



# WINTER PARK HIGH SCHOOL

## 2023-2024 BAND REGISTRATION

### TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023

Registration for the Winter Park High School Band's 2023 - 2024 school year will take place in the WPHS Main Campus Band Room on Tuesday, May 9 between 6 PM and 9 PM. Please note that Band Registration Night is different than the "course registration" done by guidance counselors in the winter, and it is for all new and returning Band students.

The following forms are included here and should be turned in at the May 9 Registration Night:

- Emergency Treatment Authorization Card
- OCPS Model Release Form
- WPHS Bands Financial Obligations 2023/2024 (*specific for "Woodwind / Brass / Percussion," and "Color Guard / Winter Guard"*)

To keep everything moving smoothly, the schedule for Registration Night is arranged by grade (2023-2024 grade level). If at all possible, please attend during your scheduled time. However, if you are unable during the designated time, please attend at a time that fits your schedule. This is a drop-in registration process and generally only takes a few minutes to complete. It will be helpful to have all registration paperwork completed before arriving to register.

<b>Freshman:</b>	<b>6:00 PM - 6:45 PM</b>
<b>Sophomore:</b>	<b>6:45 PM - 7:30 PM</b>
<b>Junior:</b>	<b>7:30 PM - 8:15 PM</b>
<b>Senior:</b>	<b>8:15 PM - 9:00 PM</b>

If you have any questions regarding the registration process, please e-mail Michael Clemente, Director of Bands, at [michael.clemente@ocps.net](mailto:michael.clemente@ocps.net).

Sincerely,

Michael Clemente  
Director of Bands

## Why should I be in the Winter Park High School Band?

The Winter Park High School Bands have a long tradition of being one of the most well-known and distinguished band programs in the state of Florida. For 83 years, the Bands have represented Winter Park High School with excellence at local, regional, state, and national performances. In addition, the Florida Department of Education has recognized Winter Park High School as a "Music Demonstration School." **The Winter Park Bands represent some of the very best students at Winter Park High School.**

Along with the musical experiences that come with being a part of the Winter Park Bands, this organization attracts some of the most outstanding individuals in the school. Over the years, some of the leaders among our student body, including valedictorians, have been part of the Winter Park Bands, and **being a part of the Band Program has an extremely positive impact on a student's high school experience.** Life-long friendships are developed here, and this band is truly a family!

**And the benefits of participation in a high school band program go far beyond the social and musical aspects:**

Students of the arts continue to outperform their non-arts peers on the SAT, according to reports by the College Entrance Examination Board. In a recent report, the College Board found that students in music performance scored 27 points higher on the critical reading, 33 points higher on the math and 58 points higher on writing than students with no arts participation. *The College Board, Profile of College-Bound Seniors, National Report*

The world of business and research is filled with the Silicon Valley analogy, in which leading technology companies are the "band leaders" of the industry. *Great Companies, Great Leaders, The Leadership of the Silicon Valley*

Students who participate in the Winter Park Band Program are more likely to be successful in their careers. A study by the National Association of Music Teachers found that students who participated in music programs were more likely to be successful in their careers than those who did not. *Music Education and Career Success*

## Is There an Audition for High School Band?

There is **not** an audition to be a member of the Winter Park Band Program unless you are seeking a position in the Wind Symphony or Jazz Ensemble I. **There are no auditions for Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Jazz Ensemble II, or Freshman Jazz Band.**

## What Band classes are offered at Winter Park High School?

There are 7 Band classes offered at Winter Park High School. Some are exclusively for freshman Band students, and these are highlighted below. All of these classes meet during the school day. The Sound of the Wildcats Marching Band is an extension (a co-curricular) of Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Symphony.

Listed below are the 2022/2023 Band class offerings:

CLASS	GENERAL INFORMATION
Concert Band	Only open to Freshman. There is no audition.
Symphonic Band	Only open to Band students in grades 10, 11 & 12. There is no audition.
Wind Symphony	Open to Band students in grades 9, 10, 11, & 12 who have passed an audition. Freshman must also be enrolled in Concert Band unless they are in the Freshman Jazz Band.
Jazz Ensemble I	Open to Band students in grades 10, 11, & 12 who have passed an audition. Students must also be enrolled in either Symphonic Band or Wind Symphony.
Jazz Ensemble II	Open to Band students in grades 10, 11, & 12. Students must also be enrolled in either Symphonic Band or Wind Symphony. There is no audition.
Freshman Jazz Band	Only open to Freshman. Students must also be enrolled in either Concert Band or Wind Symphony. There is no audition.
Color Guard	Open to students in grades 9, 10, 11, & 12. Guard is a full year class with a mandatory Winter Guard component.

There is no audition for Freshman Jazz Band, and prior jazz experience is not necessary, however, students do need to be enrolled in either Concert Band or Wind Symphony. **Students enrolled in the Freshman Jazz Band are exempted from taking the Study Skills class requirement, and this allows for more flexibility in their schedules.**

## Can Freshman Audition for Wind Symphony?

Yes! The auditions for Wind Symphony take place in the spring for the following school year, and information will be available prior to spring break. There are always freshman students in the Wind Symphony; however, those who successfully audition into the Wind Symphony do need to be enrolled in **both** the Wind Symphony and Concert Band (both take place at the WPHS Main Campus during 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> periods, respectively). The only exception to this is those students who enroll in the Freshman Jazz Band. **And don't worry, the IB and AP schedules will allow for students to do both.**

## Can I be in sports and Band?

Yes, of course! Most of the coaches at Winter Park High School are very accommodating of the Band schedule, especially if they know in advance of potential conflicts, and we have just about every athletic team represented throughout the Band program. In addition, it is the policy of the Winter Park Bands to be as flexible as possible with students juggling an extra-curricular activity and the Band schedule. **We strongly believe that students learn incredible life skills by being in both activities, and experience has shown that Band athletes tend to be some of the strongest musicians.** There are rarely events that occur outside of the school day that would conflict with an athletic event, and some exceptions are made for fall sport participants when it comes to the marching band requirement.

## **What is Marching Band?**

All Winter Park Band students in grades 9 – 12 combine together each fall to create the Sound of the Wildcats Marching Band. The marching band performs at varsity football games, FBA Marching Band Music Performance Assessment (MPA), and three local parades. There are a few circumstances where the OCPS marching band requirement may be waived. If you have questions about this, please contact Mr. Clemente directly.

## **What is My Time Commitment for Marching Band?**

Marching Band can seem overwhelming at first, but the schedule is **designed to allow students to maintain an academic focus**, while still producing one of the finest marching bands in the state of Florida. **Most of the Winter Park Band students are enrolled in the IB or AP programs, as well as other activities outside of the school day, and Marching Band is very doable for everyone.**

The marching season begins with a required 2-week marching band camp just prior to the start of the school year. After that, the weekly rehearsal schedule is Tuesday, 6 – 8:30 PM, and Thursday, 2:45 PM – 5 PM.

## **What is Color Guard and Winter Guard?**

Color Guard is a class within the Band Program that uses props, flags, rifles, sabers, and movement, to express dynamic passages in music. Equipment choreography is layered over dance technique to create a new form of theatrical expression. Color Guard is separated into two areas: "Color Guard" takes place during the summer and fall, and performers are a section within the Marching Band, adding visual interest and helping to portray show themes and theatrics. "Winter Guard" rehearses during the winter and early spring, and they perform to prerecorded music in an indoor setting.

Along with the Marching Band rehearsal and performance schedule, the Color Guard also meets as a class for credit during the school day, and members are required to participate for the entire school year (not just the fall marching season). Wind players and percussionists can be in both Band and Guard.

## **What about being in Chorus, Orchestra, or Theatre *and* Band?**

We have several students each year who are shared between either Band and Chorus, Band and Orchestra or Band and Theatre. While a student will have "Band" on their schedule, the music directors work to put together a schedule where the student is shared between the groups – usually on an every-other-day basis. It is best that a student looking to do both should contact Mr. Clemente and either Mrs. Bitters (Orchestra), Ms. Pratt (Chorus), or Ms. Hughes (Theatre).

## **Will I have time to study?**

**Nearly all students in Band are in the top of their class taking Honors, AP, and IB classes.** Band students learn to manage their time. The marching band only rehearses 2 days each week after school during the first marking period. **There is ample time to complete homework – even if you have a very demanding course-load, as most of our students do!**

Following the first marking period, the obligations outside of the school day decrease dramatically. There is the occasional evening rehearsal, especially when we have a guest clinician or conductor working with the Band, but these are kept to a minimum, and are scheduled well in advance.

It is important to understand that most students adjust to this schedule, and they enjoy the daily *break* from the traditional academic coursework. It doesn't mean that there isn't work to be done (practicing, sectionals, etc.), but it is "different work" from the rest of the school day. It is also important to realize that, just about any activity in high school requires some time commitment, and this time management discipline pays off great dividends for the students as they prepare for life outside of high school!

## **How Expensive is it to be in the WPHS Band Program?**

Every effort is made to keep participation in the Band Program affordable. The typical student pays around \$250, spread over the school year. The incoming freshman students have some first-time purchases, however, those items will last all 4 years if taken care of properly. **And, again, these payments are spread across most of the school year - they are not all due up front!**

The WPHS Band Boosters hold several fundraisers that allow students to earn credit toward their Band fees. With active participation in these fundraisers, it is possible to cut the Band fees by 50% or more. **In fact, there are many students who have 100% of Band fees covered through their fundraising participation!** These credits "roll-over" from one year to the next until they graduate.

**Most importantly, we never want a student to be kept from participating in the Band Program due to a financial limitation, and we will work to accommodate any situation.**

## **When is Band Registration?**

Current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will "sign-up" for Band through their guidance counselor sometime in January/February. **The official Band Registration takes place on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, in the High School Main Campus Band Room.** During this drop-in registration night, various information and health forms will be turned in, along with the initial Band Fair Share payment. In order for us to make plans for the following school year, we must know in advance who is going to be in Band. Our marching shows are designed far in advance and are charted for only the students who can be counted on to be in Band. An exact number in each section is necessary to design the show, therefore, we must require a commitment from each individual student.

## **Who Should I Contact if I have Additional Questions?**

For students or parents with additional questions, please contact all listed below:

- **Mike Clemente**, *Director of Bands* / [Michael.Clemente@ocps.net](mailto:Michael.Clemente@ocps.net)
- **Daniel Smith**, *Associate Director of Bands* / [Daniel.Smith2@ocps.net](mailto:Daniel.Smith2@ocps.net)
- **Dana Adkinson**, *Band Booster President* / [dana@keepsakefloral.com](mailto:dana@keepsakefloral.com)
- **Beth Visconti**, *New Parent Liaison* / [bethvisconti407@gmail.com](mailto:bethvisconti407@gmail.com)







# Orange County Public Schools

## Model Release Form- Consent, Waiver, and Release

*Note to parents/legal guardians: We promote Orange County Public Schools ("OCPS") students and programs through photos, videos, on Facebook, Twitter, on our website, in the newspaper, and /by any other means available. This form gives us your permission for your child to be in OCPS informational or promotional sites or materials for current or future use.*

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### PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN AGREEMENT

*I consent to student's photographs, video, footage, or likenesses with or without sound in OCPS informational or promotional materials for current or future use.*

I agree \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Winter Park High School Bands Financial Obligations 2023/2024

## COLOR GUARD & WINTER GUARD

Payment Schedule A		
5/9	Band Registration Fair Share	\$25.00
5/9	Band Camp Meals (optional)	\$80.00
7/26	Fall Color Guard Fair Share Full Payment	\$325.00
7/26	Marching Band Uniform Shoe (new/replacement)	\$40.00 – <i>fundraising credit cannot be used for this item</i>
7/26	Extra Show Shirt (optional)	\$10.00/each – <i>fundraising credit cannot be used for this item</i>
10/4	School Equipment Semester 1 Maintenance	\$60.00
12/6	Winter Guard Fair Share Full Payment	\$350.00
1/17/2024	School Equipment Semester 2 Maintenance	\$60.00

Payment Schedule B		
5/9	Band Registration Fair Share	\$25.00
5/9	Band Camp Meals (optional)	\$80.00
7/26	Fair Share Payment 1	\$100.00
7/26	Marching Band Uniform Shoe (new/replacement)	\$40.00 – <i>fundraising credit cannot be used for this item</i>
7/26	Extra Show Shirt (optional)	\$10.00/each – <i>fundraising credit cannot be used for this item</i>
8/30	Fall Color Guard Fair Share Payment 2	\$125.00
10/4	Fall Color Guard Fair Share Payment 3	\$100.00
10/4	School Equipment Semester 1 Maintenance	\$60.00
12/6	Winter Guard Fair Share Payment 1	\$150.00
1/17/2024	Winter Guard Fair Share Payment 2	\$100.00
1/17	School Equipment Semester 2 Maintenance	\$60.00
2/28	Winter Guard Fair Share Payment 3	\$100.00

**Fundraisers** – Lower or eliminate your costs!

Program Ads and Sponsors (50% - 60% of profit earned to student accounts)

InstaRaise (35% - 40% of profit earned to student accounts)

Butter Braid Pastries (approx. 45% of profit to student accounts)

Door-To-Door Fundraiser (approx. 70% of profit split among students)

*Fundraising Ideas? Bring them to the Band Booster meetings!*

May 2023 – August 2023

September 2023

October 2023

February 3, 2024 (*mandatory for all*)

Winter Park Band financial obligations should not be a deterrent to Band Program participation, and the various fundraising opportunities that are provided throughout the year are designed to alleviate that burden. If, in addition to participating in all fundraisers, you have an extreme hardship in meeting these financial obligations, a separate, individualized payment plan contract can be set up on a case-by-case basis. Those needing additional information should contact either one of the Band Directors, or our Treasurer, Kim Somers.

I understand the financial obligations listed above and agree to make payments on time; I understand that I am responsible for all fees for the school year, even if my child leaves the Band Program. I understand that the Door-2-Door fundraiser on Saturday, February 3, 2023 is a mandatory event. I understand and acknowledge that all payments are non-refundable, and the schedule above represents a payment plan for the total Band fee.

You are encouraged to use SchoolPay.com for all payments. Checks are also acceptable made payable to WPHS Bands.

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Parent Name (print)

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Student Name (print)

**DUE: TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023 AT BAND REGISTRATION NIGHT**

# Winter Park High School Bands Financial Obligations 2023/2024

## Color Guard/Winter Guard Financial Obligation Descriptions

### **Band Fair Share (Fall Color Guard - \$350 / Winter Guard - \$350)**

The Band Fair Share pays for virtually everything we do. Some of our largest expenses are staff, band clinicians, instruments, and transportation of our equipment to performance sites. Other expenses include marching band drill writing, music purchases, show and sound equipment, competition and Music Performance Assessment (MPA) registrations, student awards, post-concert refreshments, and miscellaneous band supplies. **The Band Fair Share is representative of the entire year as whole, not just specific parts of the school year. The payments are spread across much of the year to help alleviate the financial burden.**

### **School Equipment Maintenance (\$60/semester)**

Each student who uses a school-owned instrument/equipment will pay \$60 per semester for the maintenance of that instrument. No student will pay more than \$120 per school year for equipment maintenance. **Unusual or extreme damage resulting in repairs or replacement will be the responsibility of the student.**

### **Marching Band Shoes/Uniform Purchases (cost varies depending on need)**

The purchase of marching band shoes is only needed for new students, or when a student outgrows their shoes. Concert tuxedo jackets and pants and concert dresses are owned by Winter Park High School and will be loaned out to students for use during the school year. Students are responsible for the purchase of a tuxedo shirt, black bow tie, and cummerbund (for gentlemen), pearls and earrings (for ladies), and black closed toe dress shoes (ladies and gentlemen). The bow tie, cummerbund, pearls, and earrings are all purchased through the Band program.

### **Fundraising Credit/Band Accounts**

Fundraising credit is used like a "coupon" toward future Winter Park Band expenses. Fundraising credit CANNOT be used for any taxable item (i.e. extra show shirts) or fundraising purchases. It is the responsibility of the student and parent to monitor their Cut Time account and be aware of the fundraising credit available to them. Unused fundraising credit rolls over to the next school year. All monies raised through fundraising officially belong to the Winter Park Band Program and cannot be refunded for any reason.

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