

April 20, 2017

***Warren Township High School Bands*** Marching Blue Devils

 Symphonic Bands Concert Bands

Jazz Ensemble Jazz Lab

 Pep Bands

The Marching Blue Devils provides a means for uniting all members of the Warren Band Program from the 9th through 12th Grades. The primary focus of the Marching Blue Devils is to perform and entertain at football games, parades, and our Fill-the-Drum Showcase of Bands in September.

**MARCHING BLUE DEVILS BAND CAMP 2017**

Our annual summer band camp will take place **July 31st through August 4th** (Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm each day) at the O’Plaine Road campus.We will be learning our 2017 marching band halftime program for the season.Students will be placed in a particular drill spot and receive high quality instruction by an experienced staff. We are very excited about our upcoming marching band program.

**Please clear your calendar for this critical week & submit registration ONLINE no later than May 31st**in order for us to begin drill design and start preparations for camp. It takes many hours to design and plot a halftime show for 290+ members. To ensure accurate drill spot placement, organized staff, and the availability of necessary supplies and equipment, we need everyone’s commitment.

The online registration will allow you to pay using a credit card or online bank account. Instructions for online registration are included in this packet. If you prefer to pay by paper check or cash you must complete the ONLINE registration form FIRST and then pay IN PERSON at the Warren Business Office.This year’s band camp fee remains at $135.

**New for this year:**

This season, we will be forming an additional, separate competition marching band that is comprised of members of the two Symphonic Bands, along with some Juniors and Seniors from the Almond Concert Band who have an interest in participating.

This group, called the **Blue Devil Competition Band**, will prepare an expanded show, based on the halftime show presented by the Marching Blue Devils, and will practice each day 8th period at the Almond campus, on Wednesday nights in the fall and attend 4 contests.

***TO BE CLEAR, ALL MEMBERS OF ALL CONCERT AND SYMPHONIC BANDS ARE COMBINED TO LEARN A HALFTIME SHOW AT BAND CAMP, WHICH WILL BE PERFORMED AT ALL HOME GAMES AND THE FILL-THE-DRUM SHOWCASE. THE HALFTIME SHOW WILL INCLUDE A PORTION OF THE COMPETITION ROUTINE FOLLOWED BY A POP/ROCK SONG. ALL BAND MEMBERS WILL ALSO PERFORM TOGETHER AT GURNEE DAYS PARADE AND THE HOMECOMING PARADE.***

\*Please note the two different marching band calendars on page 3 of this mailing

**Marching Band Camp 2017 – registration and payment**

Please complete the following at your earliest convenience so that we can get all the students registered as quickly as possible and move forward with drill design and instrumentation.

1. Register for summer band camp (see enclosed registration information) – **you must register ONLINE.**
2. Your email from registration will be added to our Band Booster mailing list (parents/guardians).

3. Visit the Warren Events calendar. Select all “Band” groups for notifications of event scheduling & changes.

**BAND CAMP DAILY SCHEDULE**

Be on the field, ready to rehearse by 9:00 am.

Lunch break will be from 12:30 to 1:45 each day. Bring a lunch cooler or make plans to go out

Dismissal at 5:00pm.

Learn basic marching and guard, Learn and memorize halftime drill and music

Learn and memorize parade music and routine, Learn and memorize school song,

Learn pop songs and routines

**THINGS NEEDED FOR BAND CAMP**

Music Guard choreography memorized Hat & sunglasses

Gym shoes (NO SANDALS) Sunscreen (skin & lips) Instrument

Cooler / Drinks Lunch or $$$ (transportation for lunch is not provided)

**The band will march in the Gurnee Days Parade on Sunday, Aug. 13 (10:00-1:00).**

*Thank you for your effort in supporting the award-winning* ***Marching Blue Devils!***

**Mr. Jenkins – Director**

**Mr. Gros – Asst. Director Mr. Tribley – Asst. Director**

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Some sections will have additional practices during the summer (drum line, color guard, etc.)

\*Dates in BLACK pertain to ALL members

\*Dates in BLUE pertain to competition members only

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| **JUNE SCHEDULE** |
| June 14 (Wed) 6:00pm – 9:00pm | Competition Band rehearsal at O’Plaine Campus – (Competition Band only) |
| June 21 (Wed) 6:00pm – 9:00pm | Competition Band rehearsal at O’Plaine Campus |
| **JULY SCHEDULE** |
| July 19 (Wed) 6:00pm – 9:00pm | Competition Band rehearsal at O’Plaine Campus  |
| July 26 (Wed) 6:00pm – 9:00pm | Competition Band rehearsal at O’Plaine Campus  |
| **AUGUST SCHEDULE** |
| **July 31- Aug 4 (Mon-Fri) 9 am – 5:00pm** | **Band Camp at O’Plaine Campus – All Band members** |
| **August 1 (Tue) 5:00pm – 6:00pm** | **Uniform fittings - O’Plaine Gym – ##Competition Band students ONLY##** |
| **August 1 (Tue) 6:00pm – 7:30pm** | **Uniform fittings - O’Plaine Gym – All Returning students\*** |
| **August 2 (Wed) 5:00pm – 7:30pm** | **Uniform fittings - O’Plaine Gym – Remaining students\*** |
| **August 3 (Thu) 6:30pm** | **Band Booster meeting (new parents)** |
| **August 3 (Thu) 7:00pm** | **Band Booster meeting (all parents)** |
| **August 13 (Sun) 10:00am-1:00pm** | **Gurnee Days Parade – meet at O’Plaine – All Band members** |
| August 16 (Wed) 6:00pm – 9:00pm | Competition Band rehearsal at O’Plaine stadium  |
| August 23 (Wed) 6:00pm – 9:00pm | Competition Band rehearsal at O’Plaine stadium |
| August 30 (Wed) 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm | Competition Band rehearsal at O’Plaine stadium |
| **SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE** |
| **September 1 (Fri) 5:30pm – 10:00pm** | **Varsity football halftime performance – All band members** |
| September 6 (Wed) 6:00pm – 9:00pm | Competition Band rehearsal at O’Plaine stadium  |
| **September 8 (Fri) 6:00pm – 10:00pm** | **Varsity football halftime performance – All band members** |
| **September 10 (SUNDAY) -afternoon** | **Marching Knights Contest – Grayslake, IL – Competition Band only (afternoon)** |
| **September 13 (Wed) 7:00pm** | **Fill-the-Drum/Senior Recognition Night – All band members** |
| September 20 (Wed) 6:00 – 9:00 PM | Competition Band rehearsal at O’Plaine stadium |
| **September 22 (Fri) 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm** | **Varsity football halftime performance – All band members** |
| **September 23 (Sat) afternoon & eve** | **Chicagoland Contest – Wheeling HS – Competition Band only (afternoon and evening)** |
| September 27 (Wed) 6:00 – 9:00 pm | Competition Band rehearsal at O’Plaine stadium |
| **September 30 (Sat) afternoon & eve** | **NIU Black & Red Classic Contest – Dekalb – Competition Band only (afternoon and evening)** |
| **OCTOBER SCHEDULE** |
| **October 6 (Fri) 6:00pm - 10:00pm** | **Varsity football halftime performance (Homecoming) – All band members** |
| ***October 2 OR 3 evening*** | ***Competition Band rehearsal at O’Plaine stadium*** |
| **October 7 (Sat) AM** | **Homecoming Parade – All band members** |
| October 11 (Wed) 6:00pm – 9:00pm | Competition Band rehearsal at O’Plaine stadium – Comp Band only |
| **October 14 (Sat) all day** | **Downers Grove South Music Bowl Contest (all day and evening) – Comp Band only** |
| **Saturday, October 28th 9 AM – 3 PM = CRAFT FAIR AT WTHS – ALMOND CAMPUS** |

Warren Township High School Band Boosters

Parents committed to helping every student achieve success in the WTHS Band program by supporting the program and its directors through fundraising and volunteer efforts.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT UNIFORM FITTINGS**

SAVE THE DATES!

Tuesday, August 1 – RETURNING MEMBERS Wednesday, August 2 – NEW STUDENTS

5:00pm-7:30pm, O’Plaine Gymnasium

*\*\*if you have a conflict you may go the opposite night\*\**

Below are the costs associated with the uniform fitting date (please bring a check to the fitting)

Marching T-shirts, shorts, gloves and shoes will be available to purchase. **These are required items for every band student unless noted below. If you are a returning student and you already have any of these items please be sure to locate them and check their condition BEFORE coming to the uniform fitting** so that you will be ready to purchase replacements if necessary:

$10 for the Warren Band T-shirt.

$10 for the Warren Band shorts.

$3 for black socks (guard does not need this).

$3 for white gloves (percussion and guard do not need these).

**$25** for the required fall marching shoe (guard will purchase different footwear).

$15 for marching band uniform cleaning fee.

Please bring one check for all the items that pertain to you. Credit cards are accepted.

You will also have the opportunity to purchase a $10.00 family membership to the Warren Band Boosters. You’ll receive a car window sticker, be added to our mailing list, and have voting privileges in the booster meetings. More importantly your membership fee goes directly to support the band program.

The Warren Band t-shirt and shorts are required for all students to be worn at the Gurnee Days Parade performance, and then will be worn under your marching uniform at all marching season events.

Thank You,

Warren Band Boosters – Uniform Committee