

Hello, Band Families. The students are working hard to memorize music, master marching techniques, and learn drill for the show. Please continue encouraging them to show up to rehearsals, get adequate sleep, eat healthy, and stretch sore muscles. Don't hesitate to reach out to the directors, Executive Committee, and veteran parents with questions or concerns.

# **Marching Band**

#### Communication

In an effort to streamline our messaging platforms, we are trying something new by sending a link to the newsletter through CutTime. You can also find links to this season's newsletters on the <u>marching band page</u> on our website (beneath the link to the Absence Request Form).

Our band directors also send important messages through Remind. Sign up for Text Alerts by texting to 81010:

@2024wcmb (All students)@24wcf (Guard)@24wcmbcomm (Parents)

### **Spirit Week**

Spirit Week is held during the 9-9 week of Band Camp. Students are encouraged to dress up according to each day's theme. Here is this year's schedule:

- Monochrome Monday
- Twin Tuesday
- Patriotic Wednesday
- Tacky Tourist Thursday
- Section Shirt Friday\*

\*A student(s) within each section designs a T-shirt, and section leaders place the orders and collect money. As a result, the cost, due dates, and delivery dates will differ between sections.

## Feed the Band

The Band Boosters feed all marching band members dinner during the 9-9 week of Band Camp. Each dinner includes an entree (listed below) along with a lettuce salad, a second salad (pasta,

macaroni, potato, coleslaw), fruit, and chips/snacks/desserts from volunteer donations. To help you plan accordingly, here are the entrees to be served this coming week:

- Monday, July 29 Ham and Turkey Sub Sandwiches Vegetarian option: tofurkey
- Tuesday, July 30 Chick-fil-A Sandwiches
  Vegetarian option: vegetarian chicken sandwich
- Wednesday, July 31- Baked Potato Bar Variety of toppings, including vegetarian-friendly options
- Thursday, August 1- Cookout: Hot dogs/Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers Vegetarian option: vegetarian burgers
- Friday, August 2 Donatos Pizza (pepperoni or cheese) Vegetarian option: cheese pizza

#### **Senior Banners**

Dingo Photography will be taking senior banner pictures at 8am on Monday, July 29. Here are a few important reminders:

1. Doors will open at 7:30am. Please arrive early so you're dressed and ready to go by 8am.

2. Students will not be wearing shakos or shoes in the picture. Think about your hair and pack accordingly.

3.. The banner can be yours once the season ends. Be sure your Booster fees are paid. Check your balance in CutTime.

## August 2 - Senior Day!

On the last day of Band Camp, we celebrate our seniors. The cafeteria will be decorated for their special dinner. Sign up to help in CutTime.

#### **Spiritwear**

Families interested in purchasing WC Bands spiritwear are invited to check out the items available from our friends at <u>Threadin' It Up</u>. The Band Boosters will provide a 2024 "In Theory' show shirt for each student in Competition Band (including musicians and guard). This year's show shirt will be available for purchase in the near future. Check back as new spiritwear designs will be added for the upcoming season.

## **Donations**

Donations are still being accepted for Feed the Band events from both Competition and Football Band members.

- Seniors single-serve sweet snack
- Juniors single-serve savory or sweet snack
- Sophomores single-serve savory snack
- Freshmen case of water
- Guard powdered Gatorade (red or blue)

#### **Marching Band Pictures**

Dingo Photography will return to take individual and full marching band pictures on Friday, September 13. Order forms will be sent home with students.

Students should stay after school to dress in their uniforms. Individual photographs will be taken as soon as the photographers are ready. The full band picture will be taken promptly at 4pm. They will then finish taking individual photographs. Plan to pick students up around 5:30pm.

### **UC Spirit Day**

On Saturday, August 31, the University of Cincinnati is hosting an event for high school marching band members that will be held during UC's first home football game of the season. Learn how your student can participate here:

UC Spirit Day

# Jamfest

Families, neighbors, and community members are invited to Jamfest to celebrate the start of the season and the program's continued success. This free event, featuring the WC Marching Band, will take place in the WCHS Stadium from 7pm to 9pm on Saturday, August 17.

# Tag Day

Tag Day is only month away (08/24)! This is a mandatory event for the WCMB (musicians in Competition & Football Bands and color guard). We still need adult chaperones to help make this event a success. Drivers must be fingerprinted through the district office - a quick and easy process - and you can sign up in CutTime. Everyone will report to WCHS at 8am. Feel free to walk with the students as they tag the houses on their assigned routes or stay cool and follow them in your air-conditioned vehicle. Please keep your eyes on them! The Band Boosters will provide pizza for students and drivers. We should finish by 2pm.

WC Board Office: 4350 Aicholtz Rd Suite 220, Cincinnati, OH 45245. Phone: 513-943- 5000.

# **Band Boosters Update**

#### **Parent Socials**

These informal events will be held monthly throughout the marching band season. Leave early or stay late. We hope to see you there!

• July 31 - Parent Meet & Greet. We also have a dine-to-donate from 5-9pm that evening. Swing by the Chipotle in Amelia and then join us in the grassy area outside the WCHS Cafeteria at 6:30pm. Those who wish to eat can enjoy their dinner. We'll play a game before watching the last hour of rehearsal. The section with the most parents in attendance will receive ice cream. Hope to see you there!

- August 28 from 6:30pm to close RJ Cinema. The tent/lawn is reserved for our group. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we can move the party inside. This is also Singo Night.
- September 24 from 6:30pm to close RJ Cinema. The tent/lawn is reserved for our group. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we can move the party inside. This is also Trivia Night.
- October 25 from 6:30pm to close in the taproom.
- **November 15 from 6:30pm to close** in the taproom. The Boosters will provide dessert for this event.

### **Dine to Donate**

For dine-to-donate event dates, times, locations, and flyers, please visit our website.

### **Band Booster Support Fees**

This year's Booster Support Fee Payments can be paid through CutTime. The schedule is as follows:

- Booster Support Fee #1 (\$50) OVERDUE
- Booster Support Fee #2 (\$50) & Shoe Fee (if applicable) (\$45) DUE 8/15
- Booster Support Fee #3 (\$50) DUE 9/15
- Booster Support Fee (\$50) Due 10/15

NOTE: Football Band Fee (\$75) plus Shoe Fee (if applicable) (\$45)

We never want financial hardship to be a barrier for our musicians and guard members. Please reach out to Brian Fischer or <u>Amy Kleimeyer</u> for information.

## WC Band Boosters Scholarship

To support the WC Band Boosters Scholarship Fund, sign up for <u>Kroger Community Rewards</u> through your Kroger Rewards account. It's free to register. After you've made this designation, a percentage of all your purchases will be donated to the West Clermont Band Boosters. The West Clermont Band Boosters organization code is QG378.

# Mark Your Calendar!

- August 2 Senior Celebration during dinner
- September 6 8th Grade Night with the WCMB
- September 20 WCMB Senior Night
- October 6 Homecoming

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram @westclermontbands, and Twitter @WCWolvesBand. If you want to join our private Facebook group, West Clermont Band, please answer the membership question to join the group. This is to ensure the privacy and integrity of the private group.

Thank you for your support of your student's band program. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Mr. Fischer and The WC Band Boosters Executive Committee