

Warriors in Tune



Notes from the Director

Hello everyone! It has been a whirlwind of hard work, fun, and performances for the Washington's bands. I thank all the students, parents, volunteers, and community members who have helped Mr. Krueger and I make the transition as we get to know everyone in the Washington Band family. We have had a great start to our school year, with numerous award-winning performances and fun memories being made by everyone involved!

Some opening thoughts for our first newsletter of the year:

CHRIS BORCHARDT, NEW BAND DIRECTOR

We are very excited to have Chris Borchardt as our new assistant director of bands. Mr. Borchardt has been hard at work during Band Camp, as well as his first week of school. We're looking forward to a great school year, team teaching many of the classes, ranging from

Marching Band, Concert Bands, and Jazz Bands.

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NEW WASHINGTON BAND WEBSITE!!!

After months of preparation, research of website design, and working with a new company, we have a new Washington Band Website!!! I worked very hard to make sure that it fits the vision of the direction the Mr. Borchardt and I see for the Washington Band program. Most of all, it is very easy for the directors and parents to update quickly.

Please check out the new website. There are lots of pictures of current and past Washington Band students, lots of information and forms that you can print out (like SpiritWear, Chaperone Forms, Hy-Vee Order Forms) as well as a live Google Calendar that you can add and download to your smart phone!!!

The new address is: www.washingtonbandsd.org. We had some parents who had difficulty

logging into the older website because of browser issues, so we decided to go with a new domain name. If you are accessing it from a mobile device, and you can't find the website, please go to options and check the "Request Desktop Site" instead of the mobile (We do not yet own the M.washingtonbandsd.org website.)

Again, thanks to all those folks were patient through the process! I wanted to make sure that we built the website right, so that almost every piece was up and running at launchtime. This took extra time (as well as checking out the website on iPads, other desktops, etc.) but was well worth it!

Thanks everyone, and enjoy the new website!

~Mr. Mark Diischer,
Director of Bands



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Notes from the Assistant Director

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the summer and that we have completed a week of school already! I hope that each of you enjoyed your summer and enjoyed some time of relaxation.

I would once again like to tell you how happy I am to be a part of the Washington family and want to thank you for welcoming me into the program. I know the tradition that this program has and I want nothing more than to continue that

success and bring the program to a new level. The hard work and dedication that the students have already displayed makes me proud to be a Warrior.

The year has gotten off to a great start both on the field and in the classroom. The marching show is starting to take shape and is sure to impress both the audience and the judge's when we take the field this season. In the classroom, each band has begun sight-

reading pieces for the year as we get back into the swing of things.

Stay tuned for great music and amazing performances throughout the next year and thank you in advance for everything you do for the program and the students.

~Chris Borchardt, Assistant Band Director



A Word from Band Booster Co-Presidents

I sat down to write the newsletter column for this month and was drawing a blank. I came up with the usual thank yous – to those that provided treats for band camp, helped at uniform check out, volunteered with Parent Preview (a BIG thank you for that!) but felt I needed something more. I was perusing the new band website – which looks great – when I came across the article “Why Your Teen Should Join Marching Band” by Mir Kamin. You can find it under the Resources tab, then under Music Advocacy. I wish I was as creative as the author. However, I am not, so read the article and enjoy. The returning band parents will understand it, and it will be enlightening to new parents as to why we are so passionate about band and marching band. This past month featured a lot of hard

work, with little pay off for the kids. This next month is when the fun of competitions will begin. So parents, put on your flashy orange show shirt, sit with the sea of Washington parents, cheer like crazy and enjoy the show!

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WHS Band Program

CONCERT BANDS

As the school year is just beginning, so are these ensembles. As we look ahead to the various concert events of the year, there is a standard concert dress that students are expected to follow. All of the concert bands (Symphonic, Concert, Varsity, and Freshman Bands) will wear **full and complete concert black (top and bottom) with black socks and shoes.** Jeans, shorts, flip flops, casual sandals or tennis shoes are not acceptable concert dress. For the ladies, skirts and dresses must be knee length or longer and the tops should be acceptable school attire. (No halter tops, spaghetti straps or strapless styles.) Please ask one of the directors if there are any questions.

The first concert of the year will be a Fall Band Concert will be held in November. The concert will feature Jazz I and the Symphonic Band. The "Washington bound" 8th grade students from Whittier, Patrick Henry, as well as other middle schools will join the Symphonic Band in two combined pieces at the end of the concert. The concert will be held in the WHS

Auditorium at 7:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you there, and welcoming the new additions to our Washington Band family!

MOST IMPORTANT FOR SYMPHONIC BAND STUDENTS

The Washington High School Symphonic Band has the great honor of being selected to perform at The South Dakota BandMaster's Conference, held in Brookings, SD on February 13-15th. **Our performance is on the Friday of the President's Day Break (Feb.14th).** As this is the most important performance of the Symphonic Band this year, it is VITAL that we have all students there. We advise all students and parents to please plan around this event, because we need everyone there!!! More information will be coming soon! Please contact Mr. Diischer if you have questions.

JAZZ BANDS

Jazz I will perform as a part of the 8th Grade Combined Concert Fall Band Concert in November in the WHS Auditorium. They will perform two selections to showcase the jazz program for the incoming eighth

grade students and their families. We hope to see you there!

All concert performances of the WHS Music Department begin at 7:00 pm.

MARCHING BAND

A huge THANK YOU to all of the parents who have worked so hard to make the beginning of our season successful. There are countless hours that go into preparations for the season, from sewing flags, to uniforms, to equipment. We appreciate all of the time and energy that you have given in support for your student and for all the students of the Washington Bands. We look forward to seeing you cheering for the students at the performances this year. It makes a huge difference in the students' performance to have the Washington crowd making noise in the stands when we perform! We look forward to seeing you at our shows this fall! THANK YOU for all of your support and assistance as we get into the thick of things.



Fundraising for Band Student Accounts

WHS Bands Fundraising-

Thank you to all that sold and supported the WHS Marching Band Discount Cards. The card sales ended on August 23rd. The Marching Band Discount Cards kicked off the WHS Bands fundraising for the 2013-2014 school year.

The next fundraiser will be selling *Jungle Beans Coffee* and *World's Finest Chocolate Candy Bars*. The students will make approximately 40% -50% profit on their sales. Watch for details regarding the coffee and chocolate bars in the next few weeks. Sales will start the week of October 4th.

If you have any questions, please contact Kerry Larson at sd.larsons@gmail.com or 271-2191.

Thanks for your support of the WHS Bands...Go Warriors!

Student Account Information (CHARMS)

- 1: Click on this link <https://www.charmsoffice.com/>
- 2: Hover over **Enter** and click on **Parents/Students/Members**.
- 3: Enter your School Code: **WashingtonBand** and then click on **Enter Charms**
- 4: Enter Student Area Password: Enter your child's **student ID**, then click on **Enter**.
- 5: Click on **Finances** to see current account balance and fundraising details
- 6: Click on **Update Info** to review/update information like email address, phone number or address

School Owned Instruments

The Washington High School Band program offers instruments for students to use. Availability can be determined by speaking with the directors. Students and parents must complete a school instrument usage form before an instrument can be checked out. New this year is the \$70 instrument maintenance fee, which is also due in order to check out a school instrument.

Being the first year, there have been many questions regarding this fee. The fee covers the normal maintenance on the instrument that is performed in the summer, prior to checking the instrument out to a student. Washington is very fortunate to have a number of nearly new instruments that are available to students in the program. We take a great deal of

pride in holding students accountable for taking care of the instruments and for making sure that they are maintained properly. In many cases, the \$70 fee is not enough to cover the expense of maintaining the instrument, but it certainly helps to cover the majority of work.

Students and families are not required to pay the fee in the following situations:

- The family receives free and reduced lunch at school. Please indicate this status on the form so we have permission to check with the school lunch supervisor.
- The director asks a student to play a different instrument to help with the balance of their band.
- At this time, there is no fee for the usage of school percussion instruments.

struments.

Once the form has been signed, the student and parents assume responsibility for the instrument and are expected to return it in the same condition in which it was issued. It is expected that the student will treat the instrument with the utmost respect and care. Should there be a need for repair, the student should notify a director immediately. The directors and/or Fine Arts Coordinator will determine if the student or the District should cover the repair. Repairs that result from normal usage are covered by the District, while repairs that are the result of abuse or negligence must be covered by the student and parents. Students will return the instrument to the school at any time at the request of the directors.

Private Lessons

One of the best ways for students to reach their musical potential is to seek out individual instruction from a private teacher. There are a variety of teachers in the city who are available for instruction. The local music stores and colleges are a great place to start in locating a private teacher. It is also a good idea to ask others who are taking lessons on the same instrument about the person with whom they are studying. Even if the teacher is not accepting any more students, as is sometimes the case, they may be able to provide the names of others they know are teaching.

Also, the Sioux Falls School District as a administration approved list of teachers, which we will be putting up on the new WHS Bands website in the next week.

While it is not required that students study privately, it is highly recommended. It is not possible for every student to grasp all of the necessary musical and technical skills within the framework of their band class and it is nearly impossible for two directors to

adequately work with every individual student as much as we would like. The focus of band as an instructional ensemble is to take individual skills that have been perfected at home through practice and through individual lessons and then to teach students how to rehearse, listen, interact, and perform as an ensemble with other members. Students work within their own section and across the group with other sections to strengthen their ensemble skills.

In advising students about seeking a private lesson teacher, I advise them to talk to their friends about their experiences with their private teachers. Then, they should take a lesson with a couple of different teachers to discover which situation "fits" the best. The relationship between a student and their private teacher has to be one of trust, one that motivates the student to prepare for each lesson, and pushes the student to improve their skills. What is most important is that:

The teacher and students both understand their commitment

to each other, and understand that they must both be prepared.

That the teacher and student set solid, realistic musical goals, and have strategies to reach those goals.

That trust is developed, and a solid rapport is built between the parents/guardians, the student, and the teacher.

Communication is vital!!! Always plan ahead and make sure that appointments are kept, and if something comes up were you cannot make the lesson, call the teacher as soon as possible! (They have lives as well!!!)

Finally, realize that while weekly lessons are the best way to improve, it is better to take one or two lessons a month, rather than NONE at all. Also, if you're investing time playing a musical instrument, outside practice time will be the best way for students to have fun, and get better at their instruments.



FEATURE PAGE: 2013 Marching Band Show



Nightmares and Dreamscapes explores the passage from the world of our reality, to the

imaginary dreamscapes that are

created in our minds. Driving from Nightmare to Dreams, and back to Nightmare, the show is blend of modern and classical music.

Featuring original music by Steve Vento, Mark Diischer, Beethoven, and Verdi, Nightmares and Dreamscapes is an entertaining and vi-

brant story of what can happen only in our minds.

Drum Majors - Kyle McKee, Cal Cross, and McKenzie Perry

Soloists - McKenzie Perry, Shanna Rygg, Elise Klarenbeck, Autumn White, and Jacob Fenner

Parent/Fan Bus

We are planning to have parent buses this year for the Lincoln, NE show on October 12th and the Omaha/Ankeny shows on October 19th. The largest buses available are 40 passenger and we already have at least 10 people signed up for each bus. We will need to get at

least 30 or more passengers to insure these trips are affordable! Sign up as soon as possible (or obtain more information) by contacting Linda Olson

@ LCBK1799@sio.midco.net or 335-1799. A \$25 deposit will be needed to guarantee your seat.



Marching Band Performances

September 7th~ President's Bowl vs. Roosevelt High School, Howard Wood Field

September 21st~ Pursuit of Excellence, Marshall, MN

September 27th~ Homecoming Football Game vs. Brandon Valley, Howard Wood Field

September 28th~ Music of the Knight, New Brighton, MN

October 5th~ Festival of Bands, Sioux Falls, SD

October 11th~ Home Football Game vs. Rapid City Central, Howard Wood Field

October 12th~ Lincoln Lynx Marching Competition, Lincoln, NE

October 19th~ Omaha Marching Invitational, Omaha, NE & Mid-Iowa Band Championships, Ankeny, IA

October 29th ~ Indoor Marching Band Show and Chicken Dinner, Washington High School



The last weekend of the season, October 18-19, will be both

Omaha, NE and Ankeny, IA.

We will leave on Friday after our home football game, stay overnight in Omaha, and com-

pete in both Omaha (morning) & Ankeny (night) the next day.

Students should plan to pay \$25 for hotel expenses. **ALL MONIES FOR THE HOTEL ARE DUE BY OCTOBER 11.**

Students may use their student account monies, *provided they have met their \$150 fundraising target for marching band, first.*

If they have not yet achieved

this goal, students must bring \$25 to school for the hotel. This insures that we have the money to pay for the rooms.

We will return early in the morning on Sunday, having made the drive through the night from Ankeny, IA. More detailed information will follow on the itinerary coming out in October!

2013-14 Band Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER			
	7	MB: PRESIDENT'S BOWL (Pep/SSB)	
	9	Band Booster Meeting	WHS Band Room 7pm
	12	MB: HOWARD WOOD FIELD Retreat	Howard Wood 4-9pm
	17	Region 2 Music Meeting - TEACHERS ONLY	Chester, SD
	21	MB: Pursuit of Excellence Marching Competition	Marshall, MN
	27	MB: HOMECOMING FOOTBALL (Field Show/Pep/SSB)	
	28	MB: Music of the Knight Marching Competition	New Brighton, MN
OCTOBER			
	5	MB: Festival of Bands, USA	Sioux Falls
	7	Band Booster Meeting	WHS Band Room 7pm
	11	MB: FOOTBALL GAME (Field Show/Pep/SSB)	Howard Wood Field, Sioux Falls
	12	MB: Lincoln Links Marching Competition	Lincoln, NE
	17	ALL-STATE ORCHESTRA Auditions	Brandon, SD
	18-19	MB: OMI and Mid-Iowa Marching Competitions	Omaha, NE/Ankeny, IA
	28	All-City Jazz Rehearsal(Selected Students)	Augustana, SF
	29	Indoor Marching Band Concert/Chicken Dinner	WHS Auditorium
NOVEMBER			
	1-2	All-State Chorus and Orchestra	Sioux Falls
	4	Band Booster Meeting	WHS Band Room 7pm
	4	All-City Jazz Rehearsal(Selected Students)	Augustana, SF
	7	SB and Jazz Bands 8th Grade Concert	WHS Auditorium/Commons
	11	All-City Jazz Rehearsal(Selected Students)	Augustana, SF
	19	All-City Jazz Reh. and Concert	Augustana, SF
	21	WHS Orchestra Concert (Selected Students)	WHS
DECEMBER			
	2	Band Booster Meeting	WHS Band Room 7pm
	3	East Central Honor Band	Brookings, SD
	12	Winter Band Concert: SB, CB, VB, FB	WHS Auditorium 7pm
	13	All-State Band Audition Registration Forms Due	
	14	Pep Band: GB and BB Doubleheader	WHS Gymnasium

WHS Band Hyvee Card On-Going Fundraiser

HYVEE ORDER FORM

Pre-Orders are Due the first and third Monday of each month (Tuesday if Monday holiday).

The orders should be left in the designated envelope in the band room at the time your student has class, not at the end of the school day or mailed/delivered to **Tom & Teresa Koch, 4130 E. Williamsburg Ct, Sioux Falls, SD 57103** up until 8pm on due date.

Pick-up Cards on the Thursday of the order week

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. Cards cannot be sent in the mail.

WHS BAND SHOPPING CARD ORDER FORM

Date _____ Parent/Guardian Name _____

Phone # _____ Student Name _____ Student ID# _____

*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 number:

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

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Thank you to all of the parents, grandparents, family and friends who purchased spirit wear to support their student(s) and the Washington High School Bands. The sea of orange that will be in the stands at competition exemplifies how proud we are of all of the hard work our student(s) have put in for the show. Good Luck and Go Warriors!

Thank you!
Janelle Miller
Spirit Wear Chair

CHICKEN DINNER & INDOOR SHOW

The Chicken Dinner and Indoor Marching Concert will be held on **October 29**. Tickets for the event will be available a week in advance from any Marching Band member. You may also call the WHS Music Department at 367-7976 and leave a message for the band directors to order tickets. A repeat of the slide show for the marching band members (who are seeing it for the first time!) and the end of the season awards are given out immediately following the last performance. This event is a celebration of our season and is an **important** fundraiser for our program.

We invite you to share in this fun and very special evening with us and to invite your extended family.

