

Band Handbook

2021-2022



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Warrior Band Friends and Family,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 edition of the West-Oak Warrior Band! My name is Ms. Powell, and I am looking forward to joining this community of hardworking students and parents as Director of Bands this summer. There are many exciting opportunities planned for our ensembles this year.

Participation in a band program is one of the most influential and thrilling experiences that we can provide to students. Through practice and participation in class, students gain specialized skills. The discipline it takes to maintain and grow these skills can transfer to the discipline that it takes to learn other skills in life. It is no accident that accomplished music students often have high achievement in academic and non-academic areas. There is a growing body of research that shows how participation in a school music program benefits the mind, body, and spirit of students. This impact lasts beyond the time that students are in school.

The Band Boosters at West-Oak are a vital part of our program; we would not be able to function without the help of our amazing parents and community members. I hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to be directly involved with your child's success and enjoyment. At the end of the day, we all want our students to lead happy and successful lives. I hope that every band student will leave West-Oak High School with a greater appreciation for music. Students in the Warrior Band have music as a creative outlet, and it should also function as a way of putting more kindness and compassion in their world. I look forward to working with you and your child this year! Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me through my email kapowell@sdoc.org.

Sincerely,

Kelley Powell

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Director of Bands
West-Oak High School



2021 Marching Band Summer Rehearsal Schedule

Band Mini Camp
May 3, 4, 6 4:30 - 6:30pm

Leadership Day July 17
9:00pm-1:00pm

Band Camp (all members)
July 19-22, 26-29 8:00am-6:00pm

Band Camp Evening Rehearsals
August 9 & 10 4:00pm-7:00pm

Saturday Camp August 14
9:00am-5:00pm

Parent Preview August 14
5:30pm

Weekly Rehearsal Schedule *(we will not rehearse on Labor Day)*

Monday 4:15pm – 6:45pm, Tuesday 4:15pm – 6:45pm, Thursday 4:15pm – 6:45pm



Football Game Schedule (Fridays)

August 20th Away vs. Walhalla High
September 10th Home vs. Dixie High
September 17th Away vs. Pendleton High
September 24th Home Game vs. Seneca High
October 1st Home Game vs. Liberty High
October 8st Home Game vs. Christ Church High
October 22nd Home Game vs. Crescent High

**** More games will appear once the football schedule is set

Competition and Camp Schedule (Saturdays)

Aug 14th 9am - 5pm Camp Day & Parent Preview @ 5:30pm
Sept. 18th All Day - Powdersville Premiere @ Powdersville High School
Sept. 25th All Day - C. Phillip McIntyre TOC @ J.F. Byrnes High School
Oct. 2nd All Day - Foothills Festival of Champions @ Easley High School
Oct. 16th All Day - Pride of Pendleton Marching Classic @ Pendleton High School
Oct. 23rd All Day - 2A Upper State Championships @ Gaffney High School
Oct. 30th All Day - 2A State Championships @ Spring Valley High School

Parades and Community Performances

Warriorama	TBD
Apple Festival Parade	September 10th
Parade Practice	TBD (4pm-6pm)
Westminster Christmas Parade	TBD (6pm)
Fair Play Christmas Parade	TBD (1pm)



Attendance Policy

All members of the WOHS Warrior Band are expected to attend **ALL** rehearsals and performances. Each and every member of the ensemble plays a substantial role in our success.

[Absence Request forms](#) must be filled out and turned in 2 days (48 hours) prior to a planned absence in order for an absence to be excused. Forms can be submitted online via our [website](#).

Absences are considered EXCUSED for these cases only: - Personal illness accompanied by a note from doctor or parent (absence from school) - Death in the family - Wedding in the immediate family (Please see the band director in advance) - Other extraordinary situations at the discretion of the band director.

The following reasons for missing rehearsal are NOT excused:

Work conflicts - Doctors appointments (We ask that you schedule appointments on Wednesday) - Homework conflicts - Transportation conflicts

ALL absences that are not communicated to the band director are considered “no call, no show” absences and are unexcused. Please let us know if you need to be absent for any reason.

An unexcused absence may result in a student forfeiting privileges, removal from performances, or dismissal from the band: Students are permitted a maximum of **2 excused absences**. Students are permitted a maximum of **1 unexcused absence**. **Any absence the day before a performance will result in that student sitting out for the performance.**



2021 Marching Band Fees

Why is there a Marching Band Fee? The marching band fee is set up to help offset the high costs involved in running a successful band program. Our annual expense budget well exceeds \$50,000, which includes transportation, music, staff pay, equipment, instrument maintenance, cleaning, registration fees, costumes, and many other miscellaneous costs.

Fees are necessary to our success. Fortunately, our band fee is far less than most. In combination with general fundraisers and your support, we can offset the many expenses and help build a strong band program.

*The marching fee is **required** for participation. Students who have outstanding fees after the start of the school year without a specific reason discussed with the band director **will still attend all practices but will not be able to perform until paid.**

2021 Marching Band Participation Fee

Total = \$300 per child * (2nd child in family = \$200)

1st Installment – Due May 28 - (\$50 deposit) 2nd Installment – Due July 19 - \$100
3rd Installment - Due August 14 - \$150

In addition to the required fee, rookie marchers will be expected to purchase their own black marching shoes (\$40**). *Color guard members will be required to purchase small show items such as dance shoes, tights, and show makeup.*

Fundraisers Throughout the year, we participate in multiple fundraisers. Some of which students will be able to earn funds based on the amount they sell. These funds are put into the general fund or in some cases, personal accounts in which students can use toward fees, spring trips, and other optional activities.



Information/Contact Page

How do I stay updated? There are multiple ways to stay updated throughout the summer and marching season. Make sure that you and your child regularly check for announcements.

Website – www.bandsowestoak.com

This is our official website. Here you will find the master calendar, information for parents, and general announcements.

Facebook page – Bands of West-Oak

Here you will find announcements and reminders pertaining to both students and parents. Check here often!

Instagram page - @wowarriorband

Remind 101

This is a text message service that allows us to send out mass text messages. Make sure you are signed up for this in regards to last minute announcements. Sign up by texting “@bandsow21” to “81010”

BAND App

_____This is an application for all students to stay connected, receive important information, have access to music and mp3 recordings of the show for the 2021 season, have access to pdf documents needed for band practice such as music, drill, member packets, etc. This app will also allow students to interact and ask questions throughout the season.

Open this invite link below on your iPhone, Android, or desktop.

<https://band.us/n/a4a338Ucjq17>

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Letter of Mutual Consent

I _____, the undersigned student, accept membership into the West-Oak Warrior Band. I also understand and agree to follow all policies as set forth in the Warrior Band Handbook. I fully agree to carry out my responsibilities to the very best of my ability.

Signature_____

Date_____

I _____, the undersigned parent or guardian, grant full permission for my child to be an active member of the Warrior Band. I understand the attendance policy and also understand that my child is required to attend all band rehearsals and performances. Furthermore, I understand that all financial obligations must be met by August 14th.

Signature_____

Date_____



Payment Contract

Student Name _____ Section _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s)

2021 Band Fees: \$300 total

\$50 deposit due by May 28th

\$100 2nd payment due by July 19th

\$150 3rd Payment due by August 14th

I understand the above payment is required for my child to participate in the marching band. I understand that fees are NON-REFUNDABLE should my child leave the program for any reason. Financial matters concerning members and their families are ONLY the business of the band director and treasurer.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



Media Consent Form

I, _____

(Name of person giving consent & parent/guardian if under 18 years of age)

Consent to the use of photographs or video footage for use on the Bands of West-Oak website, in newsletters and publications, Facebook and Instagram, as well as for distribution to members.

Consent to the use of photographs or video footage being used to promote future Bands of West-Oak events by Band Staff.

I further understand that this consent may be withdrawn by me at any time, upon written notice.

I give this consent voluntarily.

Signature of person giving consent _____

Date _____