

AUDITION FOR WARREN HS BAND & COLOR GUARD!

After auditioning all students & at least 1 Parent/Adult must attend the orientation meeting. If you do not attend, you will not be enrolled!

Marching Band

Date/Time/Location: May 4 – May 7 ~ 4:00-6:30pm @ Warren HS Band Room

Attire: Plain black shorts, Plain black t-shirt or work out shirt, tennis shoes. Bring Water!

Requirements:

- Bring a grade check with you May 4th. If you have 1 F or more than 2 D's you will not be allowed to audition.
- Must attend all 4 days.
- Run 1 mile in 12 minutes or less; 30 sit ups without stopping; 15 pushups without stopping
- Perform a short marching & playing exercise that will be taught during audition camp.
- You will receive a score on Thursday May 7th that combines your attendance, attitude, playing/marching potential. This score will determine which students receive a drill spot or are alternates.

Acceptance: All students who try out and have qualifying grades will be accepted into the marching band. However, some students will be alternates and some will have drill spots. You will find out on Thursday May 8th if you earn a drill spot or if you are an alternate.

Color Guard

Date/Time: May 4 – May 7 ~ 4:00-6:30pm @ Warren HS Band Room

Attire: Plain black shorts yoga pants, plain black t-shirt or work out shirt, tennis shoes. Bring Water!

Requirements:

- Bring a grade check with you May 4th. If you have 1 F or more than 2 D's you will not be allowed to audition.
- You must attend all 4 days of the camp.
- Display a positive attitude and efficient work ethic
- Perform audition routine on Thursday May 8th

Acceptance: You will find out Thursday May 8th if you have been selected to be part of the 2020-21 team. Not all students who audition are offered a spot on the team. The audition is based on their commitment, attitude, teach-a-ability and progress throughout the week.

Percussion

Date/Time: May 5,7,12,14 ~ 4:00-7:00pm @ Warren HS Band Room

Attire: Plain black shorts, plain black t-shirt or work out shirt, tennis shoes. Bring Water!

Requirements:

- Bring a grade check with you May 5th. If you have 1 F or more than 2 D's you will not be allowed to audition.
- You must attend all 4 days of the camp.
- Display a positive attitude and efficient work ethic
- Your skill set and progress over the 4 days will be monitored.

Acceptance: You will find out Thursday May 14th if you have been selected to be part of the 2020-21 percussion section. Our goal is that all students who audition will be accepted into the program, but some students will be asked to play percussion instruments they are not trying out on. Example, a student might try out for snare drum but be asked to play bass drum instead.

Jazz Band

1. Prepare and master the attached music and scales.
 2. You will be asked to sight read a short piece as well.
 3. You will audition in front of Mr. Niemeyer May 11,12 or 13. All auditions will happen in the Warren Band room. This means current 8th graders will need to sign up for an after-school audition time and come to Warren to audition.
 4. You will receive a score – this score will determine which jazz band you are placed into. *Not all students will make it into jazz band.*
 5. Students will be informed around May 25th of their placement.
- SIGN UP!** To sign up for an audition time, visit www.warrenband.net and click on the link to the sign up genius.

Wind Ensemble

1. Prepare and master the attached music and scales.
 2. You will be asked to sight read a short piece as well.
 3. You will audition with Mr. Niemeyer May 11,12 or 13. All auditions will happen in the Warren Band room. This means current 8th graders will need to sign up for an after-school audition time and come to Warren to audition.
 4. You will receive a score – this score will help determine if you make the ensemble or not. If you do not make the Wind Ensemble, you will be placed in Concert Band.
 5. Students will be informed around May 25th of their placement.
- SIGN UP!** To sign up for an audition time, visit www.warrenband.net and click on the link to the sign up genius.

Concert Band ~ No Audition. All students who do not audition for Wind Ensemble and are recommended by their teacher, will go into this ensemble.

ENSEMBLE INSTRUMENTATION

It is important that each ensemble has a balanced instrumentation. Here is a guide to what instrumentation I am looking to fill in each ensemble.

Wind Ensemble		Concert Band		Marching Band		Jazz Band I		Jazz Band II	
Flute/Pic	5-6	Flute/Pic	NA	Piccolo	3	Alto Sax	2	Alto Sax	2
Oboe	2	Oboe	NA	Flute	18	Tenor Sax	2	Tenor Sax	2
Bassoon	2	Bassoon	NA	Clarinet	21	Bari Sax	1	Bari Sax	1
Clarinet	6-7	Clarinet	NA	Alto Sax	14	Trumpet	4	Trumpet	4
Bass Clarinet	2	Bass Clarinet	NA	Tenor Sax	7	Trombone	4	Trombone	4
Contra Bass Clarinet	1	Contra Bass Clarinet	NA	Bari Sax	5	Bass	1	Bass	1
Alto Sax	2-3	Alto Sax	NA	Trumpet	14	Guitar	1	Guitar	1
Tenor Sax	1-2	Tenor Sax	NA	Horn	7	Drum Set	1	Drum Set	1
Bari Sax	1	Bari Sax	NA	Trombone	14	Piano	1	Piano	1
Trumpet	6-7	Trumpet	NA	Baritone	10				
Horn	2-4	Horn	NA	Tuba	7				
Trombone	3-4	Trombone	NA	Battery	12				
Baritone	2-3	Baritone	NA	Front Ens.	12				
Tuba	2-3	Tuba	NA	Color Guard	30				

* Bass Clarinet will not be part of the marching band.

**Marching Band – the numbers listed are an approximation (best case scenario). Some sections may end up with more or less players than listed due to grades, interest, ability, potential and most importantly ensemble instrumentation balance and integrity.

What is a Marching Band Alternate?

In marching band at Warren High School, we use an alternate system. A student that is considered an alternate is enrolled in the marching band just like the other members, but will not march a drill spot in the field show.

Alternates will do the following:

1. Come to every practice and learn all the same music and drill.
During drill alternates will shadow another student
2. Participate in all the same fundraising and events.
3. Wear a uniform and costume just like the other members.
4. Attend all football games and march and play in pregame routine and in stands.
5. Attend all competitions and help out but will not perform.
6. Alternates are treated the same as every student in the program and are expected to do the same things as the other members.

KEY DETAIL: Every year some of the alternates actually take over drill spots in the field show for many reasons. Some of the reasons include – a student gets hurt, sick, moves, quits, etc. It is imperative that alternates are working hard to make sure they are capable of taking over a drill spot.

Why some students are alternates.

1. The student did not display the potential to be in a drill spot at this time.
2. The student cannot march and play at the level needed for success at this time.
3. There are too many instruments in a certain section
4. Student showed up late or unprepared during audition camps.
5. Student missed some or all audition camp dates.
6. Student misses summer practices = student will be removed from drill spot and put on alternate list.