



# WHS 2009 BAND INFORMATION

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# WHS Marching Band Information

## Marching Band Contest Show Positions

- There are a limited number of contest positions for every section.
- Selection will be based on, but not limited, to:
  - Attendance and attitude at summer camps
  - Marching Fundamentals skills and Music Playing skills tests
  - Mastery of summer music packet (distributed prior to the end of school)
- Students not earning a contest position will become an alternate and can challenge into the contest squad throughout the season.
- All students not earning a contest position will practice with the band, and perform on Friday nights in a limited but professional manner.
- The best talent will represent the WHS marching band at all contests, festivals, and performances including football games.

## Marching Band at Football Games

- All students earning the uniform will participate at all football games.
- The level of participation will vary depending on the assignments of individual responsibilities.
- Students will earn a uniform by passing off certain elements before the end of summer band camp. (Required elements will be communicated at a later date.)

## Options for Oboes and Bassoon Players (*Oboes and Bassoons are not used on the marching band field*)

- Play in the front percussion ensemble
- Spin a flag in the color guard
- Play a saxophone or other marching instrument
- Or, if available, participate in the cymbal line



## 4th of July Parade

- All band students in grades 9-12 in town are expected to attend.
- 2 days of practice prior to parade
- We will invite our JH band students to participate for the first time.



## Band Hall Doors Open During Summer

- Between 8-12 & 1-4:00 Monday-Thursday.
- Private lessons may be conducted during this time.
- Come on in and practice

## Summer Band Essentials

- Hats, sunscreen, light colored clothing
- 1 gallon water container (each student needs their own)
- Pencils, 1 inch binder, about 25 sheet protectors for marching drill
- Flip folders-will be available to purchase at spring uniform fitting
- Valve oil, 3-4 good reeds
- Breakfast and lunch: Students must eat to be in shape to do what we do
- Exercise-and lots of it-marching band is physical!



## Extra Playing Practices for

### All Students in Town

- June 15
  - July 13
1. 6-8 pm in Band Hall
  2. Work on Stand Tunes, Marching Show, Playing Fundamentals

## Band Camps

- Attendance and communicated absences are expected. Attendance will be factored into the assignment of marching positions.
- Marching positions for the contest show will be assigned starting August 4, 2009.
- Students will be working outdoors during the morning sessions between 7-11am.
- Plenty of water will be provided however it is best for students to bring their own gallon container.



# Marching Band Registration

## WHS Band Hall

### Saturday, June 6

- Band students in grades 8-11 should come during their assigned times to get fitted for the marching uniform.
- All returning students will move through the process much quicker because they already have a uniform.
- It is important that you plan enough time to take care of all of the steps in the process.
- Make up day is scheduled for **August 1, from 8 am to 12 pm.**



#### **Uniform Fitting Schedule** (Students with a last name between A and F would come between 8 and 9:30)

- All students will get fitted for a marching uniform, with alterations made over the summer.
- All students will also take a picture in the uniform after being fitted.

8-9:30 am	A-F
9:30-11	G-H
11-12:30 pm	I-O
12:30-2 pm	P-Z
2:00-4:00 pm	Those that missed their times.



#### **Shoe Fitting**

- Only students new to the program or needing replacement marching shoes will be fitted.

#### **Individual Photos**



- All students will pose for individual photos. Picture packages will be available for purchase.
- These photos will be converted into posters and displayed around town at area businesses during the Fall Marching Season, so don't miss this opportunity! This is a Waxahachie tradition!

#### **Band Fees Due**



- Summer Band Fees are due by June 6th at Registration.
- See attached schedule of fees and costs associated with being in band.
- **Students will not be issued a uniform in August until all fees are paid.**
- If you have any questions regarding these fees please contact Rich Armstrong, 972-923-4600 ext 527, ralarm@wisd.org.

#### **Volunteer Signup**

- All band parents are expected to work concessions for at least one football game - either a Tuesday night game, a Wilemon game, or a Thursday or Friday night game at Lumpkins.
- We cannot operate without your assistance.
- Volunteer signup forms will be available at Registration.
- Information will be available for all volunteer activities, including specific dates on when we will need concession stand workers and bus chaperones.



#### **Band Forms**

- Information, Handbook, Medical Release, UIL 8 hour rule, and other forms must be completed during the registration process. It is extremely important that we have these forms on file to allow your students to participate throughout the year.

#### **Optional Accessories**

- Parents will also be given the opportunity to order optional tote and garment bags for their students as well as purchase yard signs, monogrammed band shirts, hats and blankets.

# WHS Marching Band Fees 2009-10

## Fees Paid by All Band Students

### Amount

### Required Items

- 15.00 Band T-Shirts (Pays for 2009 show shirt and a pep rally shirt)
- 15.00 Football Game Food
- 20.00 Uniform Maintenance and Repair Fee ( Waived for Fall Color Guard Members)
- 50.00 Total Due by Wind Players and Percussionists (\$30.00 for Color Guard Members)**

### Other Required Expenses/Purchases

- 5.00 Flip Folder (*Hopefully a one time purchase*)
- 35.00 Marching Shoes (*Hopefully a one time purchase*)
- 5.00 Music Lyre (*Hopefully a one time purchase*)

### Fall Color Guard

- 150.00 Color Guard Uniform Fee-*will be due June 6th*
- 40.00 Color Guard Shoes-*Due June 6th*
- 85.00 Color Guard Warm-Up Suit (If needed) *Due June 6th*
- 15.00 Color Guard Gloves- *Due June 6th*
- 20.00 Color Guard Flag/Rifle Bag (If Needed) *Due June 6th*

### Optional Expenses/Purchases

- 75.00 Instrument Rental Fee-*School Owned Instruments Only*  
Bass Clarinets, Oboes, Bassoons, Euphoniums, Tubas, Tenor & Bari saxophones, French horns, All Marching French horns, baritones & sousaphones
- 25.00 Percussion Instrument Usage Fee
- 38.00 Green WHS Band Logo Tote bag (*optional-not required*)
- 28.00 Green WHS Band Garment Bag (*a garment bag is required but this one is optional*)
- Spring Winter Guard Uniform Fee (TBA) usually same as Fall Guard fee

### **Formal Concert Apparel Requirements**

*WHS provides all men with a tuxedo jacket, cummerbund, and bow tie.*

*Black Tuxedo Pants (Men are responsible for providing)*

*White 1/4" Pleated Tuxedo Shirt (Men are responsible for providing)*

A Black formal dress for all women. (See hand book for women's formal wear specifications) This expense is determined by how much the individual wants to spend.

### Items Purchased on Own

Brass-valve oil, slide grease, cup mute, straight mute, pencil, music binder, plastic sheet protectors, tuner

Woodwinds-3 extra working reeds, reed guard, swab, pencils, music binder, plastic sheet protectors, tuner

Percussion-Necessary mallets and sticks, mallet bag, pencils, music binder, plastic sheet protectors, metro-  
nome



# WHS 2009 MARCHING BAND FALL SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)



## Before/After School Practice Schedule (Tentative)

This Schedule will start August 24, 2009.

### Winds/Drumline/Guard

- Monday 7-8 am
- Tuesday 6:30-8:30 pm
- Wednesday 7-8 am
- Thursday 4:15-6:15 pm
- Friday 7-8 am

## Fall Marching/Region Band Sectionals

(For Wind Ensemble Players and all others trying out for Region Band)

These times may include marching and/or region sectionals

Mon. 3:45-4:30 4:30-5:15 5:15-6:00	Wed. 3:45-4:30 4:30-5:15 5:15-6:00
Tues. 7:00-7:45 am 7:45-8:30 am	Thurs. 7:00-7:45 am 7:45-8:30 am

## Football and Fall Marching Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Other Info</u>
• Aug. 14	Ice Cream Social	Stadium	8-10 pm	
• Aug. 20	Meet the Indians	Stadium	6:30-9:30 pm	
• Aug. 28	Everman	Home	7:30 pm	
• Sept. 3	West Mesquite	There	7:30 pm	
• Sept. 11	Open			
• Sept. 18	Lancaster	There	7:30 pm	
• Sept. 25	Midlothian	Home	7:30 pm	
• Oct. 2	Ennis	There	7:30 pm	
• Oct. 3	Marching Contest	TBA	TBA	
• Oct. 7	UIL Marching	Midlothian	TBA	
• Oct. 9	Waco High	Home	7:30 pm	
• Oct. 10	Marching Contest	TBA	TBA	
• Oct. 16	University	Home	7:30 pm	Homecoming
• Oct. 23	Cleburne	There	7:30 pm	
• Oct. 24	Area Marching	Mesquite	TBA	
• Oct. 30	Corsicana	Home	7:30 pm	Senior Night
• Nov. 2	State Marching	TBA	TBA	
• Nov. 6	Midway	There	7:30 pm	
• Nov. 13	Playoff	TBA		

\*\*\*The Marching contest schedule is tentative and subject to change.

# WHS 2009 BAND SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE AS OF APRIL 1)

## A Day Schedule

A1-Conference  
A2-Concert Band  
A3-Turner/Finley/Howard  
A4-Wind Ensemble

## B Day Schedule

A1-Symphonic Band  
A2-Finley/Howard  
A3-Conference  
A4-Wind Ensemble

## 9TH OR ZERO HOUR CLASSES

Jazz Band could be zero (7:30-8:15) or 9th (3:45-4:30)

## 2009 BAND CLASS REQUIREMENTS

### Wind Ensemble

- Tryout for All Region Band
- Play a solo and an ensemble at UIL Solo and Ensemble
- 6 weeks objective tests using Smartmusic Assessments
- Weekly region band master classes and/or listenings between Sept. 1-Dec. 3
- Weekly UIL music sectionals between Jan.-April
- Possible weekly 15 minute Listenings between Jan.-April
- Expected to participate in private lesson program
- Expected to participate in all performances in state and out of state

### Symphonic Band

- Tryout for Region Band
- Play a solo and/or an ensemble at UIL Solo and Ensemble
- 6 weeks objective tests using Smartmusic Assessments
- Weekly marching band/region master classes and/or listenings between Sept. 1-Nov. 3
- Weekly UIL music sectionals between Jan.-April
- Weekly 15 minute Listenings between Jan.-April
- Expected to participate in private lesson program
- Expected to participate in all performances in state and out of state

### Concert Band-*non competing band*

- Play a solo and/or an ensemble at UIL Solo and Ensemble
- 6 weeks objective tests using Smartmusic Assessments
- Weekly marching band master classes between Sept. 1-Nov. 5
- Weekly UIL music sectionals between Jan.-April
- Encouraged to participate in private lesson program

# Summer Band Schedule 2009

<b>May</b>			
1	Jazz Band at YMCA Senior	TBA	YMCA
2	SAT		
2	WISD Percussion Concert	7:00 PM	FAC
4	Volunteer Luncheon	12:00 PM	
4	Band Booster Mtg.	7:00 PM	Band Hall
6	WISD Retirement Party with Jazz Combo	4:00-6:00 PM	Civic Center
7	WISD District Showcase with Percussion	6-8:30 pm	Civic Center
8	Beach within Reach Contest-JH and Clift	TBA	Haltom City
9	Band Car Wash	8-2 pm	High School
9	Hurricane Harbor for JH and Clift		Arlington, TX
12	Freshman Parent Meeting	7:00 PM	WHS Band Hall
13	Drum Major Tryouts	4-7 pm	WHS Band Hall
14	Junior High Band Concert	7:00 PM	FAC
15	Band Banquet	7:00 PM	Midlothian Civic Center
16	Alumni Scholarship Concert	7:00 PM	FAC
16	WJHS Solo and Ensemble Contest	TBA	WJHS
19	High School Spring Concert/with 8th graders	7:00 PM	FAC
21	Clift Spring Concert	7:00 PM	FAC
23	Clift/JH Picnic	2-4 pm	Getzendaner Park
26	Freshman Play with Wind Ensemble	2:00 PM	WHS Band Hall
26	Freshman Marching Camp	4:30-7:30 PM	WHS Band Hall
30-Jun-01	State Solo and Ensemble Contest	TBA	Austin, Texas
<b>June</b>			
6	HS Uniform Fitting/Registration	8-4 pm	Band Hall
15	WHS Band Playing Rehearsal	6-8 pm	Band Hall
15	Color Guard Practice	1-4 pm	Band Hall
21-25	UTA Leadership/Guard/ PercussionCamp	TBA	Arlington
29	Color Guard Practice	1-4 pm	Band Hall
<b>July</b>			
2-3	Parade Practice	9-12 noon	Band Hall
4	Parade	10:00 AM	Downtown
4	Band Picnic	after parade	Getzendaner Park
13	Color Guard Practice	1-4 pm	Band Hall
13	Summer Playing Rehearsal	6-8 pm	Band Hall
27-31	Drumline/Color Guard Camps	8-12 noon & 1-3	Band Hall
30-31	Leadership Camp	9-12 noon	Band Hall
<b>August</b>			
1	Make-up HS Uniform Fitting/Registration	9-12 noon	Band Hall
3-7	Band Camp	7-11 & 12-3	Band Hall (times are tentative)
8	Band Car Wash	8-2 pm	High School
10-14	Band Camp	7-11 & 12-3	Band Hall (times are tentative)
14	Ice Cream Social	8:00 PM	Lumpkins Stadium
17,18,20	Band Camp	5-9 pm	Band Hall
20	Meet the Indians	7:30 PM	Lumpkins Stadium
24	School Starts		

## 2009 Color Guard Information

### What is Color Guard?

- The Color Guard is the most visual part of the marching band ensemble. These students dance, spin flags, toss rifles, and create big colorful effects using their marching, dance, and visual skills.
- The Color Guard is open to all double reeds, and non-band students with dance experience.
- The Color Guard will receive training in dance, choreography, and traditional equipment including flag, rifle, and saber.

### Eligibility

- All students in current grades 8-11 (non band students are invited also)
  - Non band students would need to enroll in a band class to receive credit
  - Guard students are encouraged to enroll in A4 band class for the fall

### Audition Info

- Interested students *must attend* the designated rehearsal dates in order to make the Color Guard.
- **Students selected for the Color Guard are expected to attend all scheduled camps dates.**
- All 8th grade students are encouraged to attend the 8th grade orientation meeting on May 12.
- The Color Guard roster will be posted by June 1st.
- *Color Guard members will be fitted on June 6 for their costume. All students unable to pay for the uniform by June 6th will not be allowed to participate in the Guard.*
- Email Rich Armstrong ralarm@wisd.org with any questions.

### Color Guard Costs/Fees

- See Band Page for band fees and uniform costs.

## Color Guard Only Summer Schedule

(Please check the band calendar for all other full band dates and events.)

<b>Day/Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Where</b>
<b>June 15</b>	1-4 pm	Guard Practice	Members in town	Band Hall
<b>June 29</b>	1-4 pm	Guard Practice	Members in town	Band Hall
<b>July 13</b>	1-4 pm	Guard Practice	Members in town	Band Hall
<b>July 27-31</b>	8-12 & 1-3	Guard Practice	All Guard Members	Band Hall