

WAUWATOSA EAST RED RAIDER BANDS

Greetings Red Raider Band Family-

This letter is to inform you of the extremely difficult decisions we have made regarding band activities for the 2020-21 school year.

Competitive Marching Band

Due to the impact of COVID-19, several southeastern Wisconsin marching band directors, including your directors in the Wauwatosa School District have made the collective decision to cancel participation in the 2020-21 competition season. You will notice similar announcements from other schools being made simultaneously this week. This decision was not one that was taken lightly, but the safety of everyone involved is, as always, our top priority.

Band Camp (Marching & Music)

We will, however, be moving forward with Band Camp. A few important details:

- We will continue marching band this year.
- Masks will be required for August rehearsals when students are not playing wind instruments.
 - Additional details regarding health and safety guidelines are provided below.
- We will be adjusting the first week of Music Camp (see below).
- We WILL have the second week of marching camp August 10th-14th.
 - Marching Camp meeting time will be adjusted to 2:00pm - 6:00pm daily.
 - We will have a staggered arrival and departure times (detailed below).
- There will be no congregating allowed at school before or after rehearsal.
 - Students will be dismissed for dinner and will be asked to leave at their departure time.
- Percussion instruments and sousaphones may be stored at school at the end of rehearsals.
- All other instruments/equipment must be transported to and from rehearsal.

With everything we have learned and continue to learn about COVID-19, things can change at any time. We will communicate any changes with students and families in a timely and responsible manner. Again, all decisions are made with our students' health and well-being in mind. Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns.

[WSD COVID-19 Updates](#)

We appreciate your flexibility!

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HEALTH + SAFETY

Self-monitoring your health

Do you or someone in your immediate household have any of the following symptoms?

1. Chills
2. Repeated shaking with chills
3. Muscle pain
4. Cough
5. Sore Throat
6. Headache
7. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
8. Loss of taste or smell
9. Diarrhea
10. Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
11. Feeling feverish or a measured temperature at 100 degrees or more F
12. Have had a fever or cold symptoms in the previous 48 hours

Health Guidelines

Slow the Spread of COVID-19

We all play a role in reducing coronavirus instances in our community. We encourage everyone to practice every day preventative measures including:

- Wear a mask or other face covering, unless advised otherwise by a medical professional.
- Practice social distancing and remain at least 6 feet away from non-members of your household.
- Wash your hands regularly, especially after using the restroom and before preparing or consuming food. Using soap and hot water, wash for at least 20 seconds. Be sure to also wash your fingertips.
- Avoid coughing or sneezing into your hands or in the air. Always try to cough or sneeze into a tissue, and then throw the tissue away. If you don't have a tissue, cough/sneeze into your elbow.
- As much as you can, avoid touching your eyes, mouth, and nose.
- If children are feeling sick, please keep them home from school and/or other activities. Allow them some time to feel better so that they do not risk infecting others.

Rehearsal Safety Guidelines

The following criteria will be used for summer rehearsals.

1. Students must follow the Check-In schedule for every rehearsal, unless otherwise instructed.
2. Students must wear a mask when coming to rehearsal. Wind instrument players may only remove the mask to play their instrument. Percussion musicians must wear a mask at all times. Instructors will also be required to wear a mask at all times. If they need to remove the mask for instructional purposes, they will be distanced a minimum of 12-feet from students.
3. Each person must bring their own pre-filled water bottle. No water bottles may be shared.
4. Students who play wind instruments must bring their instrument from home, and take it home for every rehearsal. Instruments **must** be cleaned and sanitized after every rehearsal, following these [guidelines](#).
5. No student will be allowed to bring or leave personal items in the building at any time. Please do not bring backpacks, purses or other items with you. Only bring what you need to rehearse.
6. All rehearsals will be outdoors, except for the Front Ensemble percussion. In the case of inclement weather, rehearsals will be cancelled. Students will be allowed to use the bathrooms one at a time, as needed.
7. No visitors will be allowed during rehearsals - staff & student participants only.

Color Guard Camp 12:50PM -Arrival

August 3,4,5

Colorguard Camp will take place on the North Athletic Field.

Music Camp 5:30-5:55PM - Arrival

August 3,4,5,6,7,8

Please try to come during your scheduled arrival time.

- 5:30 - 5:40PM ALL Percussion
 - Front Ensemble will report directly to the Theatre
 - Drumline will enter through Band Exterior Door (S16)
- 5:45 - 5:55PM
 - Aug 3,5, Brass Players will report directly to North Athletic Field
 - Aug 4,6, Woodwind Players will report directly to North Athletic Field

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE for Music Camp

6:00-9:00pm	August 3rd	Brass (w/TSaxes)/ ALL Percussion
	August 4th	Woodwinds (No TSaxes)/ALL Percussion
	August 5th	Brass (w/TSaxes)/ ALL Percussion
	August 6th	Woodwinds (No Tenor Saxes)/ALL Percussion
	August 7th	ALL PERCUSSION

Marching Camp 1:30-2:15PM - Arrival

August 10,11,12,13,14

Please try to come during your scheduled section time.

- 1:30 - 1:40PM Color Guard
- 1:45 - 1:55PM Brass/Front Ensemble
- 2:05 - 2:15PM Drumline
- 3:00pm Woodwinds (report to Gym)

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE for Marching Camp

2:00PM	Theatre	Front Ensemble
	North Athletic Field	CG/Drumline/Brass
	Large Gym	Woodwinds (3:00pm-4:00pm)
4:00PM	Theatre	Front Ensemble
	North Athletic Field	CG/Woodwinds **FE will eventually join this location
	Large Gym	Brass (4:00-5:00pm)

Marching Camp 5:00-6:15PM - Dismissal

- 5:00PM Brass
- 5:45PM CG/Woodwinds
- 6:00PM Percussion

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2020-2021 Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
August 3-7	Music Camp @ East	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
August 10-14	Marching Camp @ East	2:00 pm - 8:00 pm
August 26 or 27	District Opening Day @ West	Report to East @ 7:00am
September 1st	First Day of School	
September 11th	Football Game	Report 5:30 pm
September 18th	Football Game	Report 5:30 pm
Oct 2nd	Homecoming	ALL DAY
December 16th	Winter Band Concert	7:00 pm
February/March	Solo & Ensemble	ALL DAY
May 5th, 2021	Spring Band Concert	7:00 pm
May 7th, 2021	East Side Evening of Jazz	7:00 pm