

Wilson Memorial High School Bands

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To all 2019-20 Emerald Regiment Band Members and Parents,

It seems that each year gets crazier and busier! We just finished one year and we're already working on the next. 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 build 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: Alex Heller and Grace Watson– Drum Majors; Woodwind captain is Luca Campbell and Brass Captain is Ethan Newlen. Drumline captain is Lindsey Reno. Front Ensemble captain is Thomas Jordan, colorguard captains are Jordan Eccles and Alyssa Miller. Your section leaders are: Charlie May, Hailey Hancock, Jason Chan, Jacob Loya, Ryan Hearl, and Ryder Faunce. I'm excited about our leadership team and will continue to work to make a better experience for everyone!

The show is titled "No Strings". The music is currently being arranged by Elijah Steele. I am hoping most of our music will be in hand by the end of June. We will certainly start music rehearsals with or without it all. I will give you access to the music files as soon as I have it. 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 18th.** 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 Tuesday, June 18th, **10:00 am to 12 Noon.** Then, we'll begin our music & marching fundamentals for all members on June 25th from 10 AM to 12 Noon..

You will only need to bring a pair of tennis shoes and water. No flip flops. On marching days, I expect everyone to wear athletic clothing. This is a physical activity, please dress appropriately. NO JEANS!! These will be taught by myself, Sarah Fauber, and other student leaders. See dates on the calendar that is included. **These rehearsals are mandatory if you are in town and not away on vacation or at another camp. Work is not excused. Plan ahead and ask off.** 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! We also have Will Watson coming back with Battery percussion and front ensemble. Joining us for the first time will be Heather Kornegay. She will be working with Carrie Miller-Blackburn on colorguard. Finally, Elijah Steele (JMU composition major) will be arranging our music and consulting with us in the beginning stages. We have a great staff!!

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.

Finally, we are in need of donations of food items for camp. You will receive an email from our boosters to sign up. Students 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 2019-2020

NOTE: ALL PERFORMANCES ARE IN BOLD

June

- 18 – Freshmen and New Member Marching Orientation – 10AM to 12 Noon
- 25 – Music Rehearsal – Band room, 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
- 27 – Marching Fundamentals (all members) – Band room, 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

July

- 2 – Music Rehearsal – Band room, 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
- 9 – Music Rehearsal – Band room, 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
- 11 – Marching Fundamentals (all members) – Band room, 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
- 16 - Music Rehearsal – 10 AM to 12 Noon
- 18 - Marching Fundamentals (all members) – Band room, 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
- 18 – Leadership training for leadership team only. Band room, 1:00 – 4:00 PM
- 21 - 25 - Band camp at Highland Retreat – **See Special Schedule and Itinerary**
- 26 - Afternoon Rehearsal at Wilson 1-5
- 26 – Band picnic with parents at 5:30 at Wilson
- 29 – Evening Rehearsal – 4-6 PM
- 30 – DCI Show in Salem (only for those who ordered tickets in June)
- 31 – WMHS Back to School Night

August

- 1 – Evening Rehearsal – 4-6 PM
- 1 - Band Booster Meeting – 6:30 PM
- 6– **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**
- 6 – NO After school rehearsal today
- 8 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 12 – Colorguard practice – 3:30 – 5:00
- 13 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 15 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 19 - Colorguard practice – 3:30 – 5:00
- 20 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 22 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 26 - Colorguard practice – 3:30 – 5:00
- 27 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 29 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 30 – **HOME FOOTBALL VS. WAYNESBORO**

September

- 2 – NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY
- 3 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 5 - After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 5 – Band Booster meeting – 6:30 PM
- 9 - Colorguard practice – 3:30 – 5:00
- 10 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 12 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30

- 16 - Colorguard practice – 3:30 – 5:00
- 17 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 19 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30 (This is a half day of school, rehearsal will remain at 3:30)
- 20 – No School for Students
- 20 – Rehearsal at Wilson 1:00 – 4:00
- 21 – **COMPETITION DAY-BLAST IN THE DRAFT**
- 23- Colorguard practice – 3:30 – 5:00
- 23 – Senior Regional Orchestra Auditions at Orange County High School
- 24 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 26 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 28 – **COMPETITION DAY- CELTIC CLASSIC**
- 30 - Colorguard practice – 3:30 – 5:00

October

- 1 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 3 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 3 – Band Booster Meeting – 6:30 PM WMHS Band room
- 4 – **HOME FOOTBALL VS. TURNER ASHBY (HOMECOMING GAME)**
- 7 - Colorguard practice – 3:30 – 5:00
- 8 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 10 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 11 – **HOME FOOTBALL VS. RIVERHEADS (LITTLE LEAGUE NIGHT)**
- 12 – **COMPETITION DAY – HANOVER HAWK INVITATIONAL**
- 14 – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- 15 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 17 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 18 – **HOME FOOTBALL VS. STUARTS DRAFT (HALL OF FAME NIGHT)**
- 19 – **COMPETITION DAY – LOCATION TBD**
- 21 - Colorguard practice – 3:30 – 5:00
- 22 – After school rehearsal, dinner and **SHOWCASE OF BANDS AT BGHS**
- 24 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30
- 25 – **HOME FOOTBALL VS. BUFFALO GAP (SENIOR NIGHT)**
- 26 – **COMPETITION DAY – LOCATION TBD**
- 28 - Colorguard practice – 3:30 – 5:00
- 29 - After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 5:30

November

- 5 – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS – SCHOOL INSERVICE/ELECTION DAY
- 7 – Band Booster meeting – 6:30 PM
- 9 – **VETERAN’S DAY PARADE - 8:30 AM at Wilson**
- 18 – **Valley Honors Band Auditions – SDHS**
- 18 – After school rehearsal for Christmas parades– 3:30 – 4:30 (All band members)
- 19 – After school rehearsal for Christmas parades – 3:30 – 4:30 (All band members)
- 25 – **PARADE – STAUNTON CHRISTMAS PARADE, Be at Wilson 4:30**
- 30 – **PARADE – WAYNESBORO CHRISTMAS PARADE, Be at Wilson 4:30**

December

- 5 – Band Booster meeting – 6:30 PM
- 7 – **All District Band auditions @ Turner Ashby High School**
- ?? – **CHRISTMAS CONCERT – 7:00 PM (with WMS bands)**

18 – Early Dismissal for students

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20 – January 2 – **NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK**

Wilson Memorial High School Emerald Regiment Marching Band

Fee and Registration Form

Student Name _____

Parents Name(s) _____

Fees: **\$200.00**. Payment schedule: July 3 - \$75.00; August 2 - \$75.00; August 23 - \$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**. For families with multiple children in band, the fee structure is: **2nd child is \$150.00, 3rd child is \$125.00**

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}

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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)