



Hello, Band Families. Today is the last 9-9 Camp day of the season! Students will continue to work on movement 4 music and drill. For the next seven weeks, they will continue to polish the show in preparation for MSBA Championships.

## Marching Band

### Lakota West Recap

Congratulations to the WCMB on a great run at the Lakota West Invitational! They finished first in Class 5A and earned second place overall. Competition days can be grueling. Please join us in recognizing the combined efforts of each student and staff member that contributed to the band's achievements on the field. Huge thanks to all of the volunteers who helped with Feed the Band, Pit Crew, and uniforms. You put in countless hours behind the scenes. Our program could not be successful without you. We can't wait to see what lies ahead!

### Schedule

- No school on Monday, September 23. No sectionals the week of September 23.
- Rehearsals will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 24 and 25.
- Freshmen and Sophomores are invited to sample our Drum Major Delights in the concession stand following rehearsal on Tuesday, September 24. Parents may wish to pick up students in the senior lot that evening.
- Competition at Lebanon on Saturday, September 28. More details below.

### Reminders:

#### Dismissal from Games & Competitions

We are one band. Students should stay until the end of home football games and competitions until they are dismissed by directors. Students should not be picked up early. Please direct any questions and concerns to [Mr. Fischer](#).

#### Competition Marching Band Pay-to-Play Fees

The \$250 marching band pay-to-play fees for Competition Band have been added to your student's account. This fee is paid to the school. Pay online through [payschoolscentral.com](https://payschoolscentral.com). Or pay the school cashier in person with cash, check, or money order made payable to West Clermont High School. Please include your student's name and purpose for the payment on the check or envelope. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Leslie Combs, the school cashier, at [combs\\_l@my.westcler.org](mailto:combs_l@my.westcler.org) or call (513) 947-7600, option 5.

## Competition at Lebanon - Saturday, September 28

### Itinerary

8am - Rehearsal Begins

10:30am - Load / Eat / Dress (students should pack a lunch and plenty of water)

12:30pm - Depart to Lebanon Jr. High

1:15pm - Arrive at Lebanon Jr. High

3:45pm - Performance

6:15pm - Home / Unload / Clean up

### Feed the Band

The current plan is for the students to pack a lunch and then for the Band Boosters to feed students and staff after the performance as there probably won't be enough time for them to visit concessions. Here is the menu:

- Grilled Cheese Sandwiches and Tomato Soup
- Salad
- Potato salad
- Chips/snacks/desserts from volunteer donation

**NOTE:** This menu was created with the thought that we would be feeding the kids at WCHS. We will keep you posted as final details are confirmed so your student can plan accordingly.

### Travel Tips

There are other major events taking place in Lebanon on competition day, including Applefest, which is held at the Warren County Fairgrounds. Traffic will be very congested. It is recommended we arrive early and use either Google Maps or Apple Maps as they are generally reliable with accounting for traffic delays.

### For more information about...

- Directions
- Parking
- Tickets
- Schedule
- Concessions

Please scroll through [this packet](#) from Lebanon Bands. Admittedly, this is more information than needed as a spectator. If you have questions, this document will contain the answer.

## Band Boosters Update

### Music & Meatballs

Our annual Music & Meatballs event will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2025. If you are not familiar with this spectacular showcase, you can learn more [here](#). We are already collecting items for a variety of raffle baskets. If you or someone you know would like to make a basket donation or if you are crafty and would like to help package our raffle baskets this year, please contact [Tracy Kirby](#).

## Tag Day 2025 & Beyond

If you have strong organization and communication skills, you enjoy managing logistical details, and you're interested in getting involved in the execution of this event next year, please contact [Tracy Kirby](#).

Detailed notes are available to help guide future events. Here is a list of the main responsibilities to help you decide if / how you'd like to get involved:

- Print maps (already prepared, street names included)
- Highlight streets on maps
- Stuff envelopes with maps and tags
- Assign students to groups (Drum Majors can assist)
- Assign groups to routes

## General Booster Meeting

The next General Booster Meeting, open to parents/guardians of band students in grades 6-12, will be held on Monday, October 14, at 7pm in Community Room B.

## 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!

- **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) - OVERDUE
- 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.

## Looking Ahead

West Clermont Bands will be collecting school-appropriate books that will be given as gifts to WC students during a holiday celebration hosted by WC resource coordinators. The event will be held at Amelia Elementary from 4pm to 7pm on Saturday, December 14. Donation deadline TBD.

## The 6th Annual WCMB Invitational

On Saturday, November 2, West Clermont High School will host the [6th Annual West Clermont Marching Band Invitational](#). Our Invitational generates a significant amount of money that will benefit all members of the WC Band programs. There are many talented bands registered to compete in these events.

### Volunteer Roles

We will need a considerable number of volunteers to ensure the success of these day-long competitions. In addition to the typical Concession, Feed the Band, and Pit Crew opportunities, here are brief descriptions of the additional roles:

- Volunteer Check-in
- Welcome Tent - volunteers greet bands, hand them their envelope, and answer questions.
- Parking Lot - volunteers direct traffic in both of the WCHS lots as well as across the street at the Mt. Carmel Christian Church. Volunteers will control access to different areas of the parking lots and may shuttle bus drivers from the church to the stadium.
- Ticket Sales - Volunteers must be 18 years old and comfortable handling money.
- Security and Cash Counting - volunteers must be fingerprinted through the WCSD Board Office.
- Hospitality - volunteers report to the WCHS Community Rooms, where band directors, bus drivers, trailer drivers, and judges can enjoy a meal and relax. Volunteers will make sure food and drinks are replenished for everyone to enjoy.
- Band Hosts - volunteers will meet the bands as they check in and will stay with the assigned band until they leave the performance field. Volunteers are responsible for giving time warnings and directions to the next location.
- Ushers - volunteers are stationed at all entrances to the stands and control foot traffic during performances.
- Drink Stand - volunteers will sell hot chocolate
- Water Station - volunteers fill cups for bands after their performance

- Press Box - volunteers ensure the judges have what they need throughout the day.
- Gate Keepers - volunteers stand at the front gate or band entrance gate and check for appropriate wristbands.
- Fundraising - volunteers sell split the pot tickets, votes for fan-favorite band, and shout outs.\*

\*Shout outs are notes of encouragement written by family and friends to specific band members or sections. These messages are read by the announcer prior to that band's performance. Shout outs are \$5 each.

## Shifts

The WCMB Invitational schedule has not yet been confirmed, but the day will be divided into shifts. Please note these blocks may change slightly. This information is based on past events to give volunteers a general idea of the commitment.

- 9am to noon
- noon to 3pm
- 3pm to 6pm
- 6pm to end

Some volunteer opportunities are posted in CutTime. Additional opportunities will be opened in the near future. Please sign up to help.

WCMB members are encouraged to volunteer through a separate SignUp Genius. Students who volunteer to work two shifts will be given a complimentary meal at Concessions (choice of: hamburger, cheeseburger, hot dog along with chips and a drink).

## Trophy Sponsorship

We will award over 40 trophies to bands competing in the WCMB Invitational. For \$75, you can sponsor a trophy on behalf of your business or in recognition of a loved one. For more information, contact Beth at [booster.president@wcwolvesband.com](mailto:booster.president@wcwolvesband.com). We thank you for your continued support.

## MSBA Class 3A Championships

On Saturday, November 9, we will host the Mid-States Band Association Class AAA Championships before our band travels to Mason High School to compete in Class 5A Championships that evening.

## Schedule

We currently have 16 bands registered to compete in Class 3A Championships. MSBA rules dictate that competitions with over 14 bands must hold Prelims and Finals, and the top 10 bands compete in Finals. This is awesome for our program because guests must buy tickets for both Prelims and Finals. There will be more people in the stadium, and Concessions will be open longer.

**Though hosting 16 bands promises to be an incredible opportunity for WC Bands, the additional time required for this event also creates some significant issues.**

- Volunteers will be needed in the same areas as listed under WCMB Invitational above. Watch for available positions to be posted in CutTime.
- WCMB members are not invited to volunteer during this event. They will instead report for rehearsal.
- We have invited our alumni and their families to volunteer for this event.
- We will also need volunteers to Feed the Band, load trailers, and help with uniforms as we do during a typical competition day.
- As of right now, only parents of seniors will be permitted to sign up to volunteer with our band at Class 5A Championships that evening as this is their final competition.

**NOTE:** It has been requested that we perform later in the evening to allow our volunteers time to get to Mason after the conclusion of Class 3A Championships.

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr. Fischer and The WC Band Boosters Executive Committee