

West Allegheny Marching Pride
Parent Meeting Notes/Minutes
Monday June 6, 2022

Call to Order : 6:30

Marching Band Director : TJ Fox

Board Members in Attendance

President - Taressa Kilbourn

Secretary - Vicki Bozic

Vice President - Doug Macek

Member at Large - Kim Fiscus

Treasurer - Shannon Lebak

Treasurer Report

Checking Balance \$26,978.66 ISA Balance \$8,073.15

Savings Balance \$11,828.18 Available to Spend \$18,905.51

Booster President Remarks

- Welcome ALL! We are a large inclusive group that needs to have all hands on deck. We would like to get as many new families as possible involved for the upcoming season. It really takes an entire team of students and adults to make the Marching Band a success.
- These Parent Meetings are extremely important to attend! Attending all parent meetings and paying close attention to the Remind messages from Mr. Fox are the best ways to have the most recent up to date information.
- Please reach out to Mr. Fox or a board member if you have any questions or concerns. We are here to help in any way.

- **Some Band Lingo**
 - Gray Box - This is a locked "gray" box that is located behind Mr. Fox's office door. This is where payments in marked envelopes may be placed. Our treasurer is the only person who has a key to the box.
 - Rookie - Any band member that is new to the band. Has nothing to do with the grade your student is in.
 - Dot Book - A spiral bound set of notecards that your student will need during

band camp to learn their drill (movements).

- Chaperone Shirt - A red embroidered shirt that can be purchased/borrowed from the band. Chaperones should have one of these shirts to any event they may be chaperoning. This allows for others to easily identify that you belong with the band.

- **ISA - Individual Student Account** - This is an account that is kept track of by the band treasurer for your student individually. Any money that your student fundraises **individually** will be put into this account for them to use for specific band items only. These include band dues, band shoes and any band trips. This account will also hold any payments you make to the band for your student. The account information for your student's ISA account may be viewed at the charms website explained below.

Important Websites to Know -

- www.westamarchingpride.com - for updated information, meeting minutes, copies of by laws, and pay to play form
- www.charmsoffice.com - for updated financial information for your student's ISA Account

From Mr. Fox - previously sent out with your students

Communication

- Most of the information you receive will come through Remind
You and your student will need to sign up to receive the information through Remind. To sign up -
Students - text @wapride to 81010
Parents - send a text to 81010 with the @ sign followed by waband and your Student's graduation year (no spaces) For example - @waband2024
- Complete the "orientation packet" that was emailed to you by Mr. Fox or Mr. Groba. This is also available on the bands website. This needs to be completed by ALL band members....Vets and Rookies.

Financials

- There are band dues that every student pays. These band dues go towards paying many important things throughout the season. The dues are broken down into 2 payments. This total for band dues is \$160. There is also one payment for the "Pay to Play" Activity Fee for the school district. This fee does not go to the band

directly. If you have free/reduced lunch and do not have to pay the activity fee to the school, you still need to fill out the paperwork and send it in.

Payments Due

- By June 30th - \$80 for 1st payment to students ISA for band dues
- By July 30th - \$75 for the school districts activity fee
- By August 30th - \$80 for the 2nd payment to ISA for band dues.
- By Band Camp - Rookies (or anyone needed new band shoes) - \$35
- There is a flat sibling discount of \$145

**Checks are payable to WA Band Parents and may be put in gray box or mailed to Shannon Lebak 506 Belgian Ct Clinton, PA 15026

Try It Out Night - There is one more Try It Out Night this Wednesday from 6 -8:30.

*******2022 Marching Band Season Updates*******

- As Mr. Fox announced, the upcoming show will be "Queen".
- Band Camp is coming up very soon. **PLEASE** make note of the dates and **DO NOT schedule anything else during band camp**. Your student participating in band camp fully is vital to the success of the team and the show.

SUMMER Marching Band Important Dates

- **July 28th** - Summer Rehearsal 6pm - 8pm

Band Camp - Aug 1st - Aug 12th (Monday through Friday only)

- Mon Aug 1st - Thurs Aug 4th - 1pm - 9pm
- Friday Aug 5th - 9am - 4pm
- Monday Aug 8th - Thurs Aug 11th - 1pm - 9pm
- Friday August 12th - 9am - 4pm (at latest) Preview Show and Bon on that evening weather permitting.

*More information will be coming out about band camp in the coming weeks. We will have one more meeting before camp as well to answer any remaining questions. All food is provided, but extra is not prohibited.

- **August 15th - Kennywood Day** - The band performs in a parade at Kennywood on that day. Transportation to and from the park is provided by school. Students are permitted to enjoy the park when they are not practicing or performing. More information to come.

- **August 20th - Two Parades** - One in the AM and one in the PM. Findlay Township Parade and the Oakdale Parade (not necessarily in that order)

Possible Trip

- The Marching Band would like to go on a group trip this coming season. There are multiple destinations being looked into that each involve different performance opportunities.
- If a trip is possible, more information will come out about this during the fall. Any individual fundraising your student does can go towards paying for their trip.

Marching Band Fundraising 101

- We have two types of fundraisers in the Marching Band. One type is group fundraisers and the others are individual fundraisers. **All information regarding these fundraisers comes out over Remind and at the Parent Meetings.**

Group Fundraisers - These are the Marching Band fundraisers that benefit the band as a whole. These fundraisers are "events" that happen in one day rather than over time. These fundraisers being successful is vital to the success of the Marching Band. These fundraisers require committees to organize them and many more people are needed for them to be successful. **The Cavalcade of Bands, The Cookie Walk and The Purse Bash are three for sure "Group" fundraisers we will be doing again this year.** (We have one more idea on the table as well, but information is still being gathered)

- **Cavalcade of Bands- (October 1st, 2022)** - Our band festival here at WA High School. We invite many bands to participate to help us put on a show for the local community. This fundraiser is VERY large and requires many hands on deck before the event and almost all parent hands on deck the day of the event.

- **The Cookie Walk -(December 11th, 2022)** - Findlay Activity Center - A community event where band members families' bake cookies ahead of time and bring them to the Activity Center on the day of the event. After all is organized, locals come in and pay \$10 for a container to fill with cookies. We keep this event open until almost all the cookies are gone. We need all bakers and then some on hand for this fundraiser. There are also volunteers needed the day of the event. Students are encouraged to volunteer at this event.

- **The Purse Bash - Spring 2023** This is an event open to the community as well. It is along the lines of Purse Bingo, but with just offering different types of games, instead of Bingo, to win the purses and other prizes. Tickets are sold to this event

ahead of time. This event will require many volunteers the day of the event.

Students are encouraged to volunteer at this event.

Individual Fundraisers - These are fundraisers that your student/you do within a given timeline, but on your own time. Any money raised from these fundraisers is kept in your student's ISA account to be used only for them and for items directly related to them participating in the Marching Band. ISA money may currently be used for band dues, band shoes, and band trips.

(Please keep in mind that any money put into your student's ISA through fundraisers goes back to the band in the event that your student leaves the band for any reason (including graduation). The exception to this is that ISA money may be passed down from sibling to sibling because the money remains in the same immediate family.)

Many people find it especially helpful to participate in these individual fundraisers to help offset the cost of any trip the Marching Band may go on. Each of these individual fundraisers is organized by a parent volunteer who is named on the Band Contact List. This specific person can answer any questions you may have about that specific fundraiser.

Individual Fundraisers being offered this coming Marching Band Season on a timeline are -

- **Applelicious** (Thanksgiving and Christmas) - Rochelle Bolind - Caramel Apples and other items are sold on a paper form.
- **Sarris** (Christmas and Easter) - Lead Needed - Sarris Candies are sold on a paper form.
- **Poinsettias/Wreaths** (Christmas) - Scott Kilbourn - Beautiful Poinsettias and Wreaths from Wagners Greenhouse are pre sold on paper forms and delivered for Christmas.
- **Hoagie Orders** (new timeline, monthly?) - Kim Fiscus/Rochelle Bolind - Hoagies orders are taken ahead of time and are delivered on a schedule.

Individual Fundraisers offered ALL THE TIME - Andies Candies and Raise Right

- **Andies Candies** - Shannon Lebak - Boxes of 3 different varieties of Andies Candies can be purchased from Shannon directly for \$30 a box. When you pay that \$30, \$15 automatically goes into your student's ISA account. You then have that box of 30 candy bars to sell at your convenience or keep.

- **Raise Right** (formerly Scrip) - Current code to connect to the marching band is
C1C537F29328

This fundraiser is FAST, EASY and is ALWAYS ON. The Raise Right App is an app where you go in and purchase

gift cards for the places you were going to shop anyway and simply for purchasing those cards from Raise Right, they give a portion of what you spent back to your student. You simply link your bank account to the app and the transactions are quick and simple. There is a small fee each time to use the app, but the reward back FAR outweighs the very small fee.

EXAMPLE - Walmart trip - \$100.00 (I want to pay with debit) I pay with Debit at register and get no reward.

Same Walmart trip - \$100 (I want to pay with debit securely linked to Raise Right App) I go into app and purchase my gift card quickly and then scan the gift card to pay at the register.

Raise Right Fee - 0.15 cents

Cost of Walmart trip -\$100.15 but, Walmart returns 2.5% of what you spend back to your student. So, \$2.50 (2.5% of \$100.00) goes into your student's ISA account from a Raise Right report that our treasurer receives monthly. These transactions will show up on your Charms account.

Each vendor on Raise Right offers different percentages back. There are also special days where the percentages vendors offer increase drastically. You are buying things anyway on a daily basis. Why not turn those purchases into a trip for your student? Other family and friends can also do this to benefit your student.

Needs for the Upcoming Season -

- Sarris Candy - We need an individual who is willing to head this fundraiser. No experience in anything is necessary. Everything will be explained in detail to you.
- UNIFORMS - WE are in NEED of a TEAM of people who are willing to help out with uniforms, especially during the two weeks of band camp. Everything will be explained and there is little to no sewing necessary. Anyone that would like to help is appreciated. We are also in need of a lead for this team. Again, the lead would be guided as well.

- Et al - anywhere you see the "et al" after a contact name, it means we need a team to make that event a success. As you can see, there are many opportunities to get involved. If you see that " et al" after a name and you are interested in being on that committee, please reach out to the chair.

Misc for the Season

Chaperones - Christi Kreg

- There are opportunities for chaperones for the Marching Band throughout the season. We most specifically need chaperones for Friday night football games. The chaperone chair will reach out when she is ready to take the names of those interested in helping for a specific event. The football chaperone schedule for the entire season is completed at once.
- In order to chaperone at any time for the marching band, **ALL CLEARANCES MUST BE ON FILE WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT**. Information on how to obtain your clearances and how to submit them to the school district can be found on the WA District Site.

Spirit Wear - Optional WA Marching Band Apparel - Taressa Kilbourn

- The WA Marching Band does have an online apparel store through a vendor called Sport Your Colors.
- The online store remains open from the start of the marching band season until the end of the school year and the merchandise changes as the weather does.
- If at all possible, all apparel is delivered to your student at the school. If that is not possible, another pick up time and location is organized.
- More information on our online WA Marching Band apparel store and how to order coming soon!
- Spirit wear store will hopefully open at the end of band camp.

Seniors

- There will be few additional special items that Senior parents will be available to purchase for their students if they choose to do so.

Questions/ Comments
Adjournment

Marching Band Contacts 2022-2023

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