



Hello, Band Families. Students worked hard this week to remove the metronome from the first three movements of the show. They are farther along at this point in the season as compared to previous seasons and look forward to performing in their first competition at Lakota West on Saturday.

West Clermont Wolves Blankets

WC Bands will be taking pre-orders for *West Clermont Wolves* blankets through September 13. The blanket comes in two sizes: 50x60 (\$30) or 60x70 (\$35). Order forms went home with Competition Band students on Wednesday, September 4. It won't be long before we're all shivering on the sidelines. These blankets make great gifts!

We are currently accepting cash, checks made payable to West Clermont Band Boosters, and Venmo (Amy Kleimeyer: @WestClermontBandBoosters). Please reach out to [Tracy Kirby](#) with questions about the blankets.

Marching Band Schedule

Normal rehearsal and sectional schedules resume this week.

Please note that Front Ensemble will practice loading and unloading our trailers with equipment immediately following sectionals on Thursday, September 12.

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](#).

Marching Band Pictures

Dingo Photography will return to take individual and full marching band pictures on Friday, September 13. Here is a [digital order form](#). Physical order forms were sent home with Competition Band students after rehearsal on Wednesday. There are additional order forms in the band room.

Students should stay after school on September 13 to dress in their uniforms. Shakos will not be worn. 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.

Note: Seniors are welcome to use their senior banner photos as their individual pictures. They may also have their individual picture retaken at this time. In any case, they will be in the group picture.

Competition at Lakota West - Friday, September 14

Itinerary

10am - Visual rehearsal starts

12:30pm - Lunch (pack a healthy lunch along with plenty of water)

1:30pm - Rehearsal resumes

4pm - Load trailers, eat dinner (see Feed the Band below), dress (see note re: uniforms below)

5:50pm - Buses depart WCHS

6:30pm - Arrive at Lakota West High School

9pm - Performance

The directors will have students send parents a text to let them know when the buses are about twenty minutes from WCHS. Students will be expected to unload equipment and there will often be a post-performance meeting on Main Street. Students will be instructed to send another text when it is time to be picked up from the school.

Feed the Band - Friday, September 14

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

- Breakfast Sandwiches (egg/cheese/bacon or egg/cheese/sausage)
- Vegetarian breakfast sandwich
- Donations from Biggby Coffee (Eastgate): bagels, muffins, coffee cake

Reminder: Students should pack a lunch.

Uniforms

For Saturday's competition at Lakota West (9/14), band members will wear their marching band uniforms. Musicians should wear the show shirt, athletic shorts, and marching shoes. Guard will wear their competition dresses. 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 be distributed to students on Monday and Wednesday (9/9 and 9/11) after rehearsal.

Band Boosters will be available to take cash or check made payable to West Clermont Band Boosters. Shoes will not be issued to students until this fee is paid.

For more information about...

- Directions
- Parking
- Tickets
- Schedule
- Concessions
- Vendors / Merch

Please visit the Lakota West Band Invitational [website](#).

WCMB Senior Night

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.

Looking Ahead

The Competition Band will have another Camp from 9am to 9pm on Saturday, September 21. There is no school on Monday, September 23, so rehearsals will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday that week. We will end the month with our second competition at Lebanon on Saturday, September 28.

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.

Sewing Project

Do you have experience sewing? Mr. Fischer is working on a project for the color guard and could use your help. Please contact him at fischer_b@my.westcler.org.

For Parents of Younger Wolves

WCMS (Grades 6 - 8)

WCMS students are invited to learn more about Winterguard. Come to rehearsal in the North Gym from 4-6pm on September 10, 12, and 17. There will be a Parent Meeting in the PAC at 6pm on September 17.

Students should wear something comfortable. Bring water. Students staying after school for rehearsals should report to Room 116.

WC Elementary Guard (Grades 1 - 5)

A Parent Meeting for elementary students interested in trying color guard will be held in the WCMS Performing Arts Center at 6pm on Tuesday, September 17. No experience is necessary. Please contact [Mrs. Dutterer](#) and/or [Mrs. Teixeira](#) with questions and concerns.

Fan-Pledge & Tag Day

Our Fan-Pledge fundraising event is still live. You can invite friends and family to donate through your student's Fan-Pledge link. There is also a donate button on our [website](#). We are still receiving donations, so we'll keep you posted once we know the total amount of money raised. As always, thank you for your continued support.

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](#).

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.

Several sponsors have already stepped forward to help cover the cost of this overnight trip for these six students. We are still seeking additional monetary donations/sponsorships for the percussion competition. 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

Stop by City BBQ in Eastgate between 11am and 8pm on Wednesday, September 19. Please mention the West Clermont Band Boosters or use the promo code "GIVE" when you place dine-in, carry-out, or online orders.

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!

- **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) - **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.

Thank you,
Mr. Fischer and The WC Band Boosters Executive Committee