

2018
WALNUT HILLS HIGH SCHOOL
MARCHING BLUE & GOLD



HANDBOOK, SCHEDULE,
AND FEE OUTLINE

VISUAL ENSEMBLE

Emergency Medical Form & Acknowledgement Page, and
1st payment of \$150 due Wednesday, May 9th, 2018

Total for Visual Ensemble: \$300.00

Deposit 5/9/18: 1st Payment \$150 (payable to WHIP)
Due 8/29/18: -Final Payment \$150 (payable to WHIP)

All checks should be made payable to 'WHIP'

Payments can also be made on our website via PayPal:

walnuthillsmarchingband.com

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**ALL WHHS MARCHING BLUE AND GOLD PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE
GYM CREDIT AFTER TWO SEASONS OF PARTICIPATION!!!!!!**

Walnut Hills High School Marching Blue and Gold Handbook

In this handbook, students will find all necessary information regarding the Marching Blue and Gold. Once the student and parent have read and understood the information, the final page should be used as a checklist to finalize all preparation for the upcoming season. This handbook is designed to answer all your questions regarding the Walnut Hills High School Marching Band.

The Walnut Hills High School Marching Band is one of the fastest growing, most visible and successful groups at Walnut Hills High School. The band is extremely active in school functions and participates in a fairly active competitive schedule as well. The Marching Blue and Gold have developed an outstanding reputation for musical excellence both inside and outside the community. As a member of this ensemble, students have a responsibility to themselves, as well as to their parents, peers and audience members to rise to their highest potential. The numerous accolades the band has received is a direct result of the hard work of students, staff, and parents. This combination of support, along with the support of school administration, alumni and our community has helped the Walnut Hills Marching Blue and Gold continue to maintain a reputation as one of the elite marching programs in the state of Ohio.

While the aspect of hard work may appear overwhelming to some, the benefits of the Walnut Hills Marching Band far outweigh any perceived detriments. Friendships are made, forged, and strengthened, not only on the student level, but also among parents who become involved in the program. In this ensemble, students learn more than just music and how to get an audience to their feet. They learn about discipline, respect, goal oriented achievements, positive motivation, punctuality, sacrifice and team work. All of these skills are necessary and vital life/career skills, which the student will be able to draw upon later in life. The Marching Blue and Gold can offer a student and their parents a chance to spend time together as a family. A master schedule of rehearsals, performances and other activities, is distributed in March so that students and their families can avoid conflicts. As the master schedule is developed, the staff works diligently to keep family time in mind in planning almost all activities.

Summer and Season Uniform Care and Guidelines

Uniforms for all members of the Marching Blue and Gold are provided by the Walnut Hills Instrumental Parents (WHIP) at no cost to the members of the organization. This does not include shoes, gloves, and appropriate clothes worn under the uniform. The following guidelines are in place to help preserve and care for the uniforms:

- 1) Visual Ensemble members will be given instructions regarding their uniform for football games & competitions. V.E. Members are responsible for taking care of all parts of this uniform. Rules for maintenance of marching uniforms is posted below in the event that they assist with uniform care and storage.
- 2) Students shall be given instructions regarding the proper way to wear uniforms. At no time is the student to remove any part of their uniform until a staff member has indicated they may do so. The student and parent are responsible for the condition of the uniform. Any accidents, stains, rips, tears, etc, to the uniform **will** be charged to the student/parent. Each uniform costs \$350.00 to replace.
- 3) Students should avoid eating while in uniform. Even if you are very careful, accidents involving other people may happen. Remember that you are responsible for your uniform. Plan to eat before or after the time you will be in uniform.
- 4) Do not attempt to wash or dry clean your uniform on your own. All uniforms will be cleaned together. Part of the student fee is used for professional dry cleaning for this purpose.
- 5) All students wearing marching band uniforms are required to wear a black shirt (preferably their black show shirt) under their jacket. Baggy pants or jeans should also not be worn underneath the marching band trousers. **NO CLOTHING SHOULD SHOW UNDER YOUR UNIFORM AT ANY TIME.**
- 6) All uniforms stay at school when not in use during a performance situation.
- 7) If uniforms get wet, do not place the uniform in the uniform cabinet. Uniforms must be allowed to dry completely before placing them inside the cabinets. If uniforms get wet, a staff member will ask you to place your jacket on your chair back and lay trousers across the seat of your chair.
- 8) All students are assigned a music locker for storage of shoes, socks, and various other uniform needs. All students must put a lock on their lockers.
- 9) Hats are to be kept in the hat box when putting away the uniform. Hat boxes are to be stored in the uniform cabinets only. Do not store hats in the hall or instrument lockers. Plumes must be kept in the plume cylinder and handled by staff and volunteers only. Hat wraps will be collected and placed in a separate storage bin or in the hat box.

- 10) Be sure to keep all parts of your uniform together. When dressing at home games, hangers go back in the uniform cabinet. Cases and hat boxes are brought up to the field prior to our march up for pre-game.
- 11) When in uniform, students should wear **LONG BLACK SOCKS** with no print on them. **Students' marching shoes (Drillmasters)** should be kept clean and shiny for all performances.
- 12) Be sure to place your uniform and hat box in the correct uniform cabinet.
- 13) Above all, please take great care at all times with the uniforms. We are extremely fortunate to have new uniforms, thanks to the generosity of WHIP, our community supporters and our Alumni Foundation. Whether uniforms belong to guard or band, they are very expensive. Please demonstrate your maturity by caring for your uniform in a fine fashion. If you have a question, please ask a student leader.
- 14) Our summer uniform consists of show shirt, khaki pants (no cargo pants), belt and athletic shoes. Please be sure athletic shoes are not any color of neon.

Conduct

Students in the Walnut Hills Marching Band will operate under the WHHS Student Handbook. All rules apply and are in place throughout the entire season. This includes all activities outside of the regular school day hours. It is the both the responsibility of students and parents to be familiar with these rules.

The Marching Blue and Gold should remember they are part of one of the finest marching bands in the state of Ohio. Their behavior and conduct are watched at all times by numerous people. Individual actions of students reflect on the entire group. Students are expected to conduct themselves at all times with their best possible behavior both on and off the field.

Bus Trips

Transporting over 100 students from one location to another involves a great deal of cooperation from students, parents, bus drivers and staff. Students should be polite, respectful and be proactive when on trips to ensure that the band arrives in a timely fashion.

- 1) **PIT CREW PARENTS/QUARTERMASTERS:** These people work very hard to load the truck, transport our equipment, place and remove it in performance settings, and oversee the safety of the equipment during transportation and performances. Each person will be responsible for their own instrument and equipment. Students are expected to treat them kindly and be appreciative of the services they provide for you and the band. **A "thank you" goes a long way.**
- 2) **BUS DRIVERS:** These people are in charge of transporting us from one place to another. When we travel, you are to be very polite to your driver. The staff will not tolerate rudeness, excessive noise, and leaving trash on a bus. There is no food or drink permitted on the bus unless otherwise stated. Students are permitted to bring personal music devices at their own risk. The staff is **NOT** responsible for protecting these items. Students are encouraged to study on long trips. Use your time wisely!!
- 3) **CHAPERONES:** On the bus, they are an extension of the staff. These adults help keep noise under control and can also help with parental type needs on your bus. Students should never argue with a parent. Please direct any questions or concerns to Mr. Canter, Mr. Peoples or Mrs. Ware.
- 4) **BUS SEATING:** No more than two students should be in a seat. Small instruments can go with you on the bus. Larger instruments are placed on the truck.
- 5) There is to be no shouting out of the windows, hanging any object or body parts out of the windows, food or drink, excessive volume levels or screaming, or public displays of affection on the bus **AT ANY TIME.**
- 6) **ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE:** Whether arriving at or departing for a destination, students should not board or depart a bus until specifically told to do so by a staff member. Students should plan to follow their itineraries and should either have them committed perfectly to memory or carry them with you. Itineraries will be available sometime the week before our departure.
- 7) **ASSIGNMENTS:** Bus assignments will be made at the start of the season. These bus assignments will be followed throughout the season unless otherwise stated by the staff.

Football Games

Whether home or away, instrumentalists should have their stands music with them at all times in the stands. Students will sit in the stands IN SECTIONS unless otherwise instructed by the staff. Percussionists should line up their equipment as instructed by the staff or percussion captain. Tuba players should keep their instruments low to the ground, or in the first row area. Guard members will take care to place equipment off to the side and warm up as instructed by the staff or guard captain. **ALL STUDENTS NEED TO EXERCISE CARE IN CLIMBING BLEACHERS AND WHILE SITTING IN THE BLEACHERS.** In most cases, the band will be given third quarter for refreshments, but must be back in the stands by the END of the third quarter to play the fight song under the direction of the drum major(s). Not returning at this time will result in detentions to late band members and removal of your third quarter privilege. At a football game, the band has the responsibility to promote school spirit. Students should be ready to play at any time and play frequently. Persons are not to be out walking around behind the bleachers or goofing around. Simply sit in the stands and watch the game.

Parades, Festivals, Competitions

These events are one of the main reasons we exist and represent well over half of our performance efforts. From the beginning gathering to the final car exiting from the parking lot, you are in some mode of performance. Whether it is performance preparation, the actual performance, or post performance evaluation, it is YOUR job to be constantly aware of this status. Remain FOCUSED and AWARE at all times, especially before, during, and immediately after all performances. Every preparation and learning technique has a purpose and students are expected to fully participate and strive to achieve their best performance yet. Every member's contribution to this group is vital and important. Each student should be physically and mentally ready for each performance.

Grading Policy

The Marching Blue and Gold are part of the music curriculum at Walnut Hills High School. Students have regular pupil performance objectives to meet and fulfill just like any other academic class. They will receive grades based on their fulfillment of these objectives and their participation in performance activities. Attitude is also considered when fulfilling the participation/performance portion of the course.

Since this is a performance-based class, the student receives a grade for each performance. No performance can be made up or excused. The entire ensemble is dependent on each individual performer and when even one person is absent, the end result is affected. Medical reasons for a missed performance **MUST** be documented with the director--not a student leader- and will be considered on an individual basis. A phone call at school before the absence and a note afterward from the parent explaining the absence, are required. **(Direct office line to Mr. Canter 363-8510) (Direct office line to Mr. Peoples 363-8519)**

GRADES WILL BE ASSIGNED AS FOLLOWS:

PERFORMANCES:	50%--All performances in a grading period
MUSIC OBJECTIVES	25%--Memory checks, music tests, marching tests
ATTITUDE	25%--Effort, leadership, skills, positive contributions

PLEASE be sure of your participation prior to turning in the acknowledgement form. *If a student drops out of the program AFTER the acknowledgement form is signed they will receive an 'F' for the 1st quarter of the following school year and forfeit the first payment. Marching Band is a graded course and failure to fulfill the commitment causes the entire ensemble to suffer. Once the acknowledgement form is signed, the student has a specific role in the show and the first payment is immediately used for drill writing and music arrangements.*

Attendance Policy

The student will follow the attendance policy as given by Walnut Hills High School. Due to the unique nature of performance based courses and their presentations at times other than the school day, the student must understand that their participation in each rehearsal, concert, or related event is NOT optional but mandatory. The following policy addresses attendance in these ways:

- 1) **Rehearsal:** Deliberate absence from rehearsal will be a loss of daily participation points and detention for the first offense. Second offense will result in a loss of daily participation points, detention, and removal from the class and failure of the course.
- 2.) **Concerts & Performance Related Events:**
 - A. Deliberate Absence: Removal from the group and failure of the course
 - B. Excused Medial Absence: agreed upon PRIOR to the event by Mr. Canter and student. Emergencies handled on an individual basis.
 - C. Vacation Absence: Obviously from time to time, this infrequently occurs: a student will need to be with a family on a planned sabbatical or educational experience. The challenge of a performance-based course is that there is no way to make up a performance. The concert or performance is the ultimate "test" or "exam." We take the examination in a public setting and recreating those conditions for make-up work is impossible. If a student will be absent for any performance, they should contact Mr. Canter immediately to discuss any consequences to grading and overall participation. All absences will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

ABSENCES, WHICH FALL IN THIS CATEGORY, MUST BE PRESENTED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SEMESTER UNLESS OTHERWISE ARRANGED BY THE INSTRUCTOR AND STUDENT INVOLVED.

- D. Athletic Policy: Since this is an academic subject which follows a course of study, students will perform in any concert or performance related event which takes place on the eve of the athletic event in question.

Student Financial Responsibilities-What are my fees used for?

If a payment is made using check or money order, please make payable to WHIP and be sure to include the student's name on the memo of the check. This gives you an automatic receipt and allows the staff to easily identify which student should be credited with a payment. Payments can also be made through PayPal at walnuthillsmarchingband.com

Below is a list of items covered in the fees charged to participate in marching band. The following items, which are ordered at pre-band camp, usually arrive before or at the very beginning of the school year.

Items covered by the student fee are:

- 1) Visual Ensemble Uniform
- 2) Show T-Shirt
- 3) Show music, drill and equipment
- 4) Bus Transportation
- 5) Staffing

Additional items not included in student fee:

- 1) Students are responsible for obtaining khaki pants for summer uniforms
- 2) Athletic shoes for summer uniforms
- 3) Belts for summer uniforms
- 4) Long black socks for summer uniforms and marching band uniforms

While eating in uniform is discouraged, situations may occur when eating at an away event is unavoidable. The staff makes every effort to alert parents of this well in advance. Typically, the child will usually know whether "incidental money" will be necessary for a meal at concession stands or a fast-food restaurant.

Finally, students and parents must remember that damage to a piece of school owned property may be charged to the user. Please treat all equipment and uniforms with extreme care. In most cases, they need to last long after the student has graduated.

Policy For Students Participating In Athletics and Marching Band

For the student who desires to participate in a fall sport during marching band, the following guidelines exist.

1. Taking full advantage of all aspects of Walnut Hills High School is strongly encouraged. HOWEVER, academically the amount of time the student provides to both activities will be overwhelming.
2. When practice times conflict, the student is expected to make an effort to split time with both band and the sport in question.
3. When practice times conflict with athletic games, the student may attend the game. However, the student must be directly involved with the game.
Example: A reserve player attending a home varsity game is not an excused absence. Neither will performing duties such as announcing, collecting gate monies, etc.
4. When athletic games conflict with a band performance, the student must attend the performance. The graded course takes priority in this area. The instructors work VERY HARD to try and NOT double schedule during the marching band season. Abuses of this policy will result in grade reductions due to an unexcused absence.

Policy For Students Participating In Outside Musical Group

For those students who seek to excel in additional ensembles, arrangements can be made with regard to schedules. All WHHS performance activities and requirements must be honored first. The director will handle these cases on an individual basis.

Special Section On Substance Abuse & Weapons

The student handbook is quite clear on the issue of substance abuse and weapons. Simply put, it is illegal in this state for a high school student to be in possession of, or under the influence of alcohol, tobacco products, or any other similar drug related substance. In addition, it is illegal to be in the possession of any weapon or weapon look-alike. In accordance with the Board of Education policy, students who violate this rule will be removed from the organization immediately for the duration of the performance season. All affected grades and absences will be considered failures. This will be in effect for the entire marching season/semester. Students involved in marching band should be committed to the performance of music, not the use of products which can lead to destructive habits. **There can and will be NO TOLERANCE IN THIS AREA.**

Marching Blue and Gold Social Media

Website: www.walnuthillsmarchingband.com

Email: walnuthillsband@gmail.com

Twitter: WHHSMarchingBand@whhsmarching

Instagram: WHHSMarchingB

Facebook For students: DUBBACHECKACHIP!

Facebook For Families & Students: WHHSMarchingBand

Facebook For Alumni: WHHSMarchingBandAlumni

Mandatory Volunteering For Each Family to Support our Future!

The Marching Blue and Gold are making great strides to improve our finances and keep student cost as low as possible! We are now working concession stands at Paul Brown Stadium in addition to our own concession stand at Walnut Hills High School. In order to staff our needs for concessions and Marching Blue & Gold daily production, we are asking each family to volunteer 5 (FIVE) times throughout the school year. Our year starts and ends at guard and percussion camp. Cousins, aunts, uncles, parents, siblings, friends of the family can all work to complete the required 5 (FIVE) volunteer spots for the year. You can volunteer for any opening with pit, uniforms, bus chaperone, concessions or any volunteer required activity for the marching blue and gold. All money earned will go towards the Marching Blue & Gold.

All volunteer positions will be posted on walnuthillsmarchingband.com, so you can easily view all activities, plan your volunteering and sign up!

Additional Information

Calendar of events (included in packet)

All music parents are automatically a member of WHIP!!!!

ALL WHHS MARCHING BLUE AND GOLD PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE GYM CREDIT AFTER TWO SEASONS OF PARTICIPATION!!!!!!

Band Camp Dates and Times

Monday, 7/30 & Tuesday, 7/31: **PRE-CAMP REHEARSALS**

- All Marchers: 9am-8:30pm

Wednesday, 8/1: **PRE-CAMP REHEARSAL**

- All Marchers: 9am-5pm (Dinner/Meeting from 6-8pm)

Thursday, 8/2- Friday, 8/3: **PRE-CAMP REHEARSAL**

- All Marchers: 9am-5pm

Sunday, 8/5- Friday, 8/10: **BAND CAMP IN RIPLEY, WEST VIRGINIA**

- Visual Ensemble Members will not attend Band Camp.

Students will rejoin rehearsals once school begins.

Final Check List for Money and Forms

All Checks Payable to 'WHIP' and include student name in the memo

Paperwork Due on Wednesday, 5/9 for All Visual Ensemble Members

Acknowledgement Page- Signed by both student and parent (page 11)

Emergency Medical Form- Completed and turned in with first payment (page 12)

PAYMENT BREAKDOWN FOR VISUAL ENSEMBLE

Total for Visual Ensemble Members: \$300.00

1st Payment of \$150- Due 5/9/18

Final Payment of \$150- Due 8/29/18

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PAGE

Both parent and student have read and fully understood the 2018 Walnut Hills Marching Blue and Gold Handbook and Fee Structure.

Both parties must sign and return this sheet with your 1st marching band payment of \$150 and Emergency Medical Form (EMF) to your director by March 21st (Junior Band Members) and April 11th for all returning members.

Print Student Name _____

Student Signature _____ 2018-19 Grade _____

Student Email _____

Student Cell Phone Number _____

Student T-Shirt Size _____ Marching Instrument _____

Print Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian #1 Email _____

Parent #1 Phone Number _____

Parent/Guardian #2 Email _____

Parent #2 Phone Number _____

I understand that the Marching Band *has extensive volunteer needs* and as a parent of a marching band member my family is asked to volunteer *at least* 5 times during the year.

Parent Signature _____

By signing this document, you *legally* take responsibility for all equipment, fees, and attendance at all functions.



Emergency Medical Authorization Form

Please fill out this form and return it to your child's school.

Student's Name: _____ ID #: _____ Homeroom: _____ Birth Date: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Year: _____

Student's Address: _____ Apt.: _____ Phone: (____) _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Purpose — To enable parents and guardians to authorize the provision of emergency treatment for children who become ill or injured while under school authority, when parents or guardians cannot be reached.

Residential Parent or Guardian

Mother's Name: _____ Daytime Phone: (____) _____

Father's Name: _____ Daytime Phone: (____) _____

Other's Name: _____ Daytime Phone: (____) _____

Name of Relative or Child-care Provider: _____

Relationship: _____ Daytime Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

PART I or II MUST BE COMPLETED

PART I: TO GRANT CONSENT I hereby give consent for the following medical-care providers and local hospital to be called:

Physician: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Dentist: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Medical Specialist: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Local Hospital: _____ Emergency Room Phone: (____) _____

In the event reasonable attempts to contact me have been unsuccessful, I hereby give my consent for (1) the administration of any treatment deemed necessary by above-named doctors, or, in the event the designated preferred practitioner is not available, by another licensed physician or dentist; and (2) the transfer of my child to any hospital reasonably accessible. This authorization does not cover major surgery unless the medical opinions of two other licensed physicians or dentists, concurring in the necessity for such surgery, are obtained prior to the performance of such surgery.

Facts concerning my child's medical history, including allergies, medications being taken, and any physical impairments to which a physician should be alerted:

Date: _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

PART II: REFUSAL TO GRANT CONSENT I do **NOT** give my consent for emergency medical treatment of my child. In the event of illness or injury requiring emergency treatment, I wish the school to take the following action:

Date: _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____