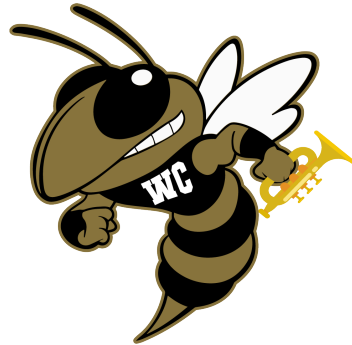


2024 Marching Band Information Packet



Wayne County High School Yellow Jacket Marching Band

What is Marching Band?

The Wayne County High School Marching Band is one of the largest student organizations on campus. Boasting over 140 members, the marching band is made up of freshmen through seniors enrolled at WCHS. In addition to being one of the largest student organizations, it is also one of the most active. The marching band performs at all Wayne County High School football games, pep rallies, local parades, and marching band competitions.

Is Marching Band a class?

No. Marching Band is an extracurricular activity that happens outside of the normal school day. We practice for a few weeks in July and then twice a week once school begins. While we do not have a “Marching Band class”, all band classes do work on marching band music during their class period. Marching Band requires a lot of time and dedication but is well worth it in the end. All marching band winds and percussion are REQUIRED to be in a band class in the fall in order to participate.

Do I have to be in Marching Band?

No. Again, marching band is an extracurricular activity outside of the normal band class. HOWEVER, we recommend that you at least try it for a year! Most people who try it the first year end up marching all four years. On the other hand, most people who do not march their first year end up regretting that decision and join the next year.

I am not going to march because I need to focus on my schoolwork.

This is the number one excuse that students give me for not marching. Marching Band teaches you how to manage your time wisely and makes you a more well-rounded student. As a young student, you are in the marching band with older students who have taken all of the classes that you are about to take and can help you with your work. There is time between school and marching practice for you to get tutoring or work on your homework.

Isn't band camp hot?

Yep! We live in South Georgia. It's hot. We have plenty of breaks and try to do fun activities that involve water to help us cool down! You'll be fine!

Do I need to know how to march before I join Marching Band?

Nope! We will teach you everything that you need to know during band camp. As long as you are committed, try hard, and have a great attitude, we will teach you the rest.

2024 Marching Band Commitment Form

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Student ID / Lunch #: _____ Grade for 2024/2025: _____

Primary Concert Instrument: _____

Marching Instrument / Section: _____

Home address: _____

Student Cell #: _____ Home #: _____

Student Email: _____

Parent/Guardian #1:

Name: _____

Cell: _____

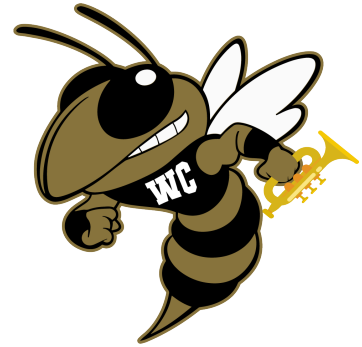
Email: _____

Parent/Guardian #2:

Name: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____



By signing below, I am committing to membership in the 2024 Wayne County High School Marching Band. I understand that if I change my mind and quit before the end of the season, I will lose any money paid and will still owe for any items that were ordered for me. If I am removed from the group due to disciplinary action or lack of attendance, I will also lose any money paid and will still owe for any items that were ordered for me. Failure to complete the season will result in not being able to march next year.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Marching Band Attendance Policy

Revised: Feb. 22, 2023

In order for our marching band to succeed, we must implement a strict attendance policy. Marching Band is an extracurricular activity, meaning that it occurs outside of the normal school day and it is a group that each student must CHOOSE to participate in. Band class is not extra-curricular, as it meets every day as a class during the school day and is open to all students who play a band instrument.

We cannot teach students when they are not here. Since the marching band is one of the most public “faces” of the school, it is important that it functions at an extremely high level.

All absences MUST be filled out in the google form **PRIOR** to the start of rehearsal using the Absentee Form located on our band website: www.wchsbands.com.

An absence on Thursday before a performance may result in that student not performing at the next performance.

Students who have excessive absences (as determined by the directors) will be removed from the marching band with no refund of marching band fees.

ANY unexcused absence from a performance (games, parades, competitions) may result in removal from the marching band with no refund of marching band fees.

2 unexcused tardies = 1 unexcused absence

Excused absences / tardies include:

- Death in the immediate family (note from parent)
- Sickness (note from doctor / parent)
- Covid (note from doctor / parent)
- Another school sponsored event (advanced notice required)
- Unavoidable / Emergency doctor appointments (note from doctor)

Unexcused absences / tardies include (but not limited to):

- Birthdays
- Not feeling well (without note from doctor / parent)
- Vacations (band schedule was given out in early May)
- Family functions (band schedule was given out in early May)
- Work (band schedule was given out in early May)
- Babysitting siblings (band schedule was given out in early May)

Again, this is not to be looked at as a punishment. It should be viewed as a commitment to being a member of the WCHS Yellow Jacket Marching Band. In order to be the best, we MUST practice together...with EVERYONE! Please make sure that you have adjusted your schedule to include all marching band functions. Plan your doctor appointments AROUND marching band practices and performances. Again, marching band practices are TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS from 4:00-7:00pm.

2024 WCHS Marching Band Membership Package

Membership in the Wayne County High School Marching Band requires each student to purchase a “membership package”. The items in this package may vary for each student based on items already owned from previous marching band membership.

Marching Band Operating Cost: \$100

(All Drum Majors, Woodwind, Brass, Percussion)

- Includes uniform jacket cleanings throughout the season, instructors for band camp and throughout the season, show expenses such as props and music, and helps cover competition registration fees.

Marching Band Operating Cost: \$50

(All Guard and Majorettes)

- Includes instructors for band camp and throughout the season, show expenses such as props and music, and helps cover competition registration fees.

Summer Uniform Items: (Can be reused from 2023 season)

(All Drum Majors, Woodwind, Brass, Percussion)

- Vegas Gold Dri-Fit Shirt.....\$15
- Band Baseball Cap.....\$25

Full Uniform Items: (Can be reused from year to year as long as they fit)

(All Drum Majors, Woodwind, Brass, Percussion)

- Marching Shoes.....\$40
- Bibber Pants.....\$70
- Uniform Shirt.....\$65
 - You will own these and keep them. They are machine washable! We will use the same ones each year.

Guard and Majorette Uniform Items:

- A detailed list of items and prices will be given out at Marching Band Sign Up Night.

Please know that we will never turn away a student that cannot afford to purchase the Marching Band Package. If you need financial assistance, please contact Mr. or Mrs. Hursey through email. We want all students to participate, however please understand that marching band costs money. We are doing everything to be good stewards of your money and every cent will be spent on your child’s music education. The more participation that we have with the band fundraisers, the less money we will need to ask you for out of pocket. Thank you in advance for your understanding and support.

Payment Schedule for 2024 Marching Band Members

Winds / Percussion / Drum Majors:

Fri, May 17 (Last Day of Spring Training/Spring Game): All Fundraiser Money Due

*Returning members must have \$100 paid

*New members must have at least \$175 paid (in order to order uniform parts)

Mon, July 22 (First Day of Band Camp): All remaining balances due

Guard Members / Majorettes:

Fri, May 17 (Last Day of Spring Training/Spring Game): All Fundraiser Money Due

* Majorettes and Guard Members will have detailed amounts and due dates once the teams are set.

Mon, July 22 (First Day of Band Camp): All remaining balances due

We can also work out payment plans for anyone who needs one. Communication is the key!



* You will receive a fundraiser at Marching Band Sign Up Night that will give you an opportunity to raise all the money that you need for marching band!

(Guard and Majorettes will be able to raise most of their fees)

2024 Band Camp

Band Camp is MANDATORY! We learn too much of the show during band camp for you to miss. Please schedule trips / vacations / doctor appointments / family reunions / rabbit racing / etc AROUND the band camp schedule. If you cannot be at band camp, you do not need to march.

All Percussion, Drum Majors, and Guard:

Mon, July 15: 8:30am - 3:00pm

Tues, July 16: 8:30am - 3:00pm

Wed, July 17: 8:30am - 3:00pm

Thurs, July 18: 8:30am - 3:00pm

Fri, July 19: *No Practice*

*There will be an hour lunch break from 11:00-12:00 each day

All Percussion, Guard, Winds, Majorettes, Drum Majors:

Mon, July 22: 8:30am - 3:00pm

Tues, July 23: 8:30am - 3:00pm

Wed, July 24: 8:30am - 3:00pm

Thurs, July 25: 8:30am - 3:00pm

Fri, July 26: *No Practice - Wild Adventures Trip*

*There will be an hour lunch break from 12:00 - 1:00pm each day

Mon, July 29: 8:30am - 3:00pm

Tues, July 30: 8:30am - 3:00pm

Wed, July 31: 8:30am - 3:00pm

Thurs, Aug 1: No Practice

Fri, Aug 2: No Practice

Mon, Aug 5: 4:00-7:00pm

Thurs, Aug 8: 4:00-7:00pm

Once school begins, we will go to our normal practice schedule of every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00pm - 7:00pm.

*We have adjusted the band camp schedule to allow students to go to work each day if needed. Please respect the time that we have blocked for rehearsal and do not schedule appointments or work during the times listed above.

2024 WCHS Marching Band Performance Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
8/16	Glynn Academy	7:30	Home
8/23	Brunswick HS	7:30	Home
8/30	Appling County HS	7:30	Away
9/6	Pierce County HS	7:30	Home
9/13	Richmond Hill HS	7:30	Away
9/20	BYE WEEK		
9/27	Warner Robins HS	7:30	Away
10/4	Perry HS	7:30	Home
10/5	Possible Marching Contest		TBA
10/11	BYE WEEK		
10/18	Benedictine	7:30	Home
10/19	Possible Marching Contest		TBA
10/25	New Hampstead HS	7:30	Away
10/26	Possible Marching Contest		TBA
11/1	Ware Co HS	7:30	Home
11/2	Deep South Marching Contest	All Day	Host at Wayne County
11/8 or 11/9	1st Round State Play-Off	TBA	TBA
11/15	2nd Round State Play-Off	TBA	TBA
11/22	Quarterfinals	TBA	TBA
11/29	Semi-Finals	TBA	TBA
12/1	STATE CHAMPIONSHIP	TBA	TBA

MARCHING BAND SIGN-UP NIGHT

MANDATORY FOR ALL STUDENTS WANTING TO MARCH!

Please bring your Commitment Form, Band Handbook Acknowledgement Form, and a parent to officially get signed up for marching band and get measured for a uniform!

**DROP-IN between
5-7pm
Thursday, April 18
WCHS Commons Area
(Please enter through front door of school)**

WCHS MARCHING BAND SPRING TRAINING

All 2024 Band Members should attend spring training. You will learn marching basics and meet your sections. Please dress to be outside and wear tennis shoes. School owned instruments will be issued to those who need them.

Wed, May 15	3:45-5:45	ALL LEADERSHIP
Thurs, May 16	3:45-5:45	ALL MEMBERS
Fri, May 17	4:00-6:00	ALL MEMBERS
	6:00-7:00	PIZZA PARTY
	7:30-9:30	Play at WCHS Spring Game

Wayne County High School Band Handbook Acknowledgement Contract

The WCHS Band Handbook is always available on our website at www.wchsbands.com under the “Handbook” tab. Please scan the QR Code below to access the Handbook before signing this contract.



Please sign the contract below and bring this with you to Marching Band Sign Up Night.

“I have read, understand, and agree to follow the Wayne County High School Band Handbook and the policies outlined within it. I also understand that I will be held accountable for my actions and that I am responsible for following all rules and regulations of the marching band. Furthermore, I understand that any violation of these policies could be cause for suspension or removal from the Wayne County High School Band Program. If I quit or am removed from the Marching Band Program, I will not be able to march the following season nor will I receive any refund of money paid and will still be responsible for paying off any balances for items ordered.”

Student Name (Print): _____ Section: _____

Student Signature (Sign): _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (Sign): _____ Date: _____