

WHRHS BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION LETTER

Dear Band Parents,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 Marching Band season!

We would like to invite you to our Band Informational Meeting and Music Run through on Tuesday, June 13th at 7pm at WHRHS Band Room. Students can bring their instruments and play this years show music. They can meet current band members and learn all about Marching Band. Parents will meet with current band parents for an informational meeting. This night is not be missed. If you are on the fence, try to attend.

To register for Marching Band, Please take a moment to fill out the required forms neatly. We need to receive the Registration Form, the Accessory order form for either Instrumentalist or Color Guard, the Uniform Contract signed by both the student and parent/guardian, and the Code of Conduct signed by both the student and parent/guardian. The deadline for registration is June 14, 2017. Forms and registration fees can be given to Mr. McCullen or mailed to: Joelle Strona, 49 Fawn Ridge Dr, Millington, NJ 07946).

New this year, all Marching Warriors must have physicals on file in order to participate. Please go to: <http://www.whrhs.org/domain/231> for specific dates and instruction. Sophomores through Seniors must have all physical paperwork in and online consents (available NOW!) in by June 12. Freshmen have until Aug. 2 for physical paperwork and online consents will be available on July 6th.

Please consider volunteering in some capacity during the year. The list of help we need can be found in this package. The Marching Band NEEDS YOU to insure things run smoothly throughout the year! It's also a great way to meet people and really absorb the Marching Band experience! Please don't be afraid to volunteer for Uniform Fitting! It's very simple and a wonderful introduction to the Marching Band Family. We will guide you every step of the way! We need help right away at Band Camp, so if Uniform Fitting isn't your thing, how about helping out with the Bagel Delivery or help with Senior night or Competetion bagged lunches?

Mark your calendar now with these key dates! The first day of Band Camp is Monday August 21th and will run for two weeks ending on Thursday, August 31th from 7:30am to 5pm. During that time, we will hold our first Band Parents Association meeting to provide you with everything you need to know for the season! We hope to host a special sneak-peek field show Tentatively scheduled on Thursday August 31th at approximately 5pm.. You won't want to miss it! More detailed information on this will come later.

Although Band Camp doesn't *officially* begin until 8am each day, the Drum Majors would like the Band to have breakfast together at 7:30am. Bagels and water are served August 21 through August 30, compliments of the Band Parents Association. Don't forget to bring lunch and plenty of WATER! We suggest packing it in a small cooler to keep it cold, as there are no refrigerators available at school.

We will be competing in four competitions for the 2017 season: Somerville on October 7, Yamaha Cup (in Metlife Stadium!) on October 14, Ridge on October 21, and Nationals in Allentown PA on November 4. These are mandatory, so Please mark these dates on your calendar. Any conflicts should be discussed with the Director well in advance. Each member plays an essential role and is needed to make the band successful.

Please note that we have asked for cell phone numbers. Rest assured we will not abuse any of these numbers and will only be using these numbers for emergencies or when information needs to get to you as quickly as possible. The majority of communications will be by our Facebook page. Parents and students are encouraged to join our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WHRHSMW2017/>) this is a closed, secure group, monitored by parents. We will occasionally email, so please check your email regularly and make sure WHRHS Marching Band emails are not going to spam. Please note that any information is subject to change. We will update you of any changes as soon as possible. Any questions you have (and we expect you to have some!) can be directed to us anytime.

Enjoy your summer and we'll see you in August!

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**2017 BAND CAMP REGISTRATON FORM
August 21-31, 2017**

PLEASE RETURN FORM AND REGISTRATION DUES TO:

**JOELLE STRONA
49 FAWN RIDGE DR,
MILLINGTON NJ 07946**

or return to Mr. McCullen in band room

BY JUNE 14!!!

NO EXCEPTIONS!! Questions? Email: mjstrona@verizon.net

Please print clearly

Student Name _____
Last First M.I.

Parent/Guardian Names _____

Address _____
Street
Town State Zip

Phone Numbers:

Cell Mom: _____ INSTRUMENT _____
Cell Dad: _____ COLOR GUARD _____
Cell Student: _____ GRADE: 9 10 11 12 (circle one)
Home Phone: _____ THIS IS MY: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Yr. Of Marching Band (circle one)

Parent/Guardian Email: 1. _____ 2. _____
all parent related emails will be sent to this address. Please join our facebook page for the most up to date info.

Student's Email _____
Please note that all personal information shall be kept confidential and will not be distributed for any reason without your consent!!

STUDENT TSHIRT SIZE (ADULT SIZES) _____ (*Dues include one t shirt AND one polo shirt*)
Additional T and Polo shirts are available for purchase at \$10 each. Great for a spare or for parents.

Size: _____ Number: _____ Additional Tshirts @ \$10.00/each \$ _____ enclosed
Size: _____ Number: _____ Additional Polo shirts @ \$15.00/each \$ _____ enclosed

Band Parent Association Dues: Please make check payable to WHRHS Band Parents Assn. If you have any financial concerns, please see Band Parent Leadership. No one will be excluded from Marching Band due to cost. \$150.00 first child/ \$100.00 each additional child. Please pay by check for accounting purposes.

For office use only: Check# _____ Rec'd by _____ Date: _____
Misc: _____

2017-2018
Marching Band Code of Conduct

ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE EXEMPLARY MEMBERS OF THE WARRIOR MARCHING BAND. STUDENTS SHOULD BE HARD-WORKING, DEDICATED, LOYAL, ENTHUSIASTIC AND WORK IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY AFFECT THE STUDENT'S PARTICIPATION IN ALL MARCHING BAND ACTIVITIES. (case by case).

IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO BE PREPARED AND KNOW WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THEM DURING THE FIELD PERFORMANCE. IT IS THE ADVISOR'S DECISION WHETHER A STUDENT IS PREPARED TO TAKE THE FIELD DURING SHOW/COMPETITION BASED ON THE STUDENT'S LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE DURING PRACTICES AS WELL AS HIS/HER ATTENDANCE AT PRACTICES.

In addition:

School rules apply at all functions (practices, buses, games, etc).

- ❖ No smoking/illegal substances. (Consequences found in student handbook)
- ❖ Respect for other's property
- ❖ Respect for peers and opponents

Hazing is unacceptable.

Must have acceptable overall academic achievement to participate (case by case).

Practices are **MANDATORY**. If you miss practices for the week, you will sit out the event (case by case).

- ❖ **ALL INSTRUMENTALISTS MUST BE ABLE TO READ MUSIC!!**
- ❖ After school practices begin at 2:30 unless stated otherwise. Be prepared and on time.
- ❖ Attendance will be taken at all practices.
- ❖ If you are going to miss a practice, inform a director or student leader in advance.

Buses:

- ❖ Ride only the bus to which you were assigned.
- ❖ Buses are to be quiet during roll call and instructions.
- ❖ **If not returning to school on the bus, ATHLETIC TRAVEL RELEASES MUST BE ADHERED TO!! NO EXCEPTIONS!! Students/parents must fill these out properly and timely if not returning back to school via bus.**

ATHLETIC TRAVEL RELEASES CAN BE FOUND ON HIGH SCHOOL'S WEBSITE:

www.whrhs.org, Athletics tab, Athletic Department Forms

While at events (games, festivals), uniforms (or designated attire for that day, ie, raincoats, band t-shirts) are to be worn properly at all times.

Football Games:

- ❖ Band Members must ask before leaving the group during the first, second and fourth quarters. Third quarter is free time. Band Members must be back in their seats by the beginning of the fourth quarter. Band Members must always travel with a buddy. Exemplary behavior is expected at all times.
- ❖ Band Members must sit with their section in the bleachers.
- ❖ The Band Section of the bleachers is for the BAND only. Spectators are to sit elsewhere.

PLEASE NOTE THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED SIGNED BY BOTH THE STUDENT AND PARENT IN ORDER TO MARCH WITH THE BAND. NO FORM = NO PERFORMING.

By signing below, I understand and agree to follow the Code of Conduct listed above.

Student Name (Printed): _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Watchung Hills Regional High School Marching Band
 Uniform Contract 2017-2018
FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN/NEW MEMBERS

NOTE: This contract is for incoming freshman/new members only. For returning students, last year's contract will be reused for the new season. Graduating or non-returning students must hand in uniforms (DRY CLEANED) by June 8th, or fees will be assessed (equal to the replacement of the item approximately \$650, subject to change).

Students Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent or Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent Cell# _____ Parent Email: _____

Student Cell# _____ Student Email: _____

Address: _____ Town: _____ Zip: _____

The band uniform listed below is on loan to the above named student and parent/guardian(s), beginning August 2017. This contract will remain in effect every year during the student's participation in the band program. Any size exchanges issued to the student are included in this contract. The uniform is property of the high school.

I agree to see that the Uniform loaned to my child is properly cared for and returned as required. In case of loss or damage to the Uniform while loaned to my child, I further agree to pay for the repair and/or replacement of the Uniform. Entire Uniform replacement value is approximately **\$650**. You will be charged this amount if damaged or not returned. No permanent alterations of any kind can be made to the uniforms.

I fully understand and agree to the terms of this loan agreement

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Students Signature: _____ Date: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

<u>Grade:</u>	<u>Jacket:</u>	<u>Pants:</u>	<u>Hat:</u>	<u>Colorguard:</u>	<u>Raincoat:</u>
FR					
SO					
JR					
SR					

Note: Hats will be distributed in a hat box and all students will receive a garment bag.

**2017-2018 MARCHING WARRIORS
INSTRUMENTALIST ACCESSORY ORDER FORM**

Student Name: _____
Grade: _____
Student email: _____ Parent email: _____
Student cell: _____ Parent cell: _____

Accessory Items:

1. Shoes: \$35.00 Size _____

(Please Note: Shoes run true to size. Last year's experience taught us they ran a bit small, so if unsure, order ½ size larger. For example if you are normally an 8 or 8 ½ order an 8 ½. Take socks into account.) Black trouser socks are to be worn under uniforms. If shoes fit from last year, do not feel pressured to buy new. It's up to you, you can polish them. if you have any financial concerns, please see Band Parent Leadership.

2. Black Gloves: \$3.00/pair (we suggest a pair and a spare) -
Drummers and Pit Members do not need gloves!!!
of pairs _____ X 3.00\$ PER PAIR = _____

Total enclosed for shoes and gloves: \$ _____

Please write separate checks for registration and accessories if possible.
Please make check payable to *WHRHS Band Parents Assn.*

For office use only

Checks Please for Accounting Purposes: Thank You!

Check # _____ Rec'd By: _____ Date: _____

2017-2018 MARCHING WARRIOR COLOR GUARD ACCESSORY ORDER FORM

Student Name: _____
Grade: _____
Email: _____ Parent email: _____
Cell: _____ Parent Cell: _____

Accessory Items:

Please note shoes run true to size. Last year's experience taught us they ran a bit small. If unsure order the ½ size larger. For example, if you are normally and 8 or 8 ½, order an 8 ½. . Trouser socks are to be worn under all Color Guard Uniforms. If shoes fit from last year, do not feel pressured to buy new. It's up to you, you can certainly polish them. There may be minor additional purchases as uniforms are finalized. Hair ties/ earrings, etc. If you have any financial concerns, please see Band Parent Leadership

Shoes: \$35.00/pair Size _____

Black Leather Gloves \$18.00/pair
Number of Pair _____ x 18\$ = _____

Total Enclosed for shoes and gloves: \$ _____

Please write separate checks for registration and accessories if possible.
Please make check payable to *WHRHS Band Parents Assn.*

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Checks Please for Accounting Purposes: Thank You!

Check # _____ Rec'd By: _____ Date: _____

**2017/2018 MARCHING WARRIORS
BAND PARENTS VOLUNTEER SIGN UP FORM**

Student's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Email: _____

cell: _____

Home: _____

Band Camp: 8/21-8/25 and 8/28 to 8/31

_____ General Volunteer: Parents are needed during the day, which runs from 7:30am-5pm. Set up, clean up, water jug filling, all around help needed. You can list your available dates/times:

_____ Uniform fitting and distribution. Further information on dates and times to follow.

_____ Photographer/Videographer to take pictures during Band Camp.

_____ Bagel, cream cheese and butter pickup in the morning (bagels need to arrive no later than 7:30 am)
Everything is pre ordered. You are reimbursed for the purchase.

_____ Help with Pizza Dinner on Thursday 8/31.

_____ Help chaperone evening events during band camp.

Marching Band Season:

_____ Pit Crew: Load and unload instruments and gear onto the truck and to and from the field for away games. Move equipment to and from the field for home games. Need to be available Fridays at 5pm or later. (if you can't do it every game, or be there right on time, no problem just let us know). We also need pit crew for Saturday competitions. Times vary. Again, our seasoned veterans will show you the ropes!! This is a very fun crew! You will be glad you joined.

_____ Hospitality: Food Table. Transport donated food items to the field for home games. Supervise the food table during the 3rd quarter. Return supplies to Band Room following the game.

_____ Hot Chocolate. On cold nights, Make and deliver hot chocolate to games. All items Provided by the Band Parents Assn. This comes with instructions!!

_____ Water Jugs. Come early and fill water jugs and help deliver to field.

_____ Bagged lunches. Help with the ordering and assembling of bagged lunches for competitions.

Webmaster:

_____ Maintain Marching Band website and update as needed.

Spirit wear-

_____ Help Coordinate and distribute the selection and ordering of fun spirit wear for the Marching Warriors.

Name: _____

Photographers:

_____ Photographers/videographers are needed at games and festivals to capture the Marching Band season for us!! Pictures are submitted to Shutterfly

Senior Scrapbooks:

_____ Create and Assemble senior scrapbooks using shutterfly to be presented to our seniors At the Band Banquet.

Senior Night:

_____ Coordinate decorations, balloons, corsages/boutonneres, flowers, photographs with parents, etc. to honor our Senior Marching Warriors.

Fundraising Committee:

_____ Research, plan and execute fundraisers. Small to large in scope. Work with school Administration to obtain approval of fundraisers.

Color Guard:

_____ Maintain flags and uniforms and provide support as needed.

Banquet: 11/28/17. Primavera, Stirling.

_____ Design, create and print program

_____ Reservations. Assist Chairperson and Help Collect and tally payments. Work check in table before event.

_____ Assist with ordering and organizing Grade Level gifts for students

Winter/Spring Band Dance:

_____ Coordinate date for February dance with Senior Center, Hire DJ, Arrive early to set up Room, Coordinate food and chaperones.

_____ Chaperone that evening.

_____ Set up and/or clean up.

Band Parents Association:

_____ I would be interested in serving on the Executive Board of the BPA. This is a great way to meet other parents, get involved, and help our Marching Warriors.

Miscellaneous:

_____ Please contact me with any need. I have the following talents and skills that I can contribute:

THE BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION WILL WELCOME ANY DONATIONS OF PAPER PRODUCTS (PAPER PLATES, NAPKINS, CUPS, PAPER TOWELS, ETC), LYSOL WIPES, AND CASES OF WATER TO HELP GET US THROUGH BAND CAMP AND BAND SEASON!!

2017-2018 WHRHS Marching Warriors Performance Schedule:

Football Schedule: (Subject to change)

- Friday, 9/8 7pm: Home vs. Union
- Friday 9/15 7pm: Home vs. Elizabeth
- Friday 9/22 7pm at North Hunterdon
- Thursday 9/28 4 pm at Westfield
- Friday 10/6 7pm Home vs. Phillipsburg
- Saturday 10/14 1pm at Plainfield
 - Friday 10/20 7 pm at Linden
- Friday 10/27 7pm Home vs. Hunterdon Central
 - Friday 11/3 7pm at Ridge

Competitions:

(Times are announced close to the date. But mark your calendar for the entire day as we usually practice before.)

- Somerville 10/7
- Yamaha Cup Metlife 10/14
 - Ridge 10/21
- Nationals Allentown PA 11/4

A LETTER FROM YOUR DRUM MAJORS 2017-2018 Marching Band Season

Hello New, Returning, and Potential Bandos!!

Welcome to the new/returning members of our Marching Band Family, (and when we say Marching Band, we ALWAYS mean Instrumentalists *and* Color Guard). Band Camp and the Marching Band Season will be here before you know it! We are very excited to announce that our field show this year has a patriotic theme and includes great music such as American Salute and Hoedown! We will also have plenty of old favorites and new tunes for football games!

Our first run through of the music will be at our 8th grade read-through and parent meet and greet on Tuesday, June 13 at 7 pm. Students will meet in the band room while parents will meet in the adjoining room with the band parent leadership to answer any questions concerning the band. This is a great opportunity for new members to get a better understanding about the program and it is also a lot of fun! It is highly recommended that you attend, and that includes 8th graders who are still on the fence about joining. There you will learn what it means to be a Marching Warrior.

Band Camp is scheduled to be held at the high school during the last two weeks of August. Week one will be Monday, August 21 to Friday, August 25, and week two will be Monday, August 28 to Thursday, August 31. Each morning, we will start our day with complimentary bagels and juice/water breakfast at 7:30AM, and we will end at 5:00PM. Please really try to make it by 7:30am because we will be discussing the schedule and our goals for the day as well as continue bonding as a Band! IT IS MANDATORY you come to band camp because this is when we learn all of the basics, drill and music for the season. If you have any conflicts during these dates, it is vital to let us know now instead of later so we can work with you. If at all possible avoid any vacation plans during this time because of how important band camp is. Band camp is also a fantastic opportunity to get to know your fellow bandos, and we will have social events in the evenings to have fun and bond as a band. Our sneak-peek performance for family and friends is Thursday, August 31, the last day of Band Camp, at approximately 5 PM. Your parents and other family members are invited to get a preview of our new show!! This is a really great opportunity for all of our friends and family to come out and see how our hard worked paid off these two weeks.

We will be competing in four competitions for the 2017 season: Somerville on October 7, Yamaha Cup (in Metlife Stadium!) on October 14, Ridge on October 21, and Nationals in Allentown PA on November 4. Please mark these dates on your calendar now because it is extremely important that everyone attends each competition. Each member plays an essential role and is needed to make the band successful.

Please be advised that Marching Band participants will be required to have an up to date physical for the coming season. Please see the athletics webpage on the school website for information on requirements and due dates: whrhs.org/Page/4802.

Being a part of this organization very well may be the most memorable and exciting part of your high school career. This band is really something special. Over the past few years we have made immense progress, and we are excited to continue our forward momentum in the coming season. All of our improvements depend upon each individual student and the hard work we all put in together. Being a Marching Warrior means you are willing to work hard, eager to learn, and dedicated to the band and achieving our goals. You should feel proud and excited to be a part of this group of outstanding individuals. We most certainly are! We are also far more than just a band-- we're a family. We do everything together as a team, including playing at football games, competing in competitions, marching in parades, and even socializing. We have traditions such as going to the diner after footballs games, which is a lot of fun. During all the time we spend together you will be able to form great friendships and become close with many wonderful people. Since band camp is held before school starts, new members can walk in on the first day of school feeling safe and welcomed because you will already have made 100+ friends. New members will also learn that the band room is a safe space and a home where you can always find acceptance, whether during rehearsal, in the mornings, at lunch, after school, etc.

Registration packets will be coming out soon! Parents and students are encouraged to join our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WHRHSMW2017/>), and once students have their high school accounts set up you should join our Google Classroom (code: qj5yv6). Be sure to check your email for lots of important information that will soon be coming your way. During the season, it will be the student's responsibility to stay informed using the various resources provided. That being said, we cannot stress enough how important it is to ask any questions that pop into your head. Please email/text/call/Facebook message us with any questions/concerns. We know you have some, so don't be shy! We'd love to hear from you and answer any questions you may have about Marching Band (NO question is a bad question!). You can also take a look at the Band Parents Website, which is www.whrhsmarchingband.org, for information.

If you are on the fence about joining your first year and want to wait... DON'T! Every year we get on average 5-8 new high school members joining in their sophomore, junior or even senior year. They all say how much they wish they started in their first year and how it was a mistake that they didn't. We already have so many great memories from Marching Band, and we can't wait for you to be a part of them too!

We are so excited for the coming season and cannot wait to see you all at band camp!!!

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A LETTER FROM YOUR COLOR GUARD LEADERSHIP

Hello all those interested in Dance and Showmanship!! Welcome to the Warrior Marching Band Family!! Marching band always includes Instrumentalists AND Color Guard. ColorGuard adds visual distinction to the field show!!

Band Camp is Monday through Friday the weeks of August 15th and August 22nd. The day starts with a complimentary bagel breakfast at 7:30 am and ends at 5. Try to be there for the breakfast as it pulls everyone together to discuss a topic of the day! Band camp concludes on Friday, August 26th when we will perform a sneak peak performance to friends and family.

Color guard performs at all times with the Instrumentalists at football games, festivals, competitions and parades.

Our Color Guard will result in lasting friendships. We work hard, and have fun at the same time.

Plan on bringing the following to Band Camp:

- **Lunch**
- **Good athletic shoes, no flip flops or sandals**
- **Plenty of Sunscreen**
- **An abundance of cold water-freeze one overnight so it melts and is cool for the afternoon**
- **Sunglasses**
- **Your Energy, Excitement and Enthusiasm**

Please text/call with any questions/concerns (we know you have some!).

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