



WHS 2008 BAND INFORMATION

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Dear Band Parents and Students,

We would like to take this moment and welcome all of the incoming freshman to the Spirit of Waxahachie Indian Band. We are extremely excited about all of the great talent that is coming into the high school band and we know that many of you can not wait to participate with one of the best high school marching bands in the state.

We have included lots of frequently asked questions with some answers. If you have any questions, concerns, and/or conflicts about any of the information contained in this packet please do not hesitate to call or email us at the high school. We are here to help make the transition to high school a smooth and enjoyable process for all of our band students.

WHS & Ninth Grade Academy Band Offerings

- Wind Ensemble (top band)-double blocked
- Symphonic Band (second band)
- Concert band (third band) Does not participate in UIL concert and sight reading contests.
- Jazz Band

1. All students enrolled in band are eligible and expected to participate in the fall marching band.
2. All of our band courses are single blocked at this present moment except for **Wind Ensemble** which will be double blocked for the 2008-09 school year.
3. Jazz band is offered to all students in the program and entrance is by audition only.

Band Placements and Auditions

- All students have been initially placed in one of the top three concert bands based on their performance to-date through this school year.
- Students in grades 8-11 will have the opportunity to improve their band placement the week of May 12 after all groups have participated at their UIL contests.
- The audition material will include but not be limited too:
 - 12 major scales full range of the instrument
 - Chromatic scale full range of the horn
 - A short prepared etude
 - Sight Reading
- Auditions will occur during class
- Students will have the opportunity to change their band placements during the fall with the all region band experience

Spring Camps and Auditions

- Will occur at the WHS band hall.
- Attendance is mandatory for selection into audition groups.
- Participation on the two mini marching sessions is to the advantage of the all of the incoming 8th graders.

WHS Marching Band Information

Marching Band Contest Show Positions

- There are a limited number of contest position for every section.
- Selection will be based on but not limited too:
 - Attendance and attitude at summer camps
 - Marching Fundamentals skills & Music Playing skills tests
 - Mastery of summer music packet (handed out before the end of school)
- Students not earning a contest selection will become an alternate and can challenge into the contest squad throughout the season
- All students not earning a contest position will practice with the band, and perform on Friday nights in a limited but professional manner
- The best talent will represent the WHS marching band at all contests, festivals, and performances including football games.

Marching Band at Football Games

- All students earning the uniform will participate at all football games
- The level of participation will vary depending on the assignments of individual responsibilities
- Students will earn a uniform by passing off certain elements before the end of summer band camp. (Required elements will be communicated at a later date)

Options for oboes and bassoon players

- We do not use oboes and bassoons on the marching band field .
- Play in the front percussion ensemble
- Spin a flag in the color guard
- Play a saxophone or another marching instrument
- Or , if we have a cymbal line they may participate in this.

4th of July Parade

- All band kids in grades 9-12 in town are expected to attend.
- 2 days of practice prior to parade
- WE may invite our JH band students to participate for the 1st time.



Band Hall Doors Open During Summer

- Between 7-12 & 1-5 Monday through Thursday.
- Private lessons will be going on during this time.

Summer Band Essentials

- Hats, sunscreen, light colored clothing
- 1 Gallon water container (each student needs their own)
- Pencils, 1 inch binder, about 25 sheet protectors for marching drill
- Flip folders-will be available to purchase at May uniform fitting
- Valve oil, 3-4 good reeds
- Breakfast and lunch-kids must eat to be in shape to do what we do
- Exercise-and lots of it-marching band is physical



Band Camps

- All camps are for every student in the program including all new 9th graders.
- Attendance and communicated absences are expected.
- Marching positions for the contest show will be assigned starting August 6, 2008.
- Students will be working outdoors during the morning sessions between 7-11am.
- Plenty of water will be provided however it is best for students to bring their own gallon container.



Marching Band Registration

WHS Band Hall

Saturday, June 7

- Students in grades 8-11 should come during their assigned times to get fitted for the marching uniform.
- All returning students will move through the process much quicker because they already have a uniform.
- It is important that you plan enough time to take care of all of the steps in the process.
- Make up day is scheduled for **August 4. Times TBA.**



Uniform Fitting Schedule (Students with a last name between A and F would come between 8 and 9:30)

- All students will get fitted for a marching uniform. Alterations will be made over the summer.
- All students will also take a picture in the uniform after being fitted.

8-9:30 am	A-F
9:30-11	G-H
11-12:30 pm	I-O
12:30-2 pm	P-Z
2:00-4:00 pm	Those that missed their times.



Shoe Fitting

- Only students new to the program or needing replacement marching shoes will be fitted.

Individual Photos



- All students will pose for individual photos. Picture packages will be available for purchase.
- These photos will be converted into posters and displayed around town at area businesses during the Fall marching season, so don't miss this opportunity! This is a Waxahachie tradition!

Band Fees Due



- Summer Band Fees are due by June 7th at registration.
- See attached schedule of fees and costs associated with being in band.
- **Students will not be issued a uniform in August until all fees are paid.**
- If you have any questions regarding these fees please contact Rich Armstrong, 972-923-4600 ext 527, ralarm@wisd.org.

Volunteer Signup

- All band parents are expected to work concessions for at least one football game. This may be either a Tuesday night game, a Wilson, or a Thursday or Friday night game at Lumpkins.
- We cannot operate without your assistance.
- Volunteer signup forms will be available at this time.
- Information will be available for all volunteer activities, including specific dates on when we will need concession stand workers and bus chaperones.



Band Forms

- Information, Handbook, Medical Release, UIL 8 hour rule, and others forms must be completed during the registration process. It is extremely important that we have these forms on file to allow your students to participate throughout the year.

Optional Accessories

- Parents will also be given the opportunity to order optional tote and garment bags for their students as well as purchase yard signs, monogrammed band shirts, hats and blankets.

WHS Marching Band Fees 2008-09

Fees Due by All Band Students.

Amount Required Items

- 15.00 Band T-Shirts (Pays for 2008 show shirt and a pep rally shirt)
- 15.00 Football Game Food
- 15.00 Activity Fee (Pays for master classes, clinicians, contest entry fees)
- 20.00 Uniform Maintenance & Repair Fee (Waived for Fall Color Guard Members)
- 65.00 Total Due by Wind Players and Percussionists (\$45.00 for Color Guard Members)**

Other Required Expenses/Purchases that May be Due by some students.

- 5.00 Flip Folder (*Hopefully a one time purchase*)
- 31.50 Marching Shoes (*Hopefully a one time purchase*)
- 5.00 Music Lyre (*Hopefully a one time purchase*)

Fall Color Guard

- \$50.00-100.00 Color Guard Uniform Fee-*will be due June 7th*
- 30.00-40.00 Color Guard Shoes-*Due June 7th*
- 80.00 Color Guard Warm-Up Suit (If needed) *Due June 7th*
- 15.00 Color Guard Shoes *Due June 7th*
- 20.00 Color Guard Flag/Rifle Bag (If Needed) *Due June 7th*

Optional Expenses/Purchases that May be Due by some students

- 75.00 Instrument Rental Fee-*School Owned Instruments Only*
Bass Clarinets, Oboes, Bassoons, Euphoniums, Tubas, Tenor & Bari saxophones, French horns, All Marching French horns, baritones & sousaphones
- 25.00 Percussion Instrument Usage Fee
- 35.00 Green WHS Band Logo Tote bag (*optional-not required*)
- 26.00 Green WHS Band Garment Bag (*a garment bag is required but this one is optional*)
Spring Winter Guard Uniform Fee (TBA) usually same as Fall Guard fee

Formal Concert Apparel Requirements

WHS provides all men with a tuxedo jacket, cummerbund, and bow tie.

- 25.00 Black Tuxedo Pants (*Men may use pants from previous years*)
- 20.00 White 1/4" Pleated Tuxedo Shirt (*Men may use pants from previous years*)
- ???? A Black formal dress for all women. (See hand book for women's formal wear specifications) This expense is determined by how much the individual wants to spend.

Items Purchased on Own

Brass-valve oil, slide grease, cup mute, straight mute, pencil, music binder, plastic sheet protectors, tuner

Woodwinds-3 extra working reeds, reed guard, swab, pencils, music binder, plastic sheet protectors, tuner

Percussion-Necessary mallets and sticks, mallet bag, pencils, music binder, plastic sheet protectors, metro-
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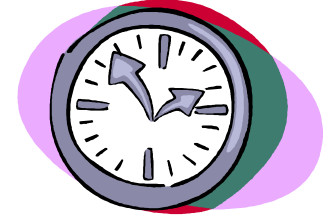
WHS 2008 MARCHING BAND FALL SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Before/After School Practice Schedule (Tentative)

This Schedule will start August 25, 2008.

Option A

- Monday 7-8 am
- Tuesday 6:30-8:30 pm (Stadium)
- Wednesday 7-8 am
- Thursday 4:15-6:15 pm
- Friday 7-8 am (stadium)



Football and Fall Marching Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Other Info</u>
• TBA	Ice Cream Social	Stadium	TBA	
• Aug. 29	Everman	Everman	7:30 pm	
• Sept. 5	West Mesquite	Home	7:30 pm	
• Sept. 12	Open			
• Sept. 19	Lancaster	Home	7:30 pm	
• Sept. 26	Midlothian	Midlothian	7:30 pm	
• Oct. 3	Ennis	Home	7:30 pm	
• Oct. 4	Marching Contest	TBA	TBA	
• Oct. 10	Waco High	Waco	7:30 pm	
• Oct. 11	UIL Marching	Midlothian	TBA	
• Oct. 17	University	Waco	7:30 pm	
• Oct. 18	Marching Contest	TBA	TBA	
• Oct. 24	Cleburne	Home	7:30 pm	Homecoming
• Oct. 31	Corsicana	Corsicana	7:30 pm	
• Nov. 2	Marching Contest	TBA	TBA	
• Nov. 7	Midway	Home	7:30 pm	
• Nov. 14	Playoff	TBA		

WHS 2008 BAND SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE AS OF MAY 8)

A Day Schedule

- A1-Conference
- A2-Concert Band
- A3-Turner/JH Travel
- A4-Wind Ensemble

B Day Schedule

- A1-Symphonic Band
- A2-JH Travel
- A3-Conference
- A4-Wind Ensemble

POSSIBLE ZERO AND 9TH HOUR CLASSES

- 9th Hour 3:45-4:30 (Possible Concert or Jazz Band)

2008 BAND CLASS REQUIREMENTS

Wind Ensemble

- Tryout for All Region Band
- Play a solo and an ensemble at UIL Solo and Ensemble
- 9 weeks objective tests using Smartmusic Assessments
- Weekly region band master classes between Sept. 1-Dec. 3
- Weekly UIL music sectionals between Jan.-April
- Weekly 15 minute Listeners between Jan.-April
- Expected to participate in private lesson program
- Expected to participate in all performances in state and out of state

Symphonic Band

- Play a solo and/or an ensemble at UIL Solo and Ensemble
- 9 weeks objective tests using Smartmusic Assessments
- Weekly marching band/region master classes between Sept. 1-Nov. 3
- Weekly UIL music sectionals between Jan.-April
- Weekly 15 minute Listeners between Jan.-April
- Expected to participate in private lesson program
- Expected to participate in all performances in state and out of state

Concert Band-*non competing band*

- Play a solo and/or an ensemble at UIL Solo and Ensemble
- 9 weeks objective tests using Smartmusic Assessments
- Weekly marching band master classes between Sept. 1-Nov. 5
- Weekly UIL music sectionals between Jan.-April
- Encouraged to participate in private lesson program