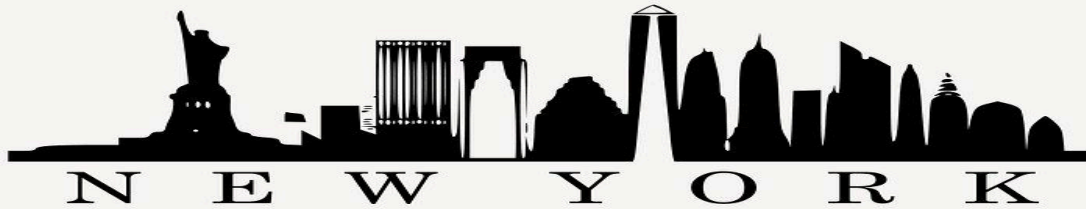


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Yellow Jacket Band



Dear 2024-2025 WCHS Band Members,

4/24/24

Congratulations! Due to your hard work these past two years, our band program has grown in both membership and ability. At Large Group Performance Evaluations this year, the head adjudicator from the Georgia Music Educators Association suggested that we submit a recording of our performance to the Carnegie Hall Music Festival in New York City. I am beyond pleased to announce that the Wayne County High School Band has been selected to perform at CARNEGIE HALL in April of 2025!!! This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and we are so excited to experience this honor with you.

Now the hard part begins! Each trip is going to cost an estimated \$2700 but you will have several months to pay for it. While this is definitely an expensive trip, we believe that the experiences that you will get from this performance will be well worth the money. There are very few people who can say that they actually performed in Carnegie Hall! Our band was one of FOUR high school bands chosen to perform from across the country!

Any instrumentalist enrolled in a Wayne Co High School band class FALL AND SPRING SEMESTERS of the 2024-2025 school year is eligible to attend this trip. We will form one concert band to perform on the stage at Carnegie Hall. Please note that ALL trips, students and adults, are the same price. We are working on several fundraising opportunities for students to help raise money in order to attend.

The price of the trip will include the following:

- Roundtrip airfare from Jacksonville, FL to New York (leaving April 17, 2025 returning Sunday, April 20, 2025)
- Motorcoach transportation to and from the airport.
- Motorcoach transportation while we are in New York
- Personal tour guide while we are in New York
- Rehearsal with an internationally known conductor
- Performance at Carnegie Hall (includes percussion rental fee)
- 3 Nights hotel accommodations in a Manhattan hotel (Times Square)
- Attendance at a Broadway Show
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- Admission to one or more of the following: Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, 9/11 Museum, One World Trade Center, Top of the Rock, Empire State Building
- Recording of our performance
- Professional photo of group performance for each participant
- Commemorative plaque for our school
- Certificate of Achievement for each student
- Commemorative program poster for the band room
- Hotel baggage handling upon arrival and departure at hotel
- Insurance policy

Students will be expected to spend the entirety of the trip with the band and follow the band itinerary. Special exceptions will not be made for different travel days. Parents and family members who wish to attend the performance will need to make their own travel arrangements. Parents who travel with the band will be chaperones and will be responsible for their group of students during the entirety of the trip.

CHAPERONES

Any parent or legal guardian of a student enrolled in a band class both semesters of the 2024-2025 school year is eligible to chaperone the trip with us (must have a completed background check). All chaperones will be required to be in charge of a group of students throughout the trip as outlined by the directors. Chaperones will be expected to travel by bus, plane, and on foot with their group for the entire trip.

PAYMENT DETAILS

The WCHS Band Boosters are hard at work putting together donation letters and fundraising opportunities for students who wish to attend. The estimated cost of the trip currently is \$2700 per person (including chaperones). Any donations that we receive from the community will be applied towards the total trip which will hopefully bring that price down a little before it is all said and done. To be on the safe side, please budget for \$2700. Any fundraisers that are available for THIS TRIP will be clearly communicated with you so that you know how much profit you can expect to apply from each sale. While we know this is a lot of money, we are trying to do everything possible to help these students get to New York to perform in one of the most iconic performance venues in the world.

May 31, 2024 - \$200 (non refundable)

August 2024 - Make a payment / fundraiser

September 2024 -Make a payment / fundraiser

October 2024 - Make a payment / fundraiser

November 2024 - \$1350 must be in your trip account (NO REFUNDS AFTER THIS POINT)

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December 2024 - Make a payment / fundraiser

January 2025 - Make a payment / fundraiser

February 2025 - Trip must be paid in full.

Payments can be made through the same text link that you have received from CutTime music. You can also “share payments” using this same feature. Next to the green MAKE A PAYMENT option is the SHARE PAYMENT option. You can enter in the name and phone number of anyone who would like to help and pay for your child. The money will go directly into their account. Cash or check payments can be made in the band room by my office. Make sure your name is on the envelope and what you are paying for.

FUNDRAISING!!!!

Parents, this trip will not be possible without you helping with the fundraiser efforts. Please send fundraiser ideas/suggestions to Mrs. Hursey at christy.hursey@wayne.k12.ga.us. Corporate donation letters can be found on our website once available.

There will be an informational session at our Band Booster Meeting being held on May 7, 2024 at 6:30 in the band room. Please plan to attend this meeting.