

West Clermont High School Marching Band

New Member Meeting

4/22/24

Marching Band Staff



Mr. Fischer *Director of Bands*



Ryan Reed

Assistant

Director:

Percussion



Zach Poller

Assistant

Director:

Visual



Lydia Myers

Assistant

Director:

Woodwinds



Assistant
Director:
Color Guard

What is Marching Band?

Marching Band is a Co-Curricular activity.

Students learn a pre-game show and a competition show each year.

Students perform in parades, home football games, and competitions.

Marching Band is made up of four sections: woodwinds, brass, percussion, and color guard.

With 150+ members, it is the largest student activity at WCHS.

Practices are in the late Summer and Fall.

Planning for next year...

Give students a fun and exciting show to improve & challenge their skills.

Attract and hire amazing staff to inspire and educate our students!

Begin planning for our next fun trip!!

MSBA & BOA Competitions!

Football & Competition Band!

Continue our tradition of excellence. WCHS Athletic Director James Collins regarding the band: "The WCHS Band is the best program we have in the district!!"

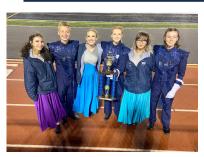
Why join Marching Band?

Music and Movement





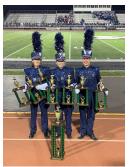
Social





Experiences







"Will I like Marching Band?"



- Marching Band is very different from 8th Grade Band
- Marching Band is very different from any other sport, class or activity
- Most students who participate in marching band continue all four years!
- Marching Band friends are friends for life!
- It's better to try it and not like it, than to miss out on an amazing season. Every year we have sophomores and juniors join as first time members.

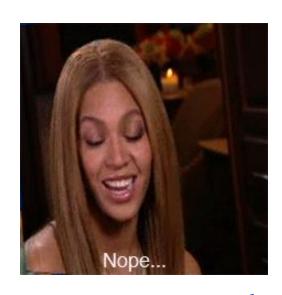
Does marching band leave time for other activities?



- The marching band does practice more than you're used to in middle school...
- Marching Band is NOT year round Lines up with Fall Sports (July-Nov)
 - Still time for: Good grades, family time, school clubs, jobs, sleep, hanging out with friends!
 - Do not share with fall sports (football, soccer, XC etc etc), or other large fall activities (theatre).
- The investment of time, is worth what is gained!
 - Progress rapidly on your instrument
 - Incredible memories with great friends
 - Social Connections
 - Band trips!
- Most students in marching band are also involved in other activities in the school (sports or clubs).

"Doesn't the marching band practice all summer ????"





No!



The marching band does practice in the summer, but does not practice all Summer.

- Week after School is out Mini Camp
- 3 Weeks before School Band Camp

Check the website calendar for exact dates. wcwolvesband.com/calendar

How does **Marching Band** work in a student's school schedule?

Band at WCHS

TYPE:	Curricular	Co-Curricular	Extra Curricular
MEETS:	During the School Day	After School	After School
Receives GRADES & HS CREDIT?	Yes	Yes	No
EXAMPLE	All <u>band classes</u> during the day: Symphonic Band 1 Symphonic Band 2 Concert Band	Marching Band	Jazz Band Basketball Pep Band Winter Percussion Winter Guard

Brass, Woodwind, and Percussion Students must be enrolled in a Curricular Band Class to enroll in a Co-Curricular or Extra Curricular band activity.

Marching Band is a Co-Curricular Activity.

- Marching Band is a graded activity, offered during the 1st semester.
- Students receive 0.5 HS Fine Arts Credit each season of participation.
- Students receive their PE Waiver after two seasons of participation.
- West Clermont attendance policies apply.
- Prerequisite: Brass, Woodwind, and Percussion students must be concurrently enrolled in a Curricular Band Class.
 - Does not apply to students who attend OAKS



Schedule



- All rehearsals are required.
- All attendance related issues should be communicated at least 24 hours in advance via the Online Attendance Form.
- What is "On time for Band"?
- The online calendar is always right!
 www.wcwolvesband.com/calendar

General Schedule Overview

Summer Camps:

Mini Camp: May 28 - May 30, 9am-5pm

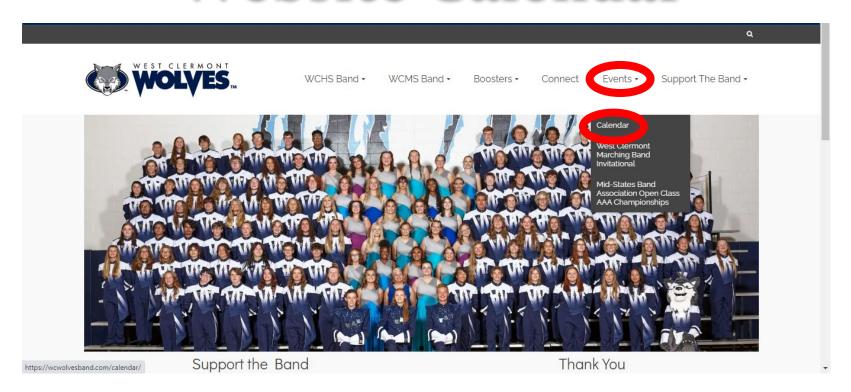
Band Camp: July 15 - 19, 9am-5pm | July 22 - 26, 9am-5pm | July 29 - Aug 2, 9am-9pm

Guard Camp & Percussion Camp: TBD

Typical Fall Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FULL BAND 3:05pm - 6pm	Wind Sectional: 2:35 - 4 Guard Sectional: 7-8:30	FULL BAND 3:05pm-6pm	Percussion Sectional: Time TBD (Evening)	Rehearsal & / or Football Games	5 Saturdays for Competitions

Website Calendar



www.wcwolvesband.com/calendar

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WCMS Band -

Boosters -

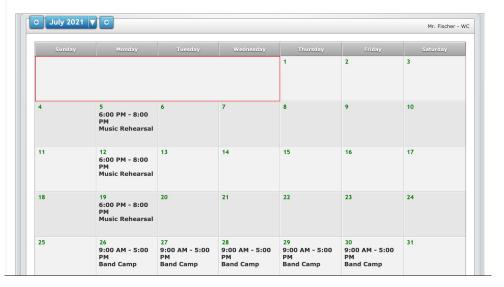
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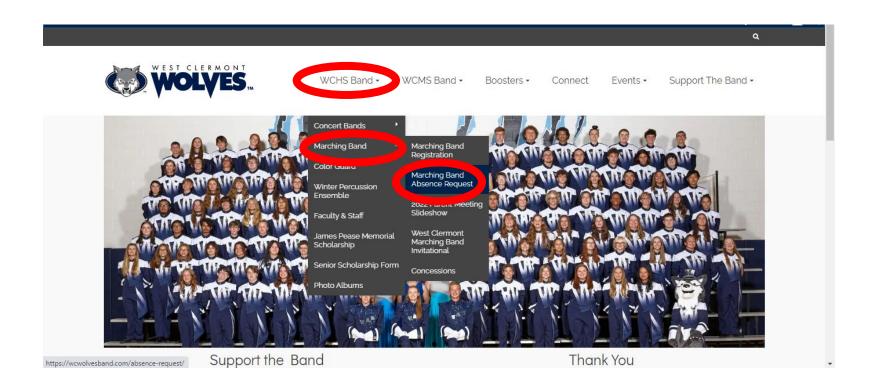
Band Calendar

You may need to be logged into Charms to view this calendar. If you are having trouble viewing on your phone try this link.

The best way to use Charms calendar is to sync it with your mobile device, for instructions on how to do that click here.



Online Attendance Form



Online Attendance Form



WCMB Absence Request Form

As a member of a large high achieving team attendance at all events is not only mandatory, but important for the success of the group. Absences should be requested two weeks prior. More immediate requests should be submitted and also be emailed to Mr. Fischer - fischer_b@my.westcler.org.

* Required

Student Email Address *

Your answer

Student First Name *

Health & Wellness

- Thoughts for Band camp + Rehearsals
 - What to eat
 - Bring a Lunch
 - Hygiene
 - Hydration, Hydration
 - What to wear
 - Sunscreen
 - Are you physically prepared for band camp?
 - Weekly workouts!





WC Band Boosters

The West Clermont Band Boosters is the parent-volunteer organization that supports all aspects of band programming for grades 6 through 12 in West Clermont Schools.

To learn more about the Boosters and how to get involved:



WCHS Band •



Events •

Support The Band .

Please join us at the next booster meeting this year:
Monday, May 13, 2024 --- 7:00pm
WCHS Community Room B

Volunteer!

Required Parent Volunteer Events:

- MSBA West Clermont Invitational
 - Saturday, November 2
- MSBA AAA Championships hosted at WCHS
 - Saturday, November 9
- At a minimum, 6 Volunteer Shifts to support our students!
 - Shifts range from 1-4 hours
 - Chaperones, Feed the Band, Pit Crew, Fundraising,
 Uniforms, Photography, Spirit, Band Camp and more!
- How MB impacts parent/adult relationships with other parents/adults in the band program
 - <u>Video Testimonial</u>





Financial Information

2024 Marching Band Fees

- \$250 School Fee
- \$150 Booster Registration/Support Fee
- \$45 Shoe Fee

Our band fees are allocated to cover the costs of:

• Transportation of our students, competition Uniform, Show Shirt, Marching Band Show Design, Clinician, Staff, and Technician Fees, Design and production of props, and MORE!

Fee Payment Schedule

Fee 1 - Due 6/1/2023 - Student Experience Fee \$50 via Charms account

Fee 2 - Due 7/1/2023 - Student Experience Fee \$50 & Shoe Fee \$45 via Charms account

Fee 3 - Due 8/1/2023 - Marching Band Pay to Play Fee \$250 via PaySchool

Fee 4 - Due 9/1/2023 - Student Experience Fee \$100 via Charms account

Competitive vs. Football Band

Football Band is new next year!

Students who cannot participate in the demanding schedule or cost of competitive band can opt to participate in the WC Football Band.

- \$100 Student Experience + \$45 Shoe Fee
- 3 full days of rehearsal during band camp (July 15, 22, 24 9-5pm, Aug 7 5-9pm)
- Rehearsals on Fridays before Home games

What you get:

- Perform at all home games during pre-game + all the pep tunes during the game.
- Perform at our numerous parades!
- Wear the WC Uniform (shoes are included in the cost) with pride and excitement!
- Hang out with your friends!
- Students will be fed on Fridays before the games!



Stay Informed

www.wcwolvesband.com

Calendar Weekly Updates "Upcoming Events"

Charms

(You will register for charms at the June Meeting)

Remind

Text Alerts. Students will sign up today! - Text @24WCMB to 81010 We also use a Parent Remind for performance/trip updates - Text @WCMBComs24 to 81010

Social Media

Facebook private group: West Clermont Band
Facebook public page: West Clermont Bands Parents, Family & Friends
Instagram: westclermontbands
Twitter: @wcwolvesband



Questions?

- Have More Questions?
- Several ways to get answers!
- New Member Representative
 - Laurie Smith
 - Band Booster Parent
 - Beginning 9th year with WC Bands
 - Organizing several Parent Events soon!
 - Email: booster.pr@wcwolvesband.com



- Band Directors
 - Reach out to Mr. Fischer by email fischer_b@my.westcler.org