



MARCHING BAND 101
2022-23 SEASON

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BAND OVERVIEW

Band shows have become an athletic art form. Competitive marching band shows are musical productions comprised of a central or connecting theme, elements of modern movement or dance, elaborate props, and often incredibly demanding music and drill (drill = march routines).

Well-coordinated productions use the three main elements of the band (Brass/Winds, Percussion and Color Guard) equally to portray a main theme or idea. It is not unusual for members of the wind and percussion sections to be featured during portions of the production, performing solos or elements of modern dance.

The Color Guard has taken an increasingly more extensive role, often making multiple costume changes during a production. In addition to flags spun throughout the production, “weapons” are often utilized, a link to the past military traditions. Rifles, sabers, or other modern “props” have been used to help convey the central theme.

Walled Lake participates in marching band competitions within Michigan as a member of **Michigan Competing Band Association (MCBA)** and is categorized as a Flight 1 school based on student enrollment. **Bands of America (BOA)** hosts the regional and national competitions in which we compete against marching bands from outside the state of Michigan.

Marching Band Philosophy

Competitive marching bands must have a healthy attitude and philosophy. The band’s attitude is, “**We compete against one band – and that band is us.**” The overall objective is to strive for excellence and to perform one’s best. Everyday improvement of personal standards of performance is the driving philosophy.

Competing “to win” leads to a road of disappointment – despite even one’s best efforts. Band programs falter when their goal is “winning,” leading the bands to place much lower than expected. The goal of winning, while exciting, does not encourage sportsmanship. That attitude leads to bitterness and disappointment, and ultimately the participants lose the spirit of teamwork and personal responsibility. In fact, it is for the adjudication process, that the band competes at all. It helps the band to learn about their strengths as well as their areas of needed improvement. The feedback they gain from competing helps them to grow both as individual performers as well as a complete ensemble.

MARCHING BAND BOARD

The WL Schools Competitive Band program prides itself on our huge parental involvement. While the Marching Band program may seem overwhelming to new families, **we strongly encourage you to jump in and get involved!** We have MANY volunteer opportunities available for parents. Getting involved is an excellent way to meet new people, become more familiar with the program and to be involved in your child's life.

The Band Booster meetings can be found on the Membership Toolkit calendar and are usually scheduled once a month at 7pm once the season gets started. Meetings are typically held in the WLC Media Center. The meetings run approximately one hour and are packed with information. We highly encourage parents' attendance to stay informed.

The Marching Band Board is comprised of 100 percent parent volunteers who are elected every March. Board members do not receive any compensation for their time and efforts, including discounts on merchandise.

The goal of the Board is solely to support the Band Directors and the Marching Band Program!

GO BAND!

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2022 WL MARCHING BAND SCHEDULE

- Please visit <https://wlbands.membershiptoolkit.com/marching-band-calendar> for a full calendar of practices and performances.
- To add the Marching Band calendar to your own Google calendar, go into your Google calendar from your computer and click the + next to “Other Calendars” in the bottom left. Click “Subscribe to Calendar”. In the box, enter wlbands@gmail.com. (These same options to subscribe might not show up in the mobile version of Google calendar, but it will sync to your mobile app as well once you subscribe.)
- **Dates and times are tentative and subject to change.**
 - Changes to the calendar will be updated in the calendar on Membership Toolkit and via Band Buzz emails. These are sent out to members registered in Membership Toolkit each Monday night/Tuesday once the season gets going.

COMMUNICATIONS

Membership Toolkit

Membership Toolkit – <https://wlbands.membershiptoolkit.com> is the competitive marching band website used for registration, maintaining student information and communication tools.

****ALL members must log in this year to update your information. Even if you are in the system from last year, you are currently ‘inactive’ until you update/confirm your information for this year!**

If you are a new band member, please create an account on Membership Toolkit today!

There is also a **Membership Toolkit App** which makes it convenient to access information easily!

Band Websites

- Walled Lake Central: www.wlcbands.com
- Walled Lake Western: www.wlwbands.com
- This is where you will find information on all the Walled Lake Central and Walled Lake Western Band Programs.

Band Communications

The Band Buzz is the weekly newsletter for the competitive marching Band. Once you are registered on Membership Toolkit you should start receiving the Band Buzz emails. These will be sent out on Monday evenings/Tuesdays once the season gets going. If you are not receiving the Band Buzz once we start the season, please make sure you are registered in Membership Toolkit, then contact wlbands@gmail.com.

Texts via ‘Remind’

Text updates will come to your cell via **REMINDE**. You will need to sign up for this service.

Texts via Remind are especially helpful for meeting reminders, last minute changes and notices regarding the bus locations and timing for when we are returning from competitions.

To sign up:

Send a text to 81010. Text this message: @a63kk7

Facebook

Join our competitive marching band page on Facebook called [WLMB Members Page](#) to stay updated on program information. This is a place where parents share show information and pictures, so you don’t want to miss out on gaining access.

SmugMug

This is the Photo Storage site for our band: www.wlcbands.smugmug.com password: WLMBrocks
Every year hundreds of photos are loaded of the band students, practices, and performances. If you love to take pictures, please upload your photos. It is easy to access the photos and download any you wish to use.

BAND FEES AND DONATIONS

Fees

Marching Band costs approximately \$1525 per student for a regular season. With our fundraising efforts we have lowered the band bill to \$1050 for a regular season. Limited financial aid and scholarships are available. Inquiries should be directed to Mr. Rogers or Mr. Dudzinski.

The seasonal dues cover practically everything for the season. Each season, Mr. Rogers/Mr. Dudzinski assembles an expert and gifted staff of clinicians and musicians to work with our students. These professionals spend quality time with our students and have helped us to reach the state championships for the last 12+ years and WIN the state championship in 2010, 2011 and 2013! Transportation costs, food for the students on competition days, home band camp, and a 2 night overnight trip to Regionals are also included in the cost for each student.

There are additional purchases you will need to make the first year including \$43 for marching shoes (Dinkles) and you will need to provide knee-high all black compression socks, which can be found at local retailers including Walmart, Meijer and on Amazon. Compression socks generally run about \$10. Color Guard can expect to purchase shoes, gloves, body suit and makeup.

Donations

We do ask for some additional donations during the season (see below).

- **Water/Gatorade (June)** - Everyone will be asked to donate one case of water **and** one case of **Gatorade**; this supplies important hydration for the students at home camp, all games and competitions for the season. We ask that families bring these donations to the band room during practice the week of June 13.
- **After States Party** – various food items, drinks, desserts
- **Competitions snacks** – bulk snacks for the kids
- **Banquet** - cake donations

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

It takes lots of hands to make this band work. Pitch in and have some fun! There are always opportunities to get involved...as much or as little as you want.

Be on the lookout for volunteering opportunities sent through Band Buzz emails, and watch for Sign-Up Genius links throughout the season.

To volunteer, you must complete a current year background form. These were in your Registration packet, and most parents turned in a form for one parent. If there is another parent in your household that will volunteer this season and you need another [Volunteer Background Check Form](#), contact a Marching Band Board member.

Chaperones/Competitions

Adult Chaperones are needed for all competitions. They travel with the students on the buses and supervise throughout the day and before and after the performance. We need chaperones for the local competitions as well as Regionals, and State Championships at Ford Field.

The Regional event involves overseeing a group of students and traveling with them by coach bus. Chaperones usually share hotel rooms and are responsible for their hotel lodging. It's a lot of fun and a great way to meet band families! **We are still in need of a parent volunteer to be in charge of overseeing and organizing the chaperones for competitions.** If you would like to be with the kids during competition days and can help with this, please contact one of the co-presidents!

Fundraising

See the Fundraising section below for more information on our fundraising opportunities. **We do need all parents on hand for the Car Wash on Saturday, August 6 and the Preview Show on Saturday, September 10.** Besides Bingo, these are our biggest fundraisers. We need help both behind the scenes or at the event. The time commitment is a few hours for each event.

Pit Crew

Every year the band designs and creates "props" that enhance the show as well as the band's image on the field. Props can be made by parents but have also been outsourced at times. This is a very important job in which dads and/or moms can partake. Consider becoming a part of the "Pit Crew" that builds the props and moves them on and off the field for each performance. No experience necessary! Contact Mark Seabridge or any Board Member for more information!

Sewing Crew

At times we need parents with sewing skills to help make flags, props or costume accessories. If you have some experience and would like to help, please contact a Marching Band Board member.

Food Servers

During performances, competitions, and home football games, we provide many meals to the entire marching band. Food servers are needed throughout the season to help feed the kids. To volunteer, watch for a Sign-Up Genius link in the Band Buzz.

REHEARSALS

****Note: For all scheduled practices, students should be dropped off 15 minutes prior to the practice time and should be picked up 15 minutes after the scheduled end time.**

Summer Rehearsals

June Rehearsals start the week after school is out. This is a daily practice held at WLC for one week and runs from 5pm – 8:30pm. **Students should arrive at 4:45pm and be picked up at 8:45pm.**

Summer Rehearsals start at the end of July. Students will have band rehearsal Monday-Friday until school starts (with a couple days off for Labor Day). Please see the calendar for exact dates and time. During these summer rehearsals, the students will be both inside the school and outside in the summer heat and sun.

Important reminders for all Rehearsals:

- See the “Rehearsals Guide – What you need to know!” at the end of this document!
- Students NEED to bring a large, insulated thermos with water every day
- Apply and reapply sunscreen
- Eat a good breakfast and bring a healthy snack. There are a few days where students will need to bring their own lunch as well.
- PARENTS are needed during these practices and there will be a Sign-Up Genius sent out to sign up for coverage each day. Parents help with water, medical supplies and supervision. When you volunteer for practices, bring a chair, hat, and refreshments/snacks for yourself.

School Rehearsal Schedule

The full summer and fall rehearsal schedule is posted on our calendar:

<https://wlbands.membershiptoolkit.com/marching-band-calendar>

Practicing at Home

The Marching Band is not audition-based and all students, regardless of their ability, are welcomed to join the band. If your student's music skills need additional enrichment or if they have just learned their current instrument, there are several alternatives such as private music lessons, extra help from section leaders or upper classmen, and the classic . . . *practice, practice, practice*. Mr. Rogers and Mr. Dudzinski are more than willing to help any student who expresses a need so don't be shy!

At-Home Camp

This year “camp” will be held at Walled Lake Central.

All Marching Band students **must attend** Home Band Camp. This is where the bulk of the instruction occurs. They learn to march, begin to learn the music, and bond with each other...*this is where the team is built!* If there is a major issue with your student attending Band Camp, please discuss with Mr. Rogers or Mr. Dudzinski. We will be planning some fun evening activities for this Home Camp week to give students even more opportunities to bond and have fun!

Attendance Policy

Marching Band, while extraordinary in that it meets outside of normal school hours, is a class at Walled Lake Central and Walled Lake Western. A parent or guardian must call in absences, preferably before the start of practice and students should text their section leader.

- Mr. Rogers' Office Phone (248) 956-4754 davidrogers@wlcsd.org
- Mr. Dudzinski's Office phone (248) 956-4541 patrickdudzinski@wlcsd.org
- Color Guard members contact Seth Williams at walledlakecolorguard@gmail.com
- Percussion: Complete online attendance form. If needed, contact Nick Pourcho (517) 449-4579 nickpourcho@teachers.wlcsd.org

If an absence is not excused in advance, all attempts will be made to make a phone call home to alert the parent that their child was not present at rehearsal. Due to the size of the band and the student-to-teacher ratio, this may not be possible

If you have a conflict with a practice or performance. Please contact Mr. Rodgers or Mr. Dudzinski well in advance of the date whenever possible.

Two unexcused absences is grounds for removal from the team.

FUNDRAISING

Bingo

Bingo is a **major** fundraiser for the band and has the potential to significantly reduce band bills. **We are still in need of chairpersons for this fundraiser.**

The marching band conducts Bingo sessions every Saturday night at Bingo City in Waterford. In return for your commitment, chairs will be paid \$50-\$70 for each session worked. Plus, there is a discount on your Marching Band Dues. Chairpersons share the Saturdays and do not have to work every week. You could earn significant extra cash to use towards remaining Marching Band dues, WLP, Winter Guard, or just cash in your pocket, (you will be paid in cash the night you work).

If you are interested or just want to know more about this opportunity, please contact co-president Chris DeMont for more information!

Car Wash

Another major fundraiser for the Marching Band is the annual car wash. This will be held on **Saturday, August 6** at the Shepherd of the Lakes Church located at 2905 S. Commerce Rd. (across the street from WLC tennis courts) from 10am–5pm. All Marching Band members must sign up to work a shift in addition to selling tickets in advance of the event. We ask every parent to also sign-up for a shift to help this day run smoothly. Students should wear their grey band t-shirt. For more information contact chairperson Kim Morgan.

Preview Show

Our Marching Band will host this fundraising event on **Saturday, September 10**. This is another event where we need all hands on deck! We will be hosting 4-6 other local Marching Bands and all of their friends/family. There is organizing and shopping to be done in advance and on the day of the event, ticket sales at the gate, parking assistance, grilling, concessions and more. Mark your calendars now and be on the lookout for a sign-up in the future! **We are still in need of a parent volunteer to organize this event and put other parent volunteers to work!** We have all of the information to give you, we just need a volunteer to take it over! If you can help, please contact co-president Macy Selecman.

Daily 4 Lottery Raffle

For this fundraiser, each student sells raffle tickets with a 4-digit number. Each day in October or November, the winning Michigan Lottery Evening Daily 4 number will be the winning ticket number for the day. You could win up to \$150 if your number is drawn! Each ticket purchased has the possibility of winning every day of that month, except for Sundays. If the Daily 4 number corresponds to an unsold ticket, a random drawing of sold tickets will occur. Tickets will be \$10 each and we are asking each band member to sell 10 tickets. We will need everyone's participation for this fundraiser to be a success! **We are still in need of a parent to volunteer to chair this event.** We have the materials, we just need an organizer. If you are interested, please contact co-president Macy Selecman!

Kroger Rewards

You can also help our band programs receive rebates whenever you shop at Kroger!

Go to <https://www.kroger.com> and sign into your account or create an account. Next, go to *COMMUNITY REWARDS* and search for **WALLED LAKE CENTRAL MUSIC BOOSTERS** or **WALLED LAKE WESTERN BAND BOOSTERS**.

PERFORMING/COMPETITIONS

Preview Show

Each year, we invite other area schools to participate in a preview show held for the upcoming season. As the host, Walled Lake Marching Band performs last. This is our fundraiser and a great way to see the local high schools' marching bands. This is also a great time for your friends/family to get a glimpse of how our show is coming along so far, before we start doing competitions.

Football Games

Our general schedule for home football games is:

2:50 – 5:00pm	Rehearsal
5:00pm	Dinner Break – dinner will be provided!
6:45pm	Pre-game performance **IN UNIFORM**
7:00pm	Football Game (Marching Band performs in pre-game and at halftime)

After halftime, we invite all Marching Band members to stay and be part of the “spirit band” to play during the second half. It is a lot of fun! If band members decide not to stay, they should report to the band room to clean up following halftime and then they are excused.

The home football game schedule can be found on each band's website.

If parents are planning to attend any home or away football games this season, you will need to purchase tickets at the gate. You can also purchase a season athletic pass through the district on Skyward Family Access and these are good at all WL athletic events.

Local Competitions

As part of the preparation for larger events, the band participates in Saturday competitions throughout the season. These Saturdays are busy and begin with early with practice before the event, travel to the venue, performance and awards. Upon returning the trailers are unloaded and Mr. Rogers & Mr. Dudzinski will review the performance with students in the band room. Students are transported via school busses to local competitions; for out of state competitions charter busses are used. This is a long day and students should prepare accordingly. Usually, the kids are provided one meal before they leave for performing.

Regional Competition (BOA)

The Regional competition this year will be held in Louisville, Kentucky on October 1. **Note, this Regional Competition takes place at the **University of Louisville** (not the University of Kentucky as was published in our list of dates at Registration). Students and chaperones will leave for Louisville on Friday, Sept. 30th to practice and stay overnight. We will perform on Saturday, October 1. This is typically a long day with division performances in the morning, practice in the afternoon, and finals performances in the evening. We will stay overnight on the 1st and return on Sunday, October 2nd. Students and chaperones will take charter buses and stay in a hotel. More information about this trip will be explained at parent meetings and the Band Buzz. Please note that the show will not be finished at this point but is still a work in progress and this will be the first chance for students to perform their show in a competition.

Regional Memorabilia

Students may purchase a Regionals or show patch every year for their Varsity jacket. Regionals t-shirts are also available for purchase at the venue; many of the students like to wear them to school on the following Monday.

MCBA Scoring for Michigan Competitions

At a MCBA (Michigan Competing Bands Association) competition, bands are scored utilizing constructed judging sheets and criteria. Seven adjudicators are utilized in the scoring system. You will see people walking on the field during the performance. Don't be alarmed! They are judges and will be seen speaking into small recorders during the competition. The scoring is assessed as follows:

Criteria Being Assessed	Percentage of Total Score
Music Field Judge	10%
Music Ensemble Judge	20%
Visual Field Judge	10%
Visual Ensemble Judge	20%
Music General Effect Judge	20%
Visual General Effect Judge	20%
Total Possible Score	100%

At each MCBA competition, in addition to the overall winner, there is a winner selected in each of three categories (also known as captions): **Music**, **Visual**, and **General Effect**.

In the spring of each year, MCBA member bands are divided into four flights of competition based upon MHSAA High School enrollment numbers that are based on the state of Michigan second semester count. The flights are equalized in size (number of bands) as much a possible per MCBA rules.

Bands advance into the MCBA State Championship Contest based on three criteria:

1. A band must compete in a minimum of two MCBA sanctioned contests. (MCBA sanctions an average of 20 contests per year).
2. A band must apply to participate in the championship contest and pay a \$150.00 application fee.
3. A band must achieve scores at MCBA sanctioned contests that place it among the twelve (12) highest scoring bands in its flight competition. MCBA averages a band's two highest scores posted during the competition season to come up with a Championship Average Score or CAS.

For more information, see the MCBA By-laws, Rules, Judging Sheets, & Standard Operating Procedures at <http://www.themcba.org/theMCBA.org/Organization.html>.

MCBA State Championships

Our marching band season in MCBA competitive events culminates with our participation in the MCBA State Championships. The State Championships are held at Ford Field in Detroit, Michigan. This year the date is **Saturday, November 5**. The time we are set to perform rotates each year. Sometimes we perform in the morning, sometimes in the afternoon and sometimes in the late evening. This year, Flight I bands (this is us) are scheduled to perform between 8:00-10:00am with awards at 10:20am.

Tickets are required for entry into the competition. Adult tickets are approximately \$20-\$25. In the past, tickets have been available the day of the event at Ford Field and only cash is accepted. Look for more information to come out closer to the State Championship date!

For MCBA at Ford Field information, visit <http://www.themcba.org/theMCBA.org/Championship.html>.

State Championship Memorabilia

MCBA Patch (approx. \$5.00) – You can purchase this for your student’s Varsity Jacket (or hoodie) if you’d like. They will receive a rocker patch (no-charge) from Mr. Rogers / Mr. Dudzinski with the year on it for each season we participate in the Finals.

- MCBA State Finals T-shirts/sweatshirts and other merchandise are also available to purchase.
- MCBA Pins usually available for \$10.
- Mr. Video will be taking orders for DVD’s/Digital downloads of the Finals.

State Championship Spirit Signs

A fun parent tradition that we share is making spirit signs for the band and placing them on the road along the local bus route the team travels to the State Finals. The kids really enjoy seeing them along the way and it helps to pump them up! Signs can be made out of cardboard, foam core, or whatever your imagination comes up with! Please only encouraging, positive sentiments!

You are responsible for placing the signs and removing them. Be sure to place your signs prior to the busses leaving, so the kids can enjoy them. Busses will leave the school and go east on Oakley Park to Welch where they will head south (right turn) down to 14 Mile Road where they will head east and enter M5 at 14 Mile. This route is the safest for our busses and students.

All signs MUST be removed by the time we arrive home Saturday night.

UNIFORMS

Our Marching Band members need to look their best at all competitions. The Band is judged on uniform appearance. Students must look in top shape from the time they enter the field.

2022 Marching Band Uniform Information

Each band member will be issued a uniform in good condition with as comfortable as fit as possible. The value of the uniform is more than \$400.

Uniform fittings will take place during the home camp in June. When a uniform is issued to a band member, proper wear, care and cleaning must be demonstrated, and information will be sent home detailing the same. Each piece of the uniform is numbered, and these will be recorded so that we make sure each item is returned in excellent condition.

The Competitive Marching Band uniform consists of a custom fit uniform shirt, bibbers (trousers), shako (hat) with feathered plume, as well as a navy garment bag and bucket or duffel bag for uniform transport. These pieces are provided by the school district. White gloves are required for most students and the first pair are included in your fees. Students will be provided with one Marching Band white t-shirt (WLC spirit band), gray t-shirt (WLW spirit band) and a gray t-shirt (competitive band) the cost of which is included in band fees. This must be worn under the uniform for all performances (football games and competitions).

Each school will also issue a waist jacket and other accessories for the Spirit Band Uniform for home football games.

Each band member must provide their own knee-high black compression socks, thermal wear (it gets cold), and if needed, replacement white gloves (\$3/pair). Replacement pieces are available in the band room prior to each event or by contacting the uniform chairpersons listed at the front of this document.

Incoming band members will also be fitted for black marching shoes (Dinkles). Please do not go out and buy these on your own. The band director has chosen a specific type of shoe, and we place a large order with a company that specializes in band accessories. These shoes for \$43 a pair. Shoe orders are taken at registration and an additional order form can be sent home if needed. The deadline for ordering will be emailed during the summer.

Color Guard apparel consists of the designated costume for the year. The costume value is approximately \$150. Color Guard members also purchase specific dance shoes for approximately \$52 and warm-up suits, at a cost to the student of approximately \$80, which students keep. Questions about Color Guard uniforms should be directed to the parent volunteer for Color Guard.

The “Care and Keeping” of our Uniforms

An “All About Your Uniform” brochure will be included in your student’s garment bag or bucket when it is issued. This brochure provides a recap of which items they have been assigned, cleaning instructions, adjustment instructions and expected behavior while in uniform.

Uniform Adjustments

- We will attempt to make uniform adjustments during uniform fitting at school.
- The Bibbers (pants) must be hemmed before their first use. Some bibbers have snaps along the seams but still may need to be tacked in order for the hem to not sag. **DO NOT CUT THE FABRIC** – fold it up. You can open the seams at the sides to allow the hem to lay flat. **DO NOT USE HEM TAPE**. The pant leg should rest on the top of the Dinkles (shoes).
- Jacket sleeve length can be adjusted by utilizing the snaps sewn inside each wrist.
- Do not make permanent alterations to the uniform. Consult with the Uniform Chair, if needed.

Uniform Cleaning

Our Band practices many hours to deliver their incredible performances. Please remember to take time to make sure your uniform looks incredible too! It is important to look as good as we sound and march!

Each set of uniforms (Competitive Band/Spirit Band) has its own guidelines for washing/care. Look for future information to be sent home for parents’ responsibility in cleaning uniforms.

Spirit Wear

Marching Band Spirit Wear will be available for order this summer. You can only order at this time so plan for the season. Many parents wear their band spirit wear to competitions and football games.

Look for these different types of Spirit Wear throughout the season. There are so many ways to show your band spirit!

- **General Walled Lake Marching Band Spirit Wear** – These items will have our Walled Lake Marching Band Logo and can be worn from season to season
- **The Annual Show Shirt Design Wear** (i.e. t-shirts, patches, car decals) – Once we have a design for this year’s theme, look for these items to be available to wear to support our show for this season!
- **Walled Lake Central Band Spirit Wear** – Order these items to support the Walled Lake Central team/Spirit Band at football games!
- **Walled Lake Western Band Spirit Wear** – Order these items to support the Walled Lake Western team/Spirit Band at football games!

CELEBRATIONS

After Competitions

It is tradition for parents to clap the kids off the buses after every competition, let them know we appreciate their hard work and dedication!

After-States Party

Our annual After-States Party is typically held after the band members return from the State Championship. If we return early enough from States, we try to have the party the same day. This year the celebration will most likely be on **Saturday, November 5th** since we are performing early in the day. We may ask families to donate items for this event. Families and alumni are always invited. This is a fun family event where we celebrate our performance at States and watch the current year's performance and past performances.

Banquet

The marching band celebrates the end of the season with a banquet in November. This is typically a dress-up event! More details will be shared throughout the season as these plans are determined. This is a chance for families to celebrate the hard work of the entire band throughout the entire season.

Varsity Letters

After 2 seasons in Marching Band, a student qualifies for their Varsity Letter in Marching Band. Many students choose to order a Varsity Jacket at this time and put patches from competitions and show patches on this jacket.

WHO'S WHO? & Acronyms & Other Terms

Drum Majors a.k.a. Command Personnel a.k.a. Field Commanders

The ones who "direct" the marching band on the field. They are senior (and sometime junior) band members and are responsible for making sure the band members are ready to go and are prepared for practice. They are chosen by and report to Mr. Rogers/Mr. Dudzinski.

Section Leaders

Student band members responsible for the students in their section. Basically, each type of instrument is a "section" and has its own section leader, voted in by sophomore/junior/senior members of that section. The section leaders are responsible for making sure the students in their section know the music and the marching. They report directly to the drum majors. The Color Guard is a section and is part of the marching band. Their leaders are chosen by popular vote of the section members.

Squad Leaders

Student band members who are responsible for assisting the section leaders in leading their section. They are chosen by popular vote of the section members.

Winter Guard

The Walled Lake Winter Guard is an indoor performing arts activity involving only Color Guard. There are no wind instruments or percussion involved in these productions. Music is played over a sound system. Like the Marching Band, a production is created, perfected, and the team travels around the state and the country competing against other groups. Performances occur in high school gymnasiums or college arenas. The season typically runs from the end of November until the middle of April, with competitions starting in February. Winter Guard is a district-wide program. Students in 9 – 12 grade that attend Central, Western and Northern are invited to audition. No experience is necessary!

WLP (Walled Lake Percussion)

WLP is a competitive marching percussion ensemble. It is very similar to Marching Band but does not include wind instruments and Color Guard. WLP learns and perfects the same show throughout the season. There are two sections involved: the front ensemble and the battery.

BOA - Bands of America

MCBA - Michigan Competing Bands Association

MSBOA - Michigan State Band & Orchestra Association

WGI - Winter Guard International

MCGC - Michigan Color Guard Circuit

DCI - Drum Corps International

PIT – This group of musicians typically play stationary percussion instruments, such as marimbas and the rack.

BATTERY – These are the marching drummers (think Energizer bunny...battery...get it?) a.k.a. drumline.

SECTIONAL – Refers to a practice held with one section of the band

MTX: The official marching band shoes (a.k.a. Dinkles)

BIBBERS: Uniform Pants

SHAKO: Uniform Hat

Marching Band Rehearsals

What you need to know!

BE ON TIME!

Rehearsals start PROMPTLY! Students must arrive at least 15 minutes before the designated start time. Get unpacked and ready, get your music ready and be in place!

WHAT TO BRING

- ❖ ½ gallon water jug plus extra water as needed
- ❖ 1" binder for music with page protectors
- ❖ Pencils
- ❖ Drill book (section leader will supply this)
- ❖ Shoelace (54" min length)
- ❖ Sunscreen/sunglasses/ hat
- ❖ Extra instrument supplies (stick tape, reeds, oil, etc.)
- ❖ Lunch (on longer practice days) & healthy snacks (please no nuts in case of allergies)

WHAT TO WEAR

- ❖ Comfortable Shorts (no saggy shorts)
- ❖ T-shirt/tank top (no low cut tops or bare midriffs)
- ❖ Flexible athletic shoes (no flip flops or sandals)
- ❖ Sunscreen/sunglasses/ hat

WHERE TO GET HELP/ANSWERS

- ❖ **Section/Squad Leaders:**
 - Music questions/Marching questions
- ❖ **Drum Majors:**
 - Copies of drill
 - Misc. questions (before asking Mr. Rogers/Mr. D.)
- ❖ **Parent Chaperones:**
 - First Aid/Water
 - Tylenol/Motrin/other OTC meds
 - Injury
 - Ice or cooling cloths
 - Feeling ill