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Mr. Gabriel Batiz, Director of Bands
Mr. Pedro Morales, Assistant Marching Band Director

Dear Parents and Students:

Attached are several pages of information regarding band camp, summer rehearsals, and the fall season. We encourage you to read all of it, even if your student is a returning member. Below, you will find a few items we wish to emphasize for your convenience. Please do not hesitate to ask questions if you are unsure of anything at any time.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **Band Camp** – MANDATORY FOR ALL MARCHING BAND MEMBERS! (*August 17th-22nd*)
- **Cost of Camp** - \$250.00/Veteran Members and \$365.00/New Members
- **Medical Forms**: Medical forms will be distributed through email. *Medical forms must be completed by Monday, July 20th.*
- **Drill Master Shoes/Color Guard Shoes** – Shoe size is due to Mr. Batiz by *Monday, July 20th* (will be included w/ Medical Forms)*.
- **Band Polo** – All new members must order the official Band Polo for performances that do not require complete marching band uniforms. *Polo size is due to Mr. Batiz by Monday, July 20th.* (will be included w/ Medical Forms).
- **Uniforms** – Uniforms will be assigned prior to the start of our competitive/performance season.
- **Absences** – The accepted reasons for absences during the marching band season are: death within the family, wedding, religious obligation, illness, or anything approved by Mr. Batiz.

***ALL SHOULD BE CONFIRMED BY MR. BATIZ THROUGH EMAIL OR AN
"EXCUSED ABSENCE REQUESTS."***

- **Calendar** – Attached to this packet is the tentative schedule for the 2020-2021 season. This will allow your family enough time to make schedule adjustments when necessary. There is also a downloadable calendar for smart devices on the band's website.
- **Communication**: We pride ourselves in providing all, and even more, information that is needed. Please make use of our website, social media, and texting service (details located later on in packet)
- **BE ON TIME TO EVERYTHING!** "EARLY IS ON TIME, ON TIME IS LATE, LATE IS INEXCUSABLE"

WELCOME TO THE 2020-2021 WAYNE VALLEY MARCHING INDIANS!

*All payments/forms can be mailed to:
Wayne Valley High School
c/o Mr. Gabriel Batiz
551 Valley Road, Wayne, NJ 07470.

Checks should be made payable to *Wayne Valley Band Parents Association.*

*The Wayne Valley High School
Marching Band Hand Book
2020-2021*

The Marching Indian's Mission Statement:

*The purpose of the Wayne Valley Band Program is to build young adults into outstanding citizens by focusing on their character, dedication, passion, and desire to succeed. These traits will be built through their practice and performance, and will be used to push the band to the highest level. Students will use these traits to **persist** through any obstacle, and **execute** any/all performances or situations with class and **consistency**.*

Conduct:

Participation in the Marching Indians is an honor and a privilege. Each member of the Marching Indians is expected to:

- Treat everyone with dignity and respect.
- ALWAYS strive for your best.
- Display a positive and cooperative attitude at all times.
- Be a person of integrity.
- Lead by example.
- Meet the standards you are holding others to.
- Strive for excellence without arrogance.
- Tolerate honest mistakes from people who are doing their best.
- Keep a sense of humor and be able to laugh at yourself.

Fees:

\$250.00/Veteran Members
and
\$365.00/New Members

Please make all checks payable to *Wayne Valley Band Parents Association*.

Directors/Staff:

The directors and staff are responsible for organizing all aspects of the marching band program. These include many staff members, besides Mr. Batiz, who are hired because of the extensive knowledge and experience in the marching band and color guard world. Please remember that all staff members are here for you! Do not show them disrespect at any time. They are here to make your marching band experience easier and better.

General Rules:

1. BE PROMPT! Being on time shows respect for everyone else's valuable time.
"Time is life, you waste time, you waste life."
2. Smoking, drinking, and use of drugs are inappropriate, unacceptable, **and will be dealt with swiftly and severely.**
3. Chewing gums is prohibited in the Band Room (before, during, and after rehearsal) and on the Practice Field.
4. Individual preparation of music and drill is essential to our success. **PRACTICE DAILY!**
5. Wear appropriate style sneakers to all rehearsals – we are a **marching** band.
6. Always have your music, drill, and a pencil for rehearsals. Please have water for every practice, even in cold weather.
7. Cooperation with others makes individuals a group.
8. Attempt to adjust quickly to changing or unexpected situations.
9. Show your loyalty to the group in all that you say and do.
10. **EARLY IS ON TIME, ON TIME IS LATE, LATE IS INEXCUSABLE!**

General Band Camp Information for Band Members/Parents:

On the third week of August, the marching band will begin the most vital part of their season; Band Camp. Due to spending cuts, we have had the pleasure of hosting Band Camp on our very own Wayne Valley campus. With thorough planning and consideration, we have been able to provide an equal amount of education and relationship building.

To avoid any potential dangers students are mandated to attend *Relationship Builder* activities so they may enjoy their peers, and the perks of being a member of such an established group. Students are responsible for their own lunch unless otherwise noted.

Please do not expect that your child will call home on a regular basis. The students will be occupied for the majority of each day, except for breaks given throughout the day. Be assured if there is something amiss with your child, you will be IMMEDIATELY notified. The lack of a call from your student does not denote a problem. Cell phones can be brought to camp, but the students will not be able to have them during practice sessions.

VISITORS ARE NOT PERMITTED DURING CAMP/REHEARSAL HOURS!

For the safety of all the students, and to prevent any unnecessary issues, visitors are NOT allowed. If you need to pick up your child in an emergency, you will be contacted directly.

Attendance Policies:

Students are required to attend ALL rehearsals and performances. Every member is an integral part of the band. The success of the band depends upon each individual member. ***In the case of illness; if you are well enough to be in school, you are well enough to be at rehearsal.***

For a student to be officially excused from a rehearsal or performance, he/she must notify Mr. Batiz and follow correct protocol following the discussion, as soon as they are aware of the conflict. In the case of an emergency, the student must notify Mr. Batiz when he/she returns to school, or as soon as physically possible. Acceptable excused absences are serious illness/injury, religious obligations, weddings and the death of a family member.

Two or more absences may result in being pulled from a performance. Students with chronic lateness will be dealt with in a similar manner.

Rehearsals:

- **Objective:** The principal reason for rehearsal is to perfect marching and musical performance. Through this practice comes the learning and improvement of our musical skills. The task of preparing a truly musical performance is not easy and requires concentrated work from everyone, whether it is two months or two days before a performance.
- **Warming-Up:** When you arrive to rehearsal, you should give yourself a few minutes to warm-up on your own. The playing of long tones, scales, and lip slurs are the best way to condition yourself for playing. Do not blast, blat, or attempt to use this time for social hour. Warm-up ceases when either Mr. Batiz, a staff member, or a drum major steps on the podium.
- **Promptness:** All students are expected to be in their seats/dot with instruments waiting for instructions at the announced time. For example, an 8am rehearsal does not mean getting out of the car at 8am; it means being in your set/dot ready to rehearse at 8am.

Performances:

The Marching Indians perform at all WVHS football games, various competitions, The Wayne Preakness Parade, and the Wayne Township Memorial Day Parade. ***ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY TO ALL PERFORMANCES!***

Specific schedules for football games and competitions will not be known until the week of the event. Please visit the band room every Monday and grab a “Week @ Glance.”

Student Leadership

- **Drum Majors:** The position of the Drum Major is selected by audition only. The Drum Major carries the responsibility of field conducting. The Drum Majors may also assist in the teaching of drill, running a sectional, marching tutoring, checking attendance, and any other duty given by the directors. The Drum Majors act as a liaison between the students and staff
- **Color Guard Captains:** The position of Color Guard Captain(s) is selected by audition only. The Color Guard Captain(s) assist in movement tutoring and warm-up blocks. The Color Guard Captain(s) act as a liaison between the students and staff.
- **Percussion Captains:** The positions of Percussion Captain (Drum Line/Pit) are selected by audition only. The Percussion Captains assist in marching tutoring and warm-up exercises. The Percussion Captains act as liaisons between the students and the staff.
- **Section Leaders:** The position of Section Leader is selected by audition only. The Section Leaders assist in relaying important information from staff and Drum Majors to the band. They will also run sectionals and assist in marching tutoring.

Inclement Weather:

Do not assume that any rehearsal or performance is cancelled due to weather. If it is possible to rehearse outdoors, we will. Always check with a drum major, section leader, the band website (www.waynevalleyband.com) and/or any Social Media.

Uniform Information:

The acquisition of our uniforms was the result of countless hours of work and support from the parents, administrators, and the board of education. These uniforms are of the highest quality and with proper care, will last many years. The wearing of the uniform is a privilege, with that privilege comes responsibility. The same pride and dedication with which we enter the performance field needs to be reflected in the care of our uniform. Those who do not care for the uniform properly will quickly lose the privilege of wearing it.

- The uniform is to be worn properly at all times.
- Do not alter them in any way.
- Wet uniforms should be hung and air-dried.
- ***UNIFORMS SHOULD ONLY BE CLEANED BY THE "WAYNE BPA UNIFORM COMMITTEE"***

All band members must wear black marching shoes and black socks at all times. These items should be taken home after an event and brought in for the next performance. For new band members, or those who need shoes, the cost will be \$35 for musicians and \$40-\$50 for guard members.

Replacement costs for individual parts of the uniform are very expensive. Should you damage or lose any portion of the uniform, you will pay for the replacement of it.

Replacement Cost

Coat: \$200

Trouser: \$70

Gauntlets: \$50

Hip Drop: \$40

Aussie: \$40

Plume: \$30

WVHS Band Parents Association:

The Wayne Valley High School Band Parents Association is a very active group of parents that support the activities of all the band students of WVHS. All parents are encouraged to be a part of this vital group. Without their support, many important elements of the program would not be possible.

Band Camp Packing List

August 17th-22nd, 2020

Clothes:

- Shorts
- T-Shirts
- Socks
- Comfortable Sneakers
- Sweatshirt
- Sweatpants
- Hat and/or Visor (MUST BRING)
- Flip-Flops (for breaks)
- Rain Poncho or Water-Proof Jacket

Toiletries

- Deodorant (...please)
- Personal Supplies (contacts, etc.)
- Chapstick
- Brush/Hair Ties
- Kleenex
- Contact solution and case, extra contacts, glasses if needed
- Medicine

Other

- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Hats
- Watch

Guard Stuff

- Guard Gloves
- One roll of each: black and white electrical tape (this is not required, but it helps out a lot, can be found in any hardware store).
- Any rifles or flags you may have at home

Band Stuff

- Valve Oil
- Reeds
- Music
- Extra mouthpieces/ligatures
- Pencils – LOTS OF THEM
- 3 Ring Binder
- Plastic Inserts

Fun Stuff

- Cards
- IPODS/MP3's/CD's/CD Player
- Writing Utensils
- Frisbees, footballs, volleyballs, etc.
- Book or any other summer assignments.

FACT SHEET FOR NEW MARCHING BAND PARENTS

- Students should be at all rehearsals early. They should allow enough time to get their instrument ready to play by the scheduled time.
- Remember to bring sunscreen and extra water when the weather dictates.
- For games and competitions, students should bring a change of clothes. If possible, we may change into them.
- Students may choose to bring a small amount of money for the concession stand at football games and competitions.
- Competition days are very long. Frequently, the buses do not return to school until 11:00pm or later. It depends on our step off time.
- Hand warmers are helpful on cold nights. Kids can keep them in their uniform pockets.
- Band Grams, candy grams, and DVD's are usually available to purchase at the competitions. Band grams are messages that can be announced as our band marches out and candy grams are bags of candy that will be delivered to your child after they compete.
- Uniforms **MUST ONLY BE CLEANED BY THE WAYNE VALLEY BPA UNIFORM COMMITTEE**. They will be cleaned as needed, at least twice during a season, and again once the season ends. Uniforms are very expensive and need to be taken care of.

SCHEDULE

ATTENDANCE AT ALL PRACTICES, GAMES, COMPETITIONS, AND PARADES ARE MANDATORY!

Summer Rehearsals: All students who are not away on vacation or at camp are expected to attend these sessions. New Members MUST attend the pre-camp rehearsals on August 5th and 7th. Please contact Mr. Batiz if you need to miss any of these dates.

Band Camp: Band Camp will be from August 12th to August 17th, it will be held on our Wayne Valley Campus. ATTENDANCE AT CAMP IS MANDATORY!

Fall Rehearsals: There will be rehearsal every Monday and Wednesday evening from 6-8:30pm, and most Saturday mornings/afternoons in October. Some of the nightly rehearsal may be rescheduled to a Tuesday or Thursday due to religious holidays or school/district wide events. There will also be supplemental music rehearsals scheduled on Tuesdays or Fridays depending on the location of the football game that week. Sectionals will be determined by the section's leader.

Football Games: There will be 8 regular season games played on Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons.

Competitions: As of this date, our competition schedule is finalized. Any changes will be communicated ASAP!

Parades: It is mandatory that the band marches in the Preakness Holiday Parade, the date will be announced when it is selected. There will also be a Memorial Day parade that is mandatory for all band members on Memorial Day in 2020.

Uniforms/Shoes: Uniforms are supplied by the school, and will remain with the student until the end of their marching band tenure. All band members must wear black marching shoes, and black socks at all times. These items should be taken home after an event and brought in for the next performance. For new band members, or those who need new shoes, the cost will be \$35 for all members. Musicians must purchase the shoes through us, as they are made especially for marching.

Medical Information: After filling out your medical forms, please forward any questions or concerns you may have regarding the health of your child to Mrs. Anita Dispenziere. She is available through email at adispenziere@wayneschools.com.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Although schools may be closed on certain days in the fall, WE WILL STILL BE ATTENDING MANDATORY EVENTS (Football Games, Parades, etc.)

Exact times for competitions, games, etc., will be released on a weekly basis.

COMMUNICATION:

In order to assist new/returning families with balancing the very busy marching band schedule, we have created a variety of ways for students and parents to receive, and check information.

Please use the following to stay up-to-date with our schedule and updates!!



www.waynevalleyband.com



www.facebook.com/wvbands



[@waynevalleyband](https://twitter.com/waynevalleyband)



[@wvbandnj](https://www.instagram.com/wvbandnj)



Invitation only.

READY TO JOIN THE WAYNE VALLEY BAND FAMILY!?

In order for our show to be completed, we need exact numbers for next year's marching band.

PLEASE CLICK [HERE!](#)

FILL OUT THE ENTIRE FORM, AND SUBMIT IT!

Not sure if you want to be a part of our Championship Marching Band?

Here are some reason why you should join!:

- *YOU can build life-long relationships with your peers!*
- *YOU will make an immediate impact on the group, and will automatically earn your spot on the field!
NO TRY-OUTS, NO BENCHES!*
- *YOU can visit different parts of the country in your four-year career! Some tips include visits to Disney, Virginia, Boston, Chicago, etc.*
 - *YOU will be a part of a group that will benefit your college application efforts!*
- *If YOU earn a leadership position in our group, you will become even more prepared for future leadership endeavors!*
- *YOU will play more often, increasing the possibility of a “higher” seat in other ensembles!*
 - *YOU can be a part of the most successful group at Wayne Valley!*
- *Join with your friends that don't play an instrument – there are so many opportunities for ALL students.*
 - *Make 50+ friends before the school year even starts!*
- *Surround yourself with the school's top students, athletes, and musicians while becoming one of them!*

COMMITTED TO MARCHING BAND?

Here are a few things you will need to do to finalize your participation.

Checklist:

- _____ COMMITMENT FORM [ONLINE](#) (*due no later than June 12th*)
- _____ MEDICAL FORMS (to be emailed AFTER June 12th)
 - *DUE NO LATER THAN JULY 20th!*
 - ADVIL FORM
 - MEDICATION
 - PERMISSION FOR MEDICAL CARE
- _____ BAND POLO ORDER FROM (included with Medical Forms)
 - *DUE NO LATER THAN JULY 20th!*
- _____ MB SHOE ORDER FORM (included with Medical Forms)
 - *DUE NO LATER THAN JULY 20th!*
- _____ A COMPLETE PAYMENT
 - *DUE NO LATER THAN JULY 20th!*
 - \$250.00 – VETERAN MEMBERS
 - \$365.00 – NEW MEMBERS

Please mail all payments to:

Wayne Valley High School
Attn: Gabriel Batiz
551 Valley Road
Wayne, NJ 07470

ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS CAN BE FORWARDED TO:

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