

Warriors in Tune



Notes from the Director

In 7 weeks, the 2013-2014 school year will complete! It will be an exciting and busy time of year for the Warrior Bands as we start to look to next year! The SDSU Jazz Festival, the Lions Pancake Feed, the Showcase Concert, and the Finale Spring Band Concert are coming up soon, so make sure that you make it out to our Final Warrior Band events of the year.

As we look forward to the year, I strongly encourage all Warrior students to participate in the Warrior Marching Band. Many students who have gone through the program can tell you, that you don't really know how much fun Marching Band is until you've done one whole season. It does require some hard work (as does doing ANYTHING well,) but the performances and trips are totally worth it!

The freshman band students who participate in Marching Band are more knowledgeable about WHS and are more socially comfortable when school starts. They have been in a couple weeks of camp at the school already, have made some new friends, know some of the upper classmen, and transition into the start of the school year very smoothly. I advise students to try it for one season, and then, if they decide it is not for them, they can always choose not to march another season. At least they have a full experience on which to base the decision at that point, not just what they think it might be like. We have some students every year who do not march as freshman that join Marching Band as sophomores, or juniors and even seniors! (And they usually regret not joining sooner!)

Please notice that some information regarding next year's marching season is included in this newsletter. A reminder, that like last year, **MARCHING BAND STUDENTS WILL NOT**

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NEED A PHYSICAL. All students are required to file a medical consent form in the school office. So that we can secure medical attention for your student, if necessary, during the summer Marching Band activities, **I would like to stress the importance of filing these forms before school is out in May.** Thank you so much for taking care of this incredibly important detail as soon as possible!

As we start to approach summer, there is more time for students to practice, to improve on their instrument, to prepare for marching band, or to begin All-State Band preparations! I highly suggest two **VITAL** pieces that will help make your student more successful: I highly recommend that students work take **summer lessons**, even if it is just a few. Words cannot describe the **HUGE** amount of growth that students will experience as a private lesson student. It is worth the small investment in time/money, because it helps students to improve on their instrument, and to help them become more successful in their performance, and most of all, **MORE FUN!** There is a list of private teachers approved by the Sioux Falls school district located on the WHS Band website.

Finally, if you have a computer at home, spend a few dollars per month and invest in **SMART-MUSIC**. **SmartMusic** is a great tool that stu-

dents can use to practice their music with accompaniments, recordings, and computer checking of rhythms and notes. It makes practicing more fun, and also gives students greater feedback as they make music. I invite you to check out these two great ideas to help your students practice more over the summer. Their website is really simple: www.smartmusic.com.

I would also like to take a moment to invite you to attend the final concerts of the year. The students have worked incredibly hard all year and the final performances are often their best, as it is representative of the growth that they have made in their musical skills. It is always great to see how students are transformed by their hard work and to hear how much the groups have grown musically from the beginning to the end of the year. Invite a friend, family member, or neighbor as your guest and come out for an evening of band music by your student musicians. As parents, you are the most important audience for whom your children will play - whether they tell you that or not. We look forward to seeing you at our spring events and thank you for your continued support.

~Mark Diischer, Director of Bands

Fundraising for Band Student Accounts

Thanks for your support of all the WHS Bands Fundraisers!

GO WARRIORS!

HyVee Cookie Dough Fundraiser delivery was on Friday, February 28th. The Cookie Dough fundraiser was the last fundraiser for the year. Look for more fundraising opportunities next Fall beginning with Marching Band!

Kerry Larson at sd.larsons@gmail.com or (605) 271-2191.

Concert Bands

The Freshman, Varsity, Concert and Symphonic Bands will perform at the Region II Large Group Contest on Wednesday, April 9th at the Brandon Valley Performing Arts Center. The students have been working on selections for this event and will perform for a panel of three judges. These judges provide written and taped comments and an overall rating of the bands' performances. Best wishes to our student musicians as they make final preparations for this performance.

The Symphonic Band will perform as a part of the WHS Showcase Concert at the Washington Pavilion on Thursday, May 1st, at 7:00 pm. Tickets for this concert are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and may be purchased from any band member. It is vital to support this particular concert so that we may continue to offer our students the wonderful opportunity of performing in a world-class concert hall. The Showcase Concert will also feature performances by the WHS Concert Choir and Symphony Orchestra. We look forward to having you as a part of the audience in support of this special performance.

The Spring Bands Concert will be held on Friday April 24th at 7:00 pm. The Freshman Band, Varsity Band, and Concert Band will perform at this final concert of the year. The concert will begin with the Concert Bands in the WHS Auditorium and will continue in the Commons with the Jazz Bands. **Music awards for the year will also be distributed at this time and we will recognize the Seniors and their parents. We hope that you will join us for a great evening of music!**

Marching Band

This year's show will be called, **"THE PINNACLE"** We will be enjoying the adventure of climbing mountains, and the struggles involved in pushing the limits of human exploration. Remember to check out the Washington Bands Webpage for links to Marching Band music and links when it becomes available.

We will be holding auditions for:

COLORGUARD
DRUMLINE
DRUM MAJORS
SECTION LEADERS



We are VERY excited for this year's show concept, and looking forward to getting the music out in the next month, once all our concerts have concluded. We are always looking for TECHS, and this year we are asking anyone who might be interested in performing as actor for the Climbers.

The Section Leader and Drum Major application materials can be found in the WHS Band room. The process will begin in April following the SDSU Jazz Festival. If you have any questions, please let Mr. Diischer or Mr. Borchardt know!

Jazz Bands

The South Dakota State University Jazz Festival is on Thursday, September 3rd and will be held on the campus of South Dakota State University in the Performing Arts Center. Jazz III will be performing at , Jazz II will be performing at , and Jazz I will be performing at 2:40pm in the Fishback Studio Theater.

All three of our jazz bands and jazz combos will be performing as a part of the Annual Lions Pancake Days fundraising event. The bands will perform during the pancake dinner at the Arena on Wednesday, April 24th. Jazz III will perform from around 5:00-5:30 pm, Jazz II will perform from around 5:30-6:00 pm, and Jazz I will perform from around 6:00-6:30 pm with the combos in between the main Jazz groups. Please come out to hear our jazz bands and support this fantastic community service organization. As always, donations of eye glasses are welcome at the door of the event.

All three of the Jazz Bands will next perform as part of the Spring Bands Concert on Thursday, April 19th. Concert time is 7:00 pm. We hope to see you there!

Concordia Honor Band

Congratulations to the following students for being accepted in the Concordia Honor Band that will be held April 4th - 6th , 2014 at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN.

Robbie Miller
Jacob Fenner
McKenzie Perry
Cal Cross



All-State Band

Congratulations to our eight All-State Band Musicians! The Clark Band, under world famous Band director, Anthony Maiello performed a fantastic battery of music ranging from Americans We to the classic "Festive Overture." Members of the Lewis Band performed under the baton of Dr. Richard Mayne. They performed the enthralling "Dance of the Jesters" from Tchaikovsky, The Thunderer March, by Sousa. These are just a few of the great pieces of music that our All-State Bands performed.

The All-State Bands were in fine form as they performed in the T.F. Briggs High School Auditorium on Saturday, March 28. Congratulations to our Warrior All-State Students, **McKenzie Perry, Julia Darland, Megan Hudecek, Cal Cross, Robbie Miller, Jacob Fenner, and Zach Person** for their excellent musicianship, and superior performing ability!

For anyone looking to see the concert or purchase a DVD from the performance, check out the South Dakota Public Broadcasting webpage for the All-State Bands at :

<http://sports.sdpb.org/finearts/band/index.htm>

All State Jazz Bands

ALL STATE JAZZ BAND

Congratulations to the following Warrior students for being selected to the **ALL-STATE JAZZ BANDS** for 2013!

Michael Deaver
Robbie Miller
Jacob Fenner
Ryan Senden
Jake Rost

These students were selected from the best Jazz students in South Dakota, and chosen to fulfill positions in three jazz bands, and one jazz combo. The All-State Jazz Bands will rehearse and perform at Northern State University on May 8-10th at the Northern State University Fine Arts Center in Aberdeen, SD. Come join our Warrior Jazz Band members and enjoy some great Jazz music!

2013-14 Band Calendar of Events

APRIL				
	3	Brookings Optimist	Brookings, SD	TBD
	9	Large Group	Brandon, SD	All Day
	14	Band Booster	WHS Band Room	7pm-9pm
	23	JB:TENTATIVE - Lions	SF Arena	5:30pm-7pm
	28	SB, CB,	WHS Auditorio-	7:00pm
	29	Orchestra Concert	WHS Auditorium	7:00pm
MAY				
	1	SB: Showcase Con-	Washington Pavillion, SF	7pm
	8-10	ALL-STATE JAZZ	Aberdeen, SD	All Day
	12	Band Booster	WHS Band Room	7pm-9pm
	18	Graduation:	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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