



Hello, Band Families. We hope everyone enjoyed the first day(s) of school. May you all have a fun and successful year.

Marching Band

Communication

Reminder: you can also find links to this season's newsletters on the [marching band page](#) on our website (beneath the link to the Absence Request Form).

Schedule

Students in Competition Band will report for a 9-9 Camp today. Football Band will report at 5pm for dinner and rehearsal for Jamfest (see below).

The regular rehearsal schedule, including sectionals, begins on August 18. Please refer to CutTime for specific days and times. If you are having issues with CutTime, contact [Beth Burcham](#).

Feed the Band

The Band Boosters will feed students and staff this evening. Here is the menu:

- Dino Nuggets
- Vegetarian option: vegetarian nuggets
- Lettuce Salad
- Potato Salad or Pasta Salad
- Fruit
- Chips/snacks/desserts from volunteer donations

Uniforms

"In Theory" show shirts are in! All members of Competition and Football Band will receive a shirt today. Additional show shirts can be ordered through [Threadin' It Up](#).

If your student is a freshman or if your student indicated during uniform fittings that they needed a new pair of marching band shoes, you will see a \$45 shoe fee in your CutTime account. Shoes will not be issued to students until this fee is paid.

Home Football Games & Marching Band Competitions

When you volunteer for Feed the Band, Pit Crew, and Concessions during home football games, you receive free admission to the stadium. If you are not volunteering, you will want to be prepared to pay cash at the gate.

Admission to marching band competitions is typically \$15 per person. Please note that not all bands are equipped to take credit. Cash may be needed.

WCMB Senior Night: Photography

Senior Night for the WCMB will be held on Friday, September 20. Seniors and their escorts should report to the end zone near the concession stands at 5:30pm.

We are looking for one or two additional volunteers to take pictures as the seniors are announced. You do not need to be an experienced photographer, and you do not even need a fancy camera. If you are interested, please contact [Nanci Farrell](#).

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.

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 TONIGHT.

Our concession stand will be open and offering a full menu. Don't miss the Drum Major Delights! Kona Ice will also be available for purchase. A balloon artist from Gia's Balloon Buddies will be on site. A monetary donation for her creations is greatly appreciated.

Fan-Pledge

Band students in grades 7 to 12 will be participating in a Fan-Pledge fundraising event on Friday, August 23. WCHS band members will report to the band room with their cell phones from 4-6pm. The Band Boosters will provide pizza. Band directors will provide students with additional information. Please direct questions to [Brian Fischer](#).

Tag Day

Tag Day is next Saturday (8/24)! This is a mandatory event for the WCMB (musicians in Competition & Football Bands and color guard). Students and drivers should report to WCHS at

8am. Students should wear WC spirit wear. The Band Boosters will provide pizza for students and drivers. We should finish by 2pm.

In preparation for this fundraiser, students are invited to sign up [here](#) to be in a group with one friend. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, August 21. If your student is unable to attend, you must submit an [Absence Request Form](#) to the directors for approval no later than Wednesday, August 21. We appreciate your cooperation.

Please take a moment to review the options needed for Tag Day and sign up for your preferred items. Your contributions will help keep our band students energized and happy.

You can access the signup link [here](#). Thank you for your continued support!

Percussion News

Senior percussionists in Symphonic 1 Band will be competing at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention (PASIC) in Indianapolis on Friday, November 15. This international convention is the largest single instrument convention in the world. The WC ensemble will be competing in the Concert Chamber Ensemble Competition. Depending on their performance, they could earn an opportunity to play again on Saturday.

Sarah DeWeese has secured a \$500 sponsorship for this event. We are seeking additional monetary donations/sponsorships to help cover the cost of this overnight trip for these six students. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact [Tracy Kirby](#).

Band Boosters Update

General Booster Meeting

The next General Booster Meeting, open to parents/guardians of band students in grades 6-12, will be held on Monday, September 9, at 7pm in Community Room B.

Dine to Donate

Raising Cane's in Eastgate is hosting our next dine-to-donate event from 5pm to 11pm on Wednesday, August 21.

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!

- **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. 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, the party will move inside. 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.

Band Booster Support Fees

This year's Booster Support Fee Payments can be paid through CutTime. Cash and a check made payable to the West Clermont Band Boosters are also accepted. There is a lock box outside of the director's office in the band room. Please make sure the envelope is labeled with your student's name and reason for payment.

- Booster Support Fee #1 (\$50) – OVERDUE
- Booster Support Fee #2 (\$50) & Shoe Fee (if applicable) (\$45) - OVERDUE
- 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 [Amy Kleimeyer](#) for information.

WC Band Boosters Scholarship

To support the WC Band Boosters Scholarship Fund, sign up for [Kroger Community Rewards](#) 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!

- September 6 - 8th Grade Night with the WCMB
- September 20 - WCMB Senior Night
- October 6 - Homecoming

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @westclermontbands. 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