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2021 JV Drumline: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1) What is Walled Lake Percussion?

- WLP is a competitive marching percussion ensemble. It is very similar to marching band performed indoors and generally without wind instruments or color guard. WLP learns and perfects the same show throughout the season.
- There are two sections involved: the front ensemble (mallet percussion, timpani, synthesizers, and other concert percussion instruments) and the battery (marching drums and cymbals).
- In Walled Lake, we currently have 2 ensembles that you can think of as Varsity and JV teams. The Varsity team is primarily made up of 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders and competes in a Michigan Circuit (MCGC) and in a national circuit (WGI). The JV team is primarily made up of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and does a couple of exhibition competitions each season.
- WLP is a shared district activity that is open to students in the district from grades 7-12. It is run under the umbrella of the Walled Lake Central Music Boosters.

### 2) Are there auditions for the JV Drumline?

- There are no auditions for the JV Drumline. You will get your choice to either play drums or mallets. You get to choose!

### 3) What instruments are available to play?

- marching snare - marching tenors - marching bass - mallets

### 4) What are the costs involved? What do I get for the money?

- \$300
- Costs include basically everything (instruction from professional teachers, show design costs, contest fees, equipment, sticks, mallets, a WLP t-shirt, etc..)
- Besides the obviously things that money covers, you also get a great education by professionals in this activity. You will get better on your instrument and have a lot of fun doing it!

### 5) What is the schedule?

- The schedule is located in the "Info Packet" on the webpage.
- Generally speaking, the JV Drumline rehearses on Monday's and Wednesday's from 6-8pm starting in January.

## 6) Where does the group rehearse?

- Most rehearsals are at Walled Lake Central HS, which is the sponsoring school for the group. Occasionally we will rehearse at a different local school.

## 7) Can I be in WLP if I play a winter or spring sport?

- Yes! We want you to be able to do many things while in middle school. If there are some conflicts, we will work it out!

## 8) What do I get out of it by joining?

- There is a lot you get out of it. You will be taught by professional music educators that do this for a living. You will become a much better musician and performer because of WLP. You will meet new people and form new friendships. You'll learn new strategies on how to practice and be more efficient with your practicing. You'll learn how to rehearse at a higher level. And it'll help get you ready to join the Varsity Drumline in the future.

## 9) What are some facts about WLP?

- WLP competes in 2 circuits - MCGC (Michigan Color Guard Circuit) and WGI (Winter Guard International). They are both called "color guard" because indoor percussion is still very new to the world. It is only about 25 years old. So, when it started, it joined in with the color guard circuits that already existed.
- WLP has competed for 17 years and has had 2 groups for 10 of those years.
- WLP has won a total of 22 medals (top 3 finishes) in Michigan between the 2 ensembles. 12 of which are State Championships. WLP has also won 2 medals in the national circuit. 1 of which is a National Championship. The varsity team has qualified for World Class finals 9 times and has been ranked in the top 20 in the world 12 times.
- WLP has performed for many charity events (Jammin' for Joseph, Passion for Like, etc..) and has put on clinics for MCGC.
- WLP is endorsed by multiple companies: Yamaha, Innovative Percussion, Zildjian, and Remo. Basically, every instrument we play on and every stick/mallet we use is endorsed.
- WLP has had many students go on to perform and now teach in many of the top ensembles in WGI and DCI.
- WLP is insanely fun and one of the most rewarding things you will do in high school! This is a fact based on the many years of students that have gone through the program.

## 10) How do I get more info on WLP?

- Visit our webpage: [www.wlcbands.com/jv-drumline](http://www.wlcbands.com/jv-drumline)
- We also recommend that you check out our YouTube channel and watch videos from past WLP performances. Link is on the webpage!