

Wilson Memorial High School Bands

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To all 2017-18 Emerald Regiment Band Members and Parents,

This year just flew by! I don't even feel quite like summer has started, but here we are! People ask me sometimes what I teach. I often respond with "I teach people". Music is the avenue that I love, but what I teach goes way beyond that. We have shelves full of trophies, but we also have walls of student blocks that are filled with much more. I hope that you see beyond the daily grind of marching and music and see the relationships, leadership skills, and family that we've built here! Our true reward is building a great product that we can all be proud of! I'm excited to see where each year takes us. Let's strive to make this one better than the last! 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 summer and fall calendar. It is already posted on the band website as well. Please be sure to stay up to the most current changes. We always have changes. Percussion and Guard may have practice after school additional days, but that is yet to be determined. Keep your eyes on the online calendar.

Next, marching band fees. The marching band fee will remain at \$200. This will cover our music, entry fees for our competitions, show shirts, extra shoes, gloves, uniform cleaning, and staffing. We are doing our best to keep the financial load to a minimum.

Next, your leadership team is: Kailie Davis and Alexandria Rush– Drum Majors; Woodwind captain is Emily Baraclough and Brass Captain is Jay Blackstone. Drumline captain is Drew Kelley. Pit captain is Emily Chan, colorguard captain is Emma Flora, and Asst. Captain is Amberly Watts. Your section leaders are: Alissa Perkins, Abi Shorkey, Emily Baraclough, Patrick Cash, Ethan Newlen, and Jay Blackstone. I'm excited about our leadership team and will continue to work to make a better experience for everyone!

The show is titled "By The Sword". The music is by Gary Gilroy I will be sending the music electronically, so be sure that I have your current and/or best email. I am here at school everyday (except June 12-23). You can come in anytime to pick up music, as well. Call ahead to be sure that I haven't stepped out or taken a day off. We plan to begin work on music AND marching fundamentals very soon, see the attached calendar. **NOTE: First day for all NEW MEMBERS is June 15th.** Veterans are welcome to attend to "freshen" up.

We will continue the Friday game day rehearsals. This will be required for everyone except our fall athletes, unless you would like to make it a priority to join us. I plan to stick to the agreement with fall coaches for our Tuesday/Thursday practices. The only time that I will expect fall athletes to be with us on Friday is if your practice is canceled for any reason. Note that this is only on home game days. As we approach November and post season play, we'll talk about how we'll handle those home games as they happen.

Our freshmen and new member marching orientation will be Thursday, June 15th, **10:00 am to 12 Noon**. Then, we'll begin our music & marching fundamentals for all members on June 27th from 10 AM to 12 Noon..

You will only need to bring a pair of tennis shoes and water. No flip flops. These will be taught by myself, Sarah Fauber, and other student leaders. See dates on the calendar that is included. **You are expected to attend these rehearsals if you are in town and not away on vacation or at another camp.** Please email me and let me know if you are unable to make any of these rehearsals.

Sarah Fauber will continue to bring her expertise to our marching band as our assistant director. She will bring her own excitement and flare to rehearsals. Thank you, Sarah!

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. I am asking each member to download an app called "Drillbook Next Reader". I believe it costs \$2.99 to download. Once I have drill completed, you can link the app to the show and have access to the entire drill. There are many cool things that will make learning easier.

Finally, 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 as soon as possible. If you can only do a day or two, that would also be helpful. Students also need to 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 our 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
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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 2017-2018

NOTE: ALL PERFORMANCES ARE IN BOLD

June

- 15 – Freshmen and New Member Marching Orientation – 10AM to 12 Noon
- 27 – Music Rehearsal – Band room, 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
- 29 – Marching Rehearsal – Band room, 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

July

- 6 – Marching Fundamentals (all members) – Band room, 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
- 6 – Band Booster Meeting – 6:30 PM in the band room
- 11 – Music Rehearsal – 10 AM to 12 Noon
- 13 - Marching Fundamentals (all members) – Band room, 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
- 18 – Music Rehearsal – 10 AM to 12 Noon
- 20 – Leadership training – 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM (Leaders only)
- 23 - 27 - Band camp at Highland Retreat – **See Special Schedule and Itinerary**
- 28 - Afternoon Rehearsal at Wilson 1-5
- 28 – Band picnic with parents at 5:30 at Wilson
- 31 – DCI Show in Salem (tickets have been ordered for those who signed up)

August

- 1 – Evening Rehearsal – 6-9 PM
- 2 – WMHS Back to School Night
- 3 – Evening Rehearsal – 4-7 PM
- 3 - August Band Booster Meeting TBD
- 8 – FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
- 8 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 10 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 15 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 18 – **HOME FOOTBALL – SCRIMMAGE VS. MILLBROOK**
- 17 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 22 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 24 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 29 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 31 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30

September

- 1 – **HOME FOOTBALL VS. WHS (Military Night)**
- 4 – NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY
- 5 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 7 - After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 7 – Band Booster meeting – 6:30 PM
- 12 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 14 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 19 – After school rehearsal and dinner before showcase
- 19 – **VALLEY SHOWCASE OF BANDS AT WMHS (6:30 PM)**
- 21 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 22 – **HOME FOOTBALL VS. LURAY (8TH GRADE BAND NIGHT)**

23 – COMPETITION DAY-BLAST IN THE DRAFT

26 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30

28 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30

October

3 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30

5 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30

5 – Band Booster Meeting – 6:30 PM WMHS Band room

6 – **HOME FOOTBALL VS. RHS (HALL OF FAME NIGHT)**

7 – **COMPETITION DAY – Location TBD**

10 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30

12 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30

13 – Half day of school (Leave open for possible after school rehearsal)

14 – **COMPETITION DAY – SHENANDOAH VALLEY MARCHING INVITATIONAL (HHS)**

17 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30

19 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30

20 – **HOME FOOTBALL VS. SDHS (HOMECOMING)**

21 – **COMPETITION DAY - JMU PARADE OF CHAMPIONS!!**

24 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30

26 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30

28 – **HAGERSTOWN, MD (MUMMER’S PARADE)(OPTIONAL)**

November

2 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30

2 – Band Booster meeting – 6:30 PM

3 – **HOMEFOOTBALL VS. BGHS (SENIOR NIGHT & MILITARY NIGHT)**

6 – **Valley Honors Band Auditions – FDHS**

7 – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS – SCHOOL INSERVICE/ELECTION DAY

11 – **VETERAN’S DAY PARADE - 8:30 AM at Wilson**

9 – **Tentative date for Fine Arts Explosion at WMHS 6:30 PM (All Marching Band)**

20 – After school rehearsal for Christmas parades– 3:30 – 4:30 (All band members)

21 – After school rehearsal for Christmas parades – 3:30 – 4:30 (All band members)

27 – **PARADE – STAUNTON CHRISTMAS PARADE, Be at Wilson 4:30**

December

2 – **All District Band auditions @ Turner Ashby High School**

2 – **PARADE – WAYNESBORO CHRISTMAS PARADE, Be at Wilson 4:30**

7 – Band Booster meeting – 6:30 PM

14 – **CHRISTMAS CONCERT – 7:00 PM (with WMS bands)**

20 – Early Dismissal for Winter Break

21 – January 3 – **NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK**

Wilson Memorial High School Emerald Regiment Marching Band

Fee and Registration Form

Student Name _____

Parents Name(s) _____

_____ 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 _____

Show shirts are part of the student marching fee and should NOT be ordered here. However, many family members like to order extra shirts to wear for games and/or competitions. Those should be ordered here.

_____ I am interested in purchasing **extra** show shirts (NOTE: **member shirts ARE NOT ORDERED HERE**)

(cost is \$16 per shirt, \$18 for larger than 2X)

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

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{Payment for extra show shirts should be a separate check to: WMHS Band, due with the August 1st Fee payment}

Fees: **\$200.00**. Payment schedule: July 3 - \$75.00; August 1 - \$75.00; August 25 - \$50.00

Checks payable to: **WMHS BAND**. You can follow schedule above or simply write one check. Please call me if there is an issue with fees. No Cash Please.

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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 _____

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

Date of your last tetanus shot ____/____/_____

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Do you have any food allergies or dietary needs if the group will be supplying meals? _____

1. _____
2. _____

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)