**2020-2021**

**Marching Band Information Sheet**

**For 8th Graders**

Dear 7th (now 8th!!) Grade Band Members and Parents,

This coming school year, your son/daughter will have the opportunity to participate as a member of the Waverly Marching Tigers! The 2016-2017 school year was the first year 8th graders were allowed this opportunity. It has been a very rewarding experience since then, and we hope your student may consider taking part next year. This sheet is being provided to give you some preliminary info so you have an idea of what to expect and some of the important summer dates. We will have a meeting for all interested 8th graders and their parents on a date yet to be determined. **Due to the COVID-19 precautions, we may have to wait until July to have this.** If your son/daughter wants to participate, but you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact me.

We started this opportunity with intentions to:

* Generate more interest in staying in band until high school by getting a taste of marching band sooner
* Help bridge the gap for 8th graders coming to the high school next year (they would already have friends from band)
* Help boost the numbers of sections in the high school band which were lacking
* Provide a fun, exciting, educational opportunity for our 8th grade members

General Information

* This is not something that’s mandatory, therefore it **WILL NOT** affect your grade in band
* Your grade will still be solely based on 8th grade band material, not your marching band activities or music checks
* Music Checks: A required playing test (by memory) of songs for upcoming football games or parades. Generally will be done on Thursdays right after school. Will be scored on a 0-5 grading scale for each song. Must achieve an overall score of at least 3.5 to be able to march in the halftime show that week. Again, this will not affect your band grade, but will be a requirement to march.
* Please be aware of:
* How much extra practice time will be involved
* How many events you would be performing at (calendar)
* There won’t be class time to work on marching band music/routines
* **Requirement to attend pre-band camp and band camp**

**PRACTICE SCHEDULE ONCE SCHOOL STARTS**

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| After school practice until 4 | After school practice until 4 | After school practice until 4 | Music Checks right after school (free to leave when finished)  Evening rehearsal 6-8pm | No after school practice |

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What Do You Need to Do?

* Pick up your music folder later in June (details to come).
* Attend meeting on ???? if at all possible.
* Fill out necessary paperwork (some of it will be in your music folder; the rest you will get at Pre-Band Camp)
* Show up for Pre-Band camp (August 3-7) (9am-12pm at high school)
* Show up for Uniform Pass-Out (this will be during pre-band camp).
* Make sure your student has a **physical** on file with the school before Band Camp. If they already have one or are getting one for sports, they are covered. The form can be filled out online: Go to the school website, click on “Athletics” on the left hand side, then scroll to the bottom and click on “Privit Profile”.
* Mark the important dates below: **Pre-Band Camp** and **Band Camp** on your calendars.
* Each student is responsible for paying his/her own way to band camp. The cost this year is $200/student (includes all meals and lodging for the week) and is to be paid by the Wednesday of Pre-Band Camp (August 5). This can be paid all at once or in payments anytime up until then! (Checks payable to Waverly Band Boosters). If there are any concerns with this, please just let me know.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Aug. 3-7 Mon-Fri. Pre Band Camp 9AM – 12PM HS

Aug. 9-14 Sun.-Fri. Band Camp Cedar Lakes Conf. Center (Ripley, WV)

Aug. 14. Fri. Parents Night 5:00 PM HS

I hope your child is considering taking part in this opportunity and I hope to see you at the parent meeting (date TBA)**.** Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have at this time.

Thanks,

Mr. Ross

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P.S. To stay up to date on the latest info, please like the “Waverly Band” and “Waverly Band Boosters” pages on Facebook.