



Hello, Band Families. It's hard to believe we have made it to Fall Break. The last home football game and our last regular-season competition are this coming weekend. There is still a great deal to accomplish. We thank you for all you've done to help our students succeed. Let's finish the season strong!

Marching Band

Schedule

- Fall Break continues. No school or rehearsal on Monday, October 14.
 - Rehearsals will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday (10/15 & 10/16).
 - Home game on Friday, October 18.
 - Bellbrook Invitational on Saturday, October 19.

As the season progresses, 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.

Final Home Football Game - Friday, October 18

Feed the Band

- Taco meat in soft shells
- Vegetarian option: plant-based taco filling
- Salad
- Fruit
- Chips/snacks/desserts from volunteer donation

Bellbrook Invitational - Saturday, October 19

Itinerary

8am - Rehearsal Begins
10:30 - Load / Eat / Dress
12 - Depart to Bellbrook
1:15 - Arrive at Bellbrook

3:15 - Performance

6:15 - Home / Unload / Clean up

Feed the Band

- Spaghetti noodles with sauce
- Vegetarian option, sauce will be vegetarian friendly
- Salad
- Fruit
- Chips/snacks/desserts from volunteer donation

Location:

Bellbrook High School
3737 Upper Bellbrook Rd
Bellbrook, OH 45305

Tickets:

- \$15 general admission
- \$12 military & seniors 65 and over
- Children 6 and under are free
 - Cash or card at the door, no online pre-sales
 - No refunds are given on admission. If you wish to leave and return, please see an admissions volunteer for a hand stamp to return.
 - Ticket sales are located at the front entrance to the stadium.
 - Programs will be available digitally with a QR code provided at the ticket area and various locations throughout the stadium.

Parking:

- Free and on-site.
- Staff will be present during the day of the event to assist motorists to the appropriate parking area.
- Designated handicapped parking areas are located closer to the stadium and available upon request. Parking staff can assist those who require assistance.

Seating:

- The spectator entrance is located on the west side of the stadium.
- Gates will open at 12:30 PM. We encourage you to bring a stadium cushion or blanket as our seating is aluminum.
- All seating is General Admission seating.

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, 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.

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

We are in the process of finalizing the WCMB Invitational schedule. The day will be divided into shifts based on the specific role. If you are interested in covering a certain role, please email Beckie Teetor at booster.secretary@wcwolvesband.com. Adult volunteers will sign up through **SignUp Genius** and not through CutTime as mentioned in previous communications. Link coming soon!

New in 2024

WCMB members are encouraged to volunteer for the Invitational through a separate SignUp Genius. Students who volunteer for **ONE** shift will be given a complimentary meal at 4pm 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 17 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 17 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. A link to SignUp Genius is coming soon.
- WCMB members are not invited to volunteer during this event. They will instead report for rehearsal at WCMS.
- We have invited our alumni and their families to volunteer for this event.
- We will also need volunteers to help with uniforms as we do during a typical competition day.
- 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