

WBHS Band Newsletter

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Goodbye from Mr. Dittmer

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all of the students and parents who are part of WBHS Band “family”. It has been a rewarding 25 years of music making and my career at WBHS has left me greatly enriched. I can only hope that I have had a similar positive impact on my students. My fervent desire is for everyone to keep supporting this great program, Leah Duckert, and the new teacher who will come onboard sometime this summer. Again, many thanks and please keep in touch in the future!

Band Awards Celebration

The Band Awards Celebration will occur on Tuesday, May 17th. Please bring a dozen cookies or bars to share (you can drop them off at the East Cafeteria that evening when you arrive). Additionally, beverages including coffee, milk and soda will be available for purchase. Please come and help us recognize our outstanding young musicians for a great year of musical accomplishment! PULSE will provide entertainment before the program begins so come early and groove to some great jazz!

Band Festival and Capitol Performance

The WBHS Bands will have a busy day on Thursday, May 12th. The Symphonic Band will make their annual visit to the State Capitol where they will present a noontime concert in the rotunda. Concert black and white should be worn to school that day and each student should bring money for lunch. At the same time, the Wind Ensemble will be boarding buses for Lomira for their participation in district band festival. Those students should also wear concert black and white to school and bring money for lunch.

Required Spring Parades/Voluntary Summer Parades

Required spring parades are coming up for the Marching Band – the Memorial Day Parade and Service on Monday, May 30th and the Newburg Parade on Sunday, June 5th. Summer voluntary parades include the Jackson Parade on June 12th and the Independence Day parade on July 4th. Students will get specific timelines for those events in the advance. Concert Band members are encouraged to participate in the Jackson and Independence Day parades!

Dixieland Band and Pulse – Farmer’s Market

The WBHS Dixieland Band and PULSE will perform at the West Bend Farmer’s Market on Saturday morning, June 4th. Silverbrook and Badger Jazz Ensembles will be starting the program that morning. Please come and support our district jazz programs!

August Marching Band Clinic

The August Marching Band Clinic will be four evenings again this year: August 8, 15, 22, and 29th. The marching band clinic is a **required** activity for all upperclassmen band members for next year’s grades 10-12. The fee for this year is \$5.00 and payable the first evening of the clinic. Please retain the enclosed schedule for your reference.

Italy Tour

The WBHS Band recently returned from a successful Italy tour highlighting the art and culture of the Tuscany region and Rome. It was an amazing action-packed days of tours, performances and memorable experiences. We are very proud of our students’ great behavior and proud of their awesome performances. Thanks again for making this life-affirming experience happen and keep supporting the band travel program in the future!

Upcoming Activities

Mon., May 30 th	Memorial Day Parade and Service (Marching Band)	8:15a.m. report time
Saturday, June 4 th	Dixie and PULSE at Farmer’s Market	Morning
Sunday, June 5 th	Newburg Parade	11:00a.m. report time
Friday, June 10 th	West Graduation – Grad Band Performs	7:30p.m.
Sunday, June 12 th	Jackson Parade	10:15a.m. report time
Monday, July 4 th	Independence Day Parade	8:15a.m. report time