

Wilson Memorial High School Bands

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To all 2011-2012 Emerald Regiment Band Members and Parents,

What an incredible year we had! We are experiencing growth in numbers and quality! We left off last season on a high at Powhatan that I hope we can pick up on! I have a lot of information to pass on to you, so please read carefully and keep this letter handy.

First, I've enclosed a full fall calendar. It will be posted on the band website as well. Please be sure to stay up to the most current changes. We always have changes. Guard will practice every Monday after school and everyone will practice Tuesday and Thursdays after school. We will be attending 4 competitions that will include a double competition day. We will be meeting with the leadership team and making decisions about show details soon.

Next, marching band fees. My least favorite topic, but an important one. Please note that fees cover a variety of needs from uniform maintenance, staffing, shirts, gloves, socks, entrance fees, and so much more. The boosters will cover the full cost of band camp. **Marching band fees are now \$170 per student** in marching band. To make the load a little easier to bear, we are asking that you make 2 payments of \$50 each on June 30, July 30, and a final payment of \$70 by August 23. All fees need to be paid by the first day of school. In my research, I saw many bands that have fees well over \$400. Our fees are not nearly that high, but do cover the items listed above as well as marching band shoes for all new members. These will be used shoes. For any members, if you prefer new shoes, the cost is \$24. Parents, if you would like to order extra shirts for yourselves and family members, we often have parents wear them at our competitions, please fill out the enclosed form. We place that order in mid August, please be prompt when ordering parent tshirts!

We require all fees to be paid before students are eligible to make payments for overnight trips like Hagerstown or Disney. Any deposits made for these trips will be applied to unpaid fees first. There will be opportunities for students to fundraise for their student accounts that can pay for these trips, after deposits are made.

Next, if you would like to join us on our trip this fall to Hagerstown, Maryland, here are the details. The trip is **optional**. I need at least 45 people, including chaperones, to make this trip feasible. We travel to MD on October 29, march in the Mummer's Parade (approx. 250,000 people watching), stay overnight, go to outlet or mall and return home by 5 PM on October 30. It's quick and a lot of fun! The cost this year is \$75 per person.

Next, Our leadership team (section leaders, captains, and drum majors) will have training on the Monday afternoon of band camp week. Sarah Fauber will run rehearsals that afternoon. Committed and mature students are needed to ensure great leadership and ultimately, the success of the band. Your section leaders are: Madison Whitesell, Renna Nouwairi, Jimmy Frisbie, and Millie Smith. Your captains are: Michaela Beidler, Percussion; and Sierra Swisher, Colorguard. Your Drum Majors are: Rachel Townsend and Erica Snook.

The show is titled “Reflections”. It holds a lot of potential for General Effect. Please start working on it soon. The music is quite challenging! Each week, beginning July 5, we will hold a 2 hour rehearsal for musicians only (anyone who makes noise) on Tuesdays from 10-12. My request is that if you are “in town” you can make it to these rehearsals. To encourage your attendance, I will hand out music and CD’s at the first rehearsal on July 5.

Our colorguard instructor, Mrs. Sarah Miller, is returning. Colorguard will practice on Mondays after school starts from 3:30 – 5:30. They will also join the band at full rehearsals every Tuesday and Thursday. Also remaining with us is Ms. Sarah Fauber, as assistant director! Sarah is a huge asset to the marching band!

Freshmen and new members (and any student who wants to brush up on your marching skills), I will ask that you attend a 2-day mini camp at the high school on July 28-29 from 9-12. This is intended to teach you the basics of marching. You will be taught by myself and our drum majors. Plan to wear tennis shoes and bring water!!

I will also have a 4 day mini-camp for Drumline and Colorguard on July 18, 20-22. Colorguard will practice 9-12 and Drumline will practice 1-4 both days. This mini-camp is intended to give these two groups a jump start to the full camp week. You are expected to attend. Please let me know if you have a family vacation conflict.

Finally, our band camp at Highland Retreat is going to be great. **This camp is required** unless a family vacation is planned. Please talk with Mr. Baraclough ASAP if you have scheduling conflicts. You should plan to have your instrument, pencil, tennis shoes, and music. Our new uniforms are scheduled to arrive in mid July. If so, we will plan to bring our new shako hats for some of our rehearsals at camp. You should also plan to bring your black marching shoes. Many were left here, so you should plan to pick them up before we leave so you can pack them. We will have marching and drill rehearsals with those items. I’ll also ask you to purchase a 3x5 index type spiral notebook. It must have at least 50 pages. You may want to consider getting a beaner type belt clip to attach it to your belt loop. You will be creating a dot book that will have your personal set spots and music in it. It comes in very handy.

We are in need of parents to travel with us to camp for cooking meals and overnight chaperoning. If you are available and willing, please call or email me or our booster president Walter Carter at WCarter@VPRECISION.COM. If you can only do a day or two, that would also be helpful. Please also complete the medical form enclosed and return to Mr. Baraclough before we depart for band camp. Per our band booster bylaws, all parents are automatically members of the boosters. There is no fee for membership. All members are added to our email list and are kept up to date on band calendar, fundraising, and activities. If you wish, you may “opt-out” of membership, a letter of request to “opt out” is required.

I look forward to working with you soon, until then, enjoy your summer!!

Thank You!!

Mr. Matthew F. Baraclough
Director of Bands
Wilson Memorial High School

NOTE:

Most of this information and a full calendar can be found on the band website at www.wmhsband.org Please keep up with the many changes to the calendar on the website. It’s there for us to save paper and not mail out those changes as they happen.

Wilson Memorial High School MARCHING BAND Calendar 2011-2012

NOTE: ALL PERFORMANCES ARE IN BOLD

July

- 5 – Music rehearsal – 10AM to 12 Noon
- 12 – Music rehearsal – 10AM to 12 Noon
- 12 – Band Boosters meeting – 6:30 PM
- 19 – Music rehearsal – 10AM to 12 Noon
- 18, 20, 21, 22 – Guard 9AM -12 Noon ---- Percussion 1-4 PM
- 28-29 – Freshmen and New Member marching orientation – 9-12 (Any member who wants to brush up on marching skills, plan to attend)

August

- July 31 thru August 4 – Band Camp at Highland Retreat
Report to WMHS at 12:30 PM
- 4 – DCI Show in Warrenton, VA (see camp itinerary for details)
- 5 – Afternoon Rehearsal at Wilson 1-5
- 5 – Band picnic with parents at 5:30 at WM
- 8-12 – Evening Rehearsals – 6–9 PM
- 9 – Band Booster meeting – 6:30 PM, this is also a rehearsal night. Band assistants and leaders to run rehearsal.
- 17 - Evening Rehearsal – 6–9 PM
- 18 – Evening Rehearsal – 6-9 PM
- 23 – First day of school
- 23 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 25 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 26 – **HOME FOOTBALL VS. WAYNESBORO 6:00 PM**
- 29 – Guard only after school 3:30 – 5:30 (Baraclough at county meeting)
- 30 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30

September

- 1 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 2 – **HOME FOOTBALL VS. ROBERT E. LEE 6:00 PM**
- 5 – Labor Day no school
- 6 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 8 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 9 - **HOME FOOTBALL VS. SPOTSWOOD 6:00 PM**
- 10 – TAG Day – 8:30 AM – 12 Noon
- 12 – Guard only after school – 3:30 – 5:30 (Baraclough @ District meeting)
- 13 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 15 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 17 – Possible Chicken BBQ Fundraiser
- 19 – Guard only after school – 3:30 -5:30
- 20 – After school rehearsal leading up to **VALLEY SHOWCASE OF BANDS.**
WE ARE HOSTING!! EVENT BEGINS AT 7:00 PM. (TENTATIVE START TIME)
- 22 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 24 – **COMPETITION DAY-BLAST IN THE DRAFT AND Shenandoah Valley**

Invitational at Broadway. ALL DAY EVENT!

- 26 - Guard only after school – 3:30 -5:30 (Baraclough at auditions)
- 26 – Senior Regional Orchestra Auditions @ Jack Jouett MS in Charlottesville
- 27 - After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 29 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:00
- 30 – **HOME FOOTBALL VS. Riverheads HS 6:00 PM**

October

- 2 – Mr. Baraclough running full marathon in Corning, NY!! Wish me luck!
- 3 – Guard only after school – 3:30 – 5:30 (Baraclough at County meeting)
- 4 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 4 – Band Booster meeting – 6:30 PM
- 6 - After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 7 – No school, teacher work day. Possible morning rehearsal TBA
- 8 – **COMPETITION DAY-LYNCHBURG CLASSIC (AFTERNOON AND EVENING)**
- 10 – Guard only after school – 3:30 – 5:30
- 11 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 13 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 14 – **HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME VS. PAGE CO. – 6:00 PM**
- 17 – Guard only after school – 3:30 – 5:30
- 18 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 20 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 21 - No school, teacher work day. Possible afternoon rehearsal TBA
- 22 – **COMPETITION DAY - JMU PARADE OF CHAMPIONS!! (ALL DAY)**
- 24 – Guard only after school – 3:30 – 5:30 (Halloween show)
- 25 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30 (Halloween show)
- 27 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30 (Halloween show)
- 28 – **HOME FOOTBALL VS. LURAY 6:00 (HALLOWEEN SHOW)**
- 29-30 – **Hagerstown Mummer's Parade (OPTIONAL), more info. to follow.**

November

- 1 – Band Booster meeting – 6:30 PM
- 7 – **All County Band auditions AT FDHS**
- 10 – **Fine Arts Dept. Trash Bash 6:30 PM**
- 11-12 – **SENIOR REGIONAL ORCHESTRA EVENT**
- 12 – **VETERAN'S DAY PARADE - 8:30 AM at Wilson**
- 21 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 4:30 (All band members)
- 22 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 4:30 (All band members)
- 28 – **PARADE – STAUNTON CHRISTMAS PARADE**

December

- 3 – **PARADE – WAYNESBORO CHRISTMAS PARADE**
- 6 – Band Booster meeting – 6:30 PM
- 10 – **All District Band auditions @ WMHS – Doors open at 8:30 AM**
- 14? – **CHRISTMAS CONCERT – 7:00 PM**

Wilson Memorial High School Emerald Regiment Marching Band

Fee and Registration Form

Student Name _____

Parents Name(s) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone: _____

Student Cell: _____

Parent Cell(s): _____

Student email: _____

Parent email(s): _____

A LOT OF OUR COMMUNICATION IS VIA EMAIL

_____ I am interested in helping with band camp at highland retreat.

_____ I plan to be there the entire time.

_____ I plan to be there the following dates _____

_____ I am interested in purchasing extra show shirts
(cost is \$16 per shirt, \$18 for larger than 2X)

Name: _____ Size S M L XL 2XL 3XL

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Please enclose your first marching band fee payment of \$50 by June 30. Checks payable to: **WMHS Band**
NOTE: All parents are automatically members of the band boosters unless of letter of request to opt out is received. Please mail that request to the address listed on the letter head enclosed.

Hagerstown money is due by September 1 (\$75), payable to WMHS Band.

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MEDICAL INFORMATION

Student Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Emergency Phone Number _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Does student have insurance through parent/guardian employer? _____

If yes, name of company _____ Policy Number _____

Cell Phone with you on Trip _____

(cell phones don't work very well at Highland Retreat)

Health History (check)

- _____ Diabetes
- _____ Orthopedic Problems
- _____ Asthma
- _____ Epilepsy
- _____ Cardiac Problems
- _____ Other (specify)

Allergies (check)

- _____ Aspirin
- _____ Penicillin
- _____ Sulfa
- _____ Insect Stings
- _____ Tetracycline
- _____ Other (specify)

Do we have permission to administer to your child? (check)

_____ Aspirin _____ Tylenol _____ Advil

Has your child had a tetanus shot current to within six years? _____

Is your child currently taking any medications? If yes, please list the name and dosage amount and times.

Do you know of any health factor that makes it advisable for your child to follow a limited program of physical activity or from participating in any activities? If yes, please explain.

I give permission to the physician or hospital to secure proper treatment for and to order medications, injections, anesthesia or surgery for my child as named above.

(Signature of Parent)

(Date)