



WAHS Bands Newsletter

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Percussion Ensemble, Symphonic Band & Jazz Band

- Now that we are able to use the software fully, ALL assignments will take place in SmartMusic for our students. I am able to assign them parts of songs, scale exercises, drum etudes, etc. The program grades the students instantly and the students have as many chances as they'd like to get the grade they desire.
- Students should be completing some sort of exercise DAILY in SmartMusic. This is how they will receive their participation grades for band. It's not good enough to just do the exercise. SmartMusic grades their performance and those grades are what I will use for the students. These grades will be updated in PS.
- If your instrument doesn't work, get in touch with Dan Kelley - H-336-584-8033, C-336-447-0782
- We will spend less time in zoom and it is expected that students use their "class time" to complete assignments.

Marching Band

- Marching band is officially open. We started with Woodwinds Tuesday and Percussion and Guard on Wednesday. The turn out was great!! And it was so good to see the students again and actually do my job the right way. Everyone behaved and kept their distance. I would say it was a success. Unfortunately, mother nature intervened on Thursday and we had to cancel Brass pod, but things look a little better for us this week!
- We will resume with Woodwinds again this week on Tuesday, Percussion and Guard on Wednesday and Brass on Thursday. All rehearsals are from 3:30-4:30. Please wear your mask.
- Here is the [Tentative Schedule with POD Assignments](#) - please consult this google sheet to see if your child is registered. If you have decided to allow your child to participate, please contact Mr. Jefferson.
- [Guidelines for Re-Opening Marching Band](#) - for those who couldn't make it yesterday, please consult this document outlining our procedures for rehearsing under COVID-19 restrictions.

General Things

- As always, I am available to students and parents DAILY via email. I am currently working from home and not going to school. This is not because of Covid, but because our fine arts building is currently in a poor state due to a leaky roof and poor air circulation this summer. The air quality is quite poor and I have been assured that it is being worked on! You are also encouraged to set up a meeting with me via zoom during my office hours - 8am-8:50am Daily, 2:30pm-3:00pm Thursday and Friday.

Upcoming Things

[Band Booster Meeting - November 3 @ 7pm via Zoom](#)

Sign up for REMIND to get the link - text @wazbparent to 81010