get \$630 in Hy-Vee cards + \$30 into student)					
Hy-Vee	Total due \$840 (You will get \$840 in Hy-Vee cards + \$40 into student)					
Hy-Vee	Total due \$1050 (You will get \$1050 in Hy-Vee cards + \$50 into student account)					

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