



Hello, Band Families. You are receiving this newsletter a day early this week because the next couple of days are huge for our program, and the first home game of the season is next week.

Thanks to all who attended Jamfest. We love to see your smiling faces in the stands, and the students really enjoy playing for an excited audience. Congratulations to our band members and staff for successfully performing pregame and the first three movements of the show on the field. They look and sound great! Concession stand sales exceeded expectations. What a great way to start the 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).

You should be receiving this news via text message (through CutTime). If this is reaching your email inbox, we do not have your current phone number. Please contact [Beth Burcham](#) with this necessary information.

Schedule

Sectional rehearsals began this week in addition to the regular rehearsal schedule for Competition Band members. Make sure you have the correct version of the calendar downloaded on your phone.

Tuesdays

- Winds 3-4:30pm
- Guard 6:30-8pm
- Drumline 7-8:30pm

Thursdays Front Ensemble 3-4:30pm

Uniforms

All members of Competition and Football Band received a show shirt at Jamfest. If your student didn't receive a shirt, please contact [Nikki Vandenberg](#). Additional show shirts can be ordered through [Threadin' It Up](#).

For Friday's home game (8/30), Football & Competition Band members should wear their dress down uniforms. Musicians wear the show shirt, khaki shorts, and gym shoes. Guard members will wear black leggings and black tank tops unless their dresses arrive between now and the game. As the temperatures drop, students will begin wearing their marching band uniforms. To learn more about uniform components and storage, visit our [website](#).

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.

Feed the Band - Friday, August 30

The Band Boosters will feed students and staff this evening. Here is the menu so your student may plan accordingly:

- Sloppy joes
- Vegetarian option: plant-based sloppy joes
- Salad
- Cole Slaw
- Fruit
- Chips/snacks/desserts from volunteer donation

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. Recognition of our seniors will most likely begin around 6pm.

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.

Fan-Pledge

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

Tag Day

Tag Day is TOMORROW (8/24)! This is a **mandatory** event for the WCMB (musicians in Competition & Football Bands and color guard). *Students should wear WC spirit wear or WC colors.*

Itinerary

- 8am - Students and drivers report to WCHS.
 - If you signed up to donate snacks for Tag Day, please send them to the band room with your student in the morning.
- 9am - Students leave tags on the doors of houses throughout the district.
- 10:45am - Everyone makes their way back to WCHS.
- 11am - Lunch for students and drivers. (Pizza, chips, cookies, bottled water)
- 11:45am - Finish first route or head out to tag a new neighborhood.
- 1:45pm - Return to WCHS for 2pm dismissal.

Percussion

Ryan Reed divided our mega drumline into two groups. These students have been assigned to drivers like the other band members, but their day will play out differently.

- 8am - Students should report to WCHS.
- 10am to 11:30am - Group A performs at the Amelia Kroger while Group B tags houses.
- Noon to 1:30pm - Group B performs at the Amelia Kroger while Group A tags houses.
- 2pm - Dismissal.

We will be sure both groups receive lunch and a break from playing/tagging.

Kroger

We are incredibly grateful to Kelly, Nick, Allie, and the folks at Kroger in Amelia. In addition to allowing our drumline to perform outside of the store, they have offered to sell burgers, hot dogs,

and special WC sugar cookies in the bakery during our fundraising event. They will gift the proceeds from the sales to the band program. Please be sure to stop by on Saturday.

Final Notes

- Students will not knock this year. They are tagging doors only.
- Drivers will be notified to skip the addresses belonging to registered sex offenders.
- Union Township and Pierce Township Police Departments as well as the Clermont County Sheriff's Office have been notified of this event.
- If you have strong organization and communication skills, you enjoy managing logistical details, and you're interested in getting involved in the planning and execution of this event next year, please contact [Tracy Kirby](#).

Thank you for your continued support!

UC Spirit Day

Nineteen students will represent WC Bands during Spirit Day at the University of Cincinnati home football game on Saturday, August 31. Group tickets have been purchased. For those who registered with the group, watch for a separate communication from Laurie Smith.

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. Another potential sponsor has offered \$300 to purchase the required badges for the participants and Ryan Reed. 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

For upcoming dine-to-donate event locations, dates, times, and flyers, visit our [website](#).

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!

- **THIS WEDESDAY! 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 enveloped 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

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, Mr. Fischer and The WC Band Boosters Executive Committee