



Hello, Band Families. We are heading to the Lebanon Invitational today. Remember there are many events happening around town. Traffic will be heavy. Parents and spectators wishing to see our performance need to account for this traffic and potential delays experienced. Please give yourselves plenty of time to get seated as there will be no admittance into the stands during performances. Using apps like Waze or Google maps will likely give you accurate travel times based on real time traffic in the area.

Marching Band

WCMB Invitational Shirt Design

The Band Boosters have invited students to design this year's Invitational shirt. Here are some details that could be included as desired:

- West Clermont Marching Band Invitational
- 6th Annual
- November 2, 2024

Please remember that students from other schools will be wearing these shirts and hoodies. Submit your designs Beth Burcham by **October 11**. *This deadline has been updated.

The Band Boosters will vote for the design to be used. We can't wait to see your submissions!

Schedule

- Normal rehearsal and sectional schedule this week.
- October 4 - Homecoming

As we move into October, the band will most likely spend the last hour of Wednesday rehearsals in the stadium. We'll post reminders on Facebook in case the stadium will be occupied by others. You are encouraged to come watch. When parents, family members, and friends fill the stands and cheer, the students gain more experience performing in front of a live audience. This also gives you an opportunity to meet other parents so you'll have familiar faces and friends to join when we travel to competitions.

Homecoming - Friday, October 4

The WCMB will march in the Homecoming Parade which begins at 5pm. **NEW in 2024:** The parade route will start at the Mount Carmel Christian Church on Bach Buxton and Redleaf Drive. The parade will leave the church parking lot, cross Bach Buxton onto the WCHS campus. The route will continue left into the staff parking lot and will then wind around the stadium, ending behind the stadium. The best location to watch the parade will be on the campus and sidewalks of the high school.

Itinerary

3pm - Rehearsal
4:30pm - Walk to staging area
5pm - Parade (students will wear dress down uniforms)
5:30pm - Dinner (see below)
6pm - Dress
6:30pm - Line up on Main Street
7pm - Kickoff
Halftime - Our time to shine!
10:15pm - Approximate dismissal

Feed the Band

The Band Boosters will feed students and staff after the parade. Here is the menu so you may plan accordingly:

- Pepperoni & Cheese Pizza
- Salad
- Pasta salad
- Chips/snacks/desserts from volunteer donation

Alumni Night

All Amelia, Glen Este, and West Clermont marching band alumni are welcome to join us on the sidelines of the Homecoming game on Friday, October 4. Report to the band room at 6pm. Here is a [link](#) to the music.

West Clermont Wolves Blankets

Tracy Kirby will be selling a limited supply of XL WC Wolves blankets at a table near concessions during the Homecoming game. These blankets are 60"x70" and cost \$40. Cash, credit, and Venmo are accepted.

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](#).

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!

- **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. 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.

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr. Fischer and The WC Band Boosters Executive Committee