

Hello, Band Families! Each fall, the judges spend their weekends traveling to events across the region. Many have said they enjoy being assigned to West Clermont because our Invitational is the best-run competition they've attended.

HUGE thanks to all who volunteered to make our Invitational a success. We appreciate the time you spent checking in volunteers, setting up tents, welcoming bands, hosting bands, selling tickets, checking wristbands, controlling foot traffic, counting money, filling water coolers, selling soda, grilling burgers, feeding the student volunteers, administering first aid, directing traffic, and making sure bus drivers were cared for. This would not be possible without you.

This is the last long Saturday of the season. Let's do everything we can to ensure Championships are a positive experience for our kids and for all of the individuals who will be visiting our campus.

Marching Band

Schedule

- Rehearsal on November 6 & 7
- No sectionals
- MSBA Class 5A Championships on November 9.
- Veterans Day Parade on November 10.

MSBA Class 5A Championships Itinerary

***Please review this schedule with your student.

- 10am Report to WCHS
- 10:15am Depart to WCMS
- 10:45am Rehearsal
- 1:30pm Eat/Load/Dress ***Students must pack a lunch.
- 3:30pm Depart WCMS
- 4:30pm Arrive at Mason High School
- 6:30pm Performance
- 6:45pm **Students should bring money for dinner at concessions or pack a dinner.** The Band Boosters will provide a snack (pretzels, granola bar, and fruit snacks). They are to eat in their halves (bibs only) and watch the bands at this time.
- 8pm Dress in full uniform
- 8:15pm Awards

Veterans Day Parade

The WCMB, including members of both Football and Competition Bands, will march in this year's Veterans Day Parade. Join us in honoring our veterans and saluting those who are currently serving our country. Students will meet at WCHS at 12:30pm on Sunday, November 10. The band will march in full uniform. The parade begins at 2pm on Haskell Lane, and the route runs along Main Street through Batavia.

WCMB Awards

Our drum majors are working hard to plan the 2024 WCMB awards ceremony. Families are invited to join us in the WCHS Auditorium at 7pm on Tuesday, November 12. Students are invited to dress in a nice outfit. Cookies will be served following the ceremony.

Senior Banners

Senior banners can be picked up after the WCMB Awards if your student's fees are paid in full. Questions or concerns? Please reach out to <u>Amy Kleimeyer</u>.

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.

SignUps

Volunteers are needed in all areas to make this event a success. WCMB members are not available to work this event as they will be in rehearsal.

Please sign up to help during 3A Championships HERE.

Thanks to all who donated food and beverages for our Invitational Hospitality Room. We could still use donations for our Championships Hospitality Room. If you are interested, please sign up <u>HERE</u>.

***Note: if you donated items to Hospitality on 11/2, your name still appears on this SignUp Genius. We are not expecting another donation of those items from you on 11/9. We will watch for new names to appear on the list.

Winter Percussion

Ryan Reed will be directing two Winter Percussion ensembles again this year. A variety of mallet instruments are played in these ensembles as well as electric and bass guitars, auxiliary percussion (rack), and electronics. There will be two optional, but highly recommended, workshops and an audition. Auditions are open to any WC student who is in a concert band.

This is a pay-to-play opportunity, and the \$250 fee must be paid in full before the first show. Shows begin at the end of January, and the season ends in mid-April.

Workshops & Audition Information

Workshop #1: Monday, November 18 - 3:15 to 5pm Workshop #2: Wednesday, November 20 - 3:15 to 5pm Audition: Thursday, November 21 - 3:15 to 5pm

***If a student is unable to attend the audition day, please contact <u>Ryan Reed</u> before November 20 to set up an individual audition.

Parent Information Meeting

Wednesday, November 20 - 5:15pm

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, November 11, at 7pm in Community Room B.

Final Parent Social

Our last Parent Social of the season will be held at Wings & Rings on the corner of Ohio Pike and Hopper Hill Road. Meet at 7pm on Tuesday, December 3. This will also be a dine-to-donate event. The Band Boosters will provide cupcakes. We hope to see you there!

Band Booster Support Fees

All Band Booster Support Fees are now overdue. 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.

We never want financial hardship to be a barrier for our musicians and guard members. Please reach out to Brian Fischer or <u>Amy Kleimeyer</u> for information.

Thank you for your continued support! Mr. Fischer and The WC Band Boosters Executive Committee