

Meeting Minutes

New Parent Orientation

September 7, 2017 @ 6:30pm

Welcome to Westview Band!

Please use the Westview HS Band website and join the Westview Band Facebook group to stay up-to-date with the most current announcements and important dates.

As we settle into a more regular schedule this week, Marching Band rehearsals will be Tuesdays, 5-9pm and Thursdays 5-8pm.

Please keep in mind that Color Guard is ALWAYS part of marching band. They are a critical visual component of the program. Any communications for Marching Band will **always** apply to Color Guard, unless specifically indicated. Only in winter season will Guard have a separate schedule.

Personal Fundraising

- Proceeds go directly into a student's personal account to pay band fees.
- It is possible to pay all band fees through available fundraisers as some families have successfully done.
- Opportunities include:
 - Scrip: purchasing retail gift cards for which students retain a portion and purchaser still receives 100% of the value
 - Oak Hills Newsletter delivery: monthly opportunity in Oak Hills neighborhood
 - Volunteering at community events (e.g., Bridge Pedal, Highland Games): organizations donate money for each individual who volunteers

Group Fundraising

- Benefits **all** band students and pays for expenses such as guest conductors, competition fees, instruments, uniforms, etc. (Examples: Garage Sale, Band Day, Dine-Out Events).
- There may occasionally be a few fundraisers throughout the year that benefit only one subgroup and will be identified as such (e.g., Winter Percussion / Winter Guard).

Winter Percussion and Winter Guard

- Anyone can participate, no matter what instrument the student plays.
- This is a wonderful and very fun opportunity for students to consider.
- Rehearsals and competitions are indoors.
- More information forthcoming late fall.

NWAPA

- Westview participates in the NWAPA circuit (Northwest Association for Performing Arts).
- See <http://nwapa.net/> for events, schedules, scores, score sheets, and breakdown of judging results.

- This year we have 106 students and compete in AA class. Will remain in current class until more experienced.

Volunteering

- Our successful program can't function without the efforts of everyone. There are numerous ways to help. Watch announcements for opportunities and sign-up requests.
- Mr. A. needs your help to manage such a large group and students really enjoy your participation.
- This year's requirement is 10 hours per family or a \$100 fee.
- Remember to sign up to get credit for your time. Report any additional hours to Yvett Rojo.
- For questions or to check on hours, contact Yvett Rojo.

Enrichment Opportunities

- These include honor bands and competitions during the year, such as: WIBC, All Northwest, and Solo/Ensemble Competition.
- Mr. Alexander will help students record and upload auditions. All information and signups for these opportunities will be posted on Canvas.
- Solo/Ensemble competition is an adjudicated and OSAA sanctioned event. Districts are March 3 at Mountainside HS; consult with Mr. Alexander first; selected students will compete in State event late April/early May.
- All bands will participate in 1-3 festivals throughout the year and compete against other schools.
- Mr. A's goal this year: *Win Districts and advance to State!*
- Auditions for next year's bands (Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band) will be held in the spring.

Marching Band Uniforms

- Brand new marching uniforms were purchased this year. They will be used by Marching Band members in the fall and then by **all** students for spring parade season.
- Due to slim-fit of new uniforms, students will need to provide their own long-sleeve white compression shirt and black compression shorts or running tights/leggings to wear underneath uniforms. Questions or concerns, please contact Karol Mesa.
- All students will be required to wear solid black dress socks and marching shoes. New students to marching band will purchase shoes that are theirs to keep. If student has outgrown marching shoes, please see Karol Mesa to exchange.
- Students are reminded to **please** take good care of the uniforms. Families will be charged for any damaged/irreparably stained/lost items as follows:
 - Plume: \$20
 - Shako: \$43
 - Gauntlets: \$45/pair
 - Bibs: \$95
 - Jacket: \$185
 - Gloves: \$?
- Uniforms will remain at school this year. Uniform care (new uniforms are machine washable) and distribution will be managed by volunteers.

Concert Dress

- Concert band members will be expected to wear a white collared dress shirt with black pants or skirt and dress shoes. Bow tie and cummerbund will be provided.
- Refer to Band Handbook (see website under Forms/Documents) for details on concert dress for other groups.

Football Games

- This year marching uniforms will be worn **only** for the homecoming game. For all other games, students will wear red band shirts (provided) and jeans.
- In the event of rain, students will be provided black rain jackets.
- Volunteers are always needed for games: chaperones to assist students and maintain pep band bleacher section, pit crew and prop crew to move equipment on/off field, and uniform management as needed. Please watch announcements for sign-up.

Marching Band Competitions

- This year there will be three at Hillsboro Stadium plus the championships at Autzen Stadium (Eugene).
- Families will provide transportation to/from competitions at Hillsboro Stadium.
- Many volunteers are needed for a successful day. Volunteers can purchase entry wristbands for reduced price of \$5. Opportunities include: truck rental pickup/return, truck loading/unloading, tent crew, food crew, chaperones, pit crew, and prop staging.
- Competitions are **all-day** events. A typical schedule for the day:
 - 9:00am Truck load and tent crew
 - 10:45am Student call-time at stadium
 - Warm-ups
 - Prelims performance
 - Meal (provided and served by food crew)
 - Finals performance
 - Awards (students/families sit together)
- Championships note: Due to the complexities of this competition location, volunteers for this event must be experienced (e.g., must have helped for at least one previous competition). Volunteers can ride bus to/from Eugene.

Band Parent Meetings

- Occur one evening every other month and are open to everyone. Dates will be posted on band calendar.
- Please join us!

Questions? Contact Mr. Alexander or any board member.