

Meeting Minutes

Band Parent Meeting / New Parent Orientation

September 5, 2018 @ 7:30pm

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. Please read all Band News emails thoroughly for detailed info.

Marching Band

- Marching Band rehearsals are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-9pm. Additional rehearsals have been scheduled to make up for time lost due to air quality issues during band camp. Please check the band calendar and read all emails for updated scheduling additions and changes.
- 125 students are participating in Marching Band this season.
- 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's competitions include one at Sprague HS (Salem), two at Hillsboro Stadium, and championships at UO Autzen Stadium (Eugene).
- Lots of volunteers are needed for successful competition days as well as for Friday night football games. Football game performances are great practice for pit crew in advance of competitions.
- Marching Band is actively seeking a volunteer to take over Tent Crew Lead for next year. This will require shadowing this year's lead and crew to learn the job.
- Meals will be provided on competition days. Note that many student sectional groups like to meet for breakfast as well (optional).
- 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)

Fee / Operating Budget Overview

- \$85 participation fee is paid to school and is a Beaverton School District fee. This covers additional instructional time.
- \$90 class enrichment fee is paid to the Band Boosters. This amount covers items that include extra instructional time, festival fees, instrument repair/maintenance, music, and guest clinicians.

- Large investments this year funded by Band Boosters include replacing the entire drum line as well as drum kit for Jazz Band.
- The budget is available for anyone to review upon request. Contact Mr. Alexander or a board member.

Group Fundraising

- Band fundraisers benefit **all** band students and pay for expenses such uniforms, instruments, music, transportation, festival fees, etc. Fundraisers are essential as the cost of operating the WHS band program far exceeds the funding provided by the school and district.
- Big fundraising events this year include the garage sale (August), Band Days (fall and spring), and Jazz Night (spring).
- New fundraiser this year will be a mattress sale on Saturday, March 16. Students will advertise the event to friends/family/community and all purchases will earn money for student accounts and band program. More details to be provided closer to the event date.

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. Sign up to receive regular updates: scrip@westviewbnad.org.
 - 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

Volunteering

- Our successful program can't function without the efforts of everyone. There are numerous ways to help. There are even opportunities to help from home (e.g., mend/alter uniforms, wash uniforms, and more). 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 \$150 fee.
- Remember to sign up to get credit for your time. Report any additional hours to Yvett Rojo.
- Please wear Westview Band shirt/sweatshirt/jacket when volunteering.
- Due to space constraints and supervision requirements, please do not bring extended family or friends with you when volunteering at events.
- 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, BSD Honor Band 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. 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.
- Students are encouraged to pursue private lessons on their instrument. Students who take lessons will be exempt from some of the proficiency assessments in class.
- 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.
- Spectrum Jazz Program
 - Extracurricular jazz program at Westview, Southridge, and Mountainside high schools.
 - Anyone with an interest in playing jazz can participate. Great opportunity for learning, practicing, and performing.
 - Orientation meeting on Sept. 10, 7:30pm at Southridge HS
 - Combo and Jazz II will be the groups at Westview with some collaboration with the other Spectrum HS groups as well.
- Pit Orchestra
 - School musical will take place in the spring.
 - This year's musical is Cinderella.
 - String musicians will be especially needed this year.

Marching Band Uniforms

- New marching uniforms were purchased last year. They will be used by Marching Band members in the fall and then by **all** students for spring parade season.
- 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. Uniform care (new uniforms are machine washable) and distribution will be managed by volunteers.

Concert Dress

- Refer to Band Handbook (see website under Forms/Documents) for details on concert dress requirements for all groups.
- First concert is October 24. Please get clothing items now that your student will need so they are prepared for the first concert. Depending on the group(s) in which your student participates, some or all concert dress may be provided.
- Note that this year white tuxedo shirts will be required for Wind Ensemble tuxedos.
- Students will be charged for any missing or damaged pieces of concert dress or marching uniforms.

Band Parent Meetings

- Occur the first Wednesday of each month and are open to everyone. Meeting dates are posted on the band calendar.
- Please join us!

Questions? Contact Mr. Alexander or any board member.