



Willamette Marching Band

8TH GRADE NIGHT!!!

COME PLAY WITH THE WILLAMETTE MARCHING BAND FOR OUR HOMECOMING PERFORMANCE ALONGSIDE MORE THAN 150 MUSICIANS!!!

WHEN: October 7th @ 6:00pm

WHERE: Willamette High School

REHEARSAL: October 6th @ 5:15pm on WHS baseball field (Must attend to march Pregame)

WHAT IS 8th GRADE NIGHT?

8th Grade Night is a one-time event in our marching season where we accommodate incoming members and show them what being part of the WMB is all about. It's about having fun, entertaining, making friends, and performing with one of the biggest ensembles you could imagine. Being part of the WMB is really exciting, but you have to experience it to really understand why it's so much fun!

At 8th Grade Night, students currently in 8th grade are encouraged to come play alongside us in the stands at our Homecoming football game and be in our Pregame performance on the field at Wolverine Stadium! We create a really fun positive atmosphere at our games and we want you to come experience it with us. Come enjoy a night of free pizza, awesome music, and a chance to make friends that will last a lifetime.

ABOUT THE BAND

The Willamette Marching Band is the largest student activity at Willamette High School and is the most visible musical ensemble on campus. The WMB performs for all home football games and regional competitions throughout the Northwest. In recent years, the band's track record for success has taken it to a second place finish, and an award for outstanding colorguard. There are great things happening here and we want you to join us.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

October 6th

5:15 Rehearsal with current members on the Baseball Field at WHS

6:45 Rehearsal ends

October 7th

6:00 8th graders arrive at WHS Band Room. FREE PIZZA!!!

6:30 March to Wolverine Stadium

6:45 Pregame

7:00 Begin playing in Stands

HALFTIME: Watch the halftime show from the stands

3rd Quarter: Meet with current members, ask questions, and get to know the band

4th quarter: Continue playing in the stands

9:30 (est.) End of game. Travel back to the band room where we will be dismissed

REHEARSAL

On Thursday, October 6th we will have a short rehearsal from 5:15-6:45pm on the WHS baseball field located on the south-east side of campus. We will learn our pregame show and go over the tunes that we will be performing the next day. Those that are unable to attend the rehearsal are still welcome to play with us in the stands, but will not be able to perform the pregame performance with us.

WHAT TO WEAR

While current WMB members will be wearing their uniforms, 8th graders may dress casually. It is likely to be cold (and sometimes wet) so bring a jacket and warm clothes. Please ensure that your dress is school-appropriate (i.e. no swearing, inappropriate phrases, pictures, etc.). You will definitely need tennis shoes. No flip flops, crocs, sandals, or flats.

MUSIC

The Music that you will be playing can be found on our website www.whsmarchingband.com under the MEMBERS section (look for 8th Grade Night – Flute, etc.). Drums and guard do not receive music. Also online are the recordings of most of our tunes. While most of the tunes we play are read on lyres in the stands, only few of them are needed to be memorized (WHS Fight Song, Crazy in Love, Star Spangled Banner). Do your best to have these memorized before our rehearsal. You are welcome to purchase your own lyre but we will be mainly reading off of current member's music in the stands.

WHAT TO BRING

- Instrument
- Instrument accessories (reeds, sticks)
- Water Bottle
- Tennis Shoes
- Warm clothes
- Music (printed and cut from home)

INSTRUMENT SPECIFICS

Drums/Percussion – Instruments will be provided but please bring your own sticks. We will do some switching around so everybody gets to play a different instrument.

Colorguard – Flags will be provided

Tuba – Bring your concert tuba (check with your director). We will do our best to accommodate you in the stands, but you'll be playing percussion during the pregame show.

Other Large Instruments – Check with your director on using other instruments (such as bass clarinet, bari sax, bassoon, baritone). They may want you to use something smaller for this event.

PARENTS

Parents are encouraged to come see what the band experience is like and meet our fabulous team of super-parents that help out at every performance. While 8th grade students may enter free-of-charge, parents will have to pay the entry price (\$6 adult, \$4 kids). Sadly, we are unable to accommodate parents as part of the dinner plans. Pizza is provided for students only.

However, wonderful concessions are available at the stadium. Parents are also welcome to come check out the rehearsal on the 6th and meet some of the world-class staff that instruct the WMB members every rehearsal.

**Please RSVP to Mr. Crane at casey.crane@bethel.k12.or.us before October 6th. This helps us get a count of how many kids to provide pizza for and how many to expect in our performance area.*

**The attached page is important information we need to participate. Please bring this filled out and completed by our Oct. 6th rehearsal (Bring it Friday if you are not attending the rehearsal).*

**Feel free to email Mr. Crane with any questions or concerns.*

**8th Grade Night
Registration Sheet**

So that everyone can be safe, please fill out this registration sheet and turn it in at the Thursday Rehearsal (or when you arrive Friday if you are not attending the rehearsal).

Student Name: _____ Student Email: _____

Student Phone: _____ Instrument: _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent Phone: _____

Parent Email: _____ Emergency Contact: _____

Allergies: _____ Medical Concerns: _____