

Wilde Lake High School Marching Band



2024-2025 School Year

Welcome

The time has arrived for the 2024-2025 Wilde Lake HS Marching Band Season to begin! The Drumline Mini-Camp, BLT Retreat, and our 2024 Rookie Day have been outstanding so far, and I can't wait for our first FULL ensemble rehearsal on Monday (12th).

There is a substantial amount of information presented in this document, and I encourage you to read through it carefully. There are no bad questions, and I will be happy to answer any and all of them you might have.

Calendar Update

*Please update your calendars to include the following dates:

Wilde Lake Fall Festival: Saturday, September 28th, Wilde Lake Park (Details to follow)

HCPSS Marching Band Showcase: Wednesday, October 16th, Reservoir HS (Details to Follow)

1st Annual Wilde Lake HS Marching Band Banquet: Wednesday, November 6th (Details to Follow)

Marching Band

Marching Band is a co-curricular requirement of the Wind Ensemble/ Marching Band GT course. That's why in the HCPSS course catalog the class is listed as "Wind Ensemble/Marching Band GT." Everyone in the ensemble is required to participate as part of their grade.

Marching band is a fun, team-building activity that requires a lot of hard work and concentration. Even if you think marching band isn't for you, keep an open mind. For many WLHS students, marching band is their favorite activity of the year. And, most of all, don't be nervous about learning to march! We have outstanding student leaders that will teach you everything you need to know. They're patient, kind, and really the best at what they do. Relax... we've got you covered.

Color Guard and Front Ensemble members are not enrolled in the class, however the expectation is that students will attend ALL scheduled rehearsals (Band Camp, After School Rehearsals) and Performances (Football Games, Marching Band Showcase, Wilde Lake Community Picnic).

Marching Band Fees

Marching Band, Drumline and Color Guard fees for the 24/25 school year will be **\$150**. This fee covers the following:

- Marching Band Show Shirt
- Marching Band Gloves
- Marching Band Shoes
- Marching Band Uniforms, Cleaning and Upkeep
- Marching Band Music
- Marching Band Drill (ask your children about the drill...)
- Marching Band Guest Instructors
- Marching Band Instrument Maintenance
- Marching Band Instrument and Guard Purchases

Online payment information will be forthcoming. If you would like to pay by cash/check, please bring to the marching band kickoff night on 8/23! Checks should be made payable to *Friends of WLHS Band*. If you would like to pay in installments or are in need of financial assistance, please reach out to Mr. Green or email treasurer@wlhsband.com.

Band Camp Schedule

Marching band requires a lot of preparation and in order to put on the best show possible, we have band camp for the last two weeks of the summer. **ALL students are required to attend the entire camp**. On the last day of Band Camp, Friday, August 23rd, we will perform at the annual *Marching Band Kick Off Night*.

August 5th, 6th (Monday, Tuesday)	Drumline Mini- Camp DRUMLINE ONLY	9:00 am- 4:00 pm
August 7th, 8th, 9th (Wednesday- Friday)	Band Leadership Retreat BAND LEADERSHIP ONLY	9:00 am- 4:00 pm
August 9th (Friday)	Rookie Day All members who are new to WLHS Marching Band must attend! Complimentary Lunch will be provided. <i>Thanks Friends of WLHS Band!</i>	11:30 am- 4:00 pm
August 12th, 13th, 15th, 16th, (M,T, TH, F)	WLHS Marching Band Camp All members of the 2024-2025 WLHS Marching Band must attend!	8:00 am - 12:00 pm, LUNCH 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
August	WLHS Marching Band Camp	8:00 am - 12:00 pm,

14th, 21st (Wednesday, Wednesday)	Extended Wednesday Rehearsals	LUNCH 1:00 pm- 4:00 pm DINNER 5:00 pm- 8:00 pm
August 19 (Monday)	Band Camp must be canceled on this day due to Countywide Professional Development	
August 20th, 22nd, 23rd (T, TH, F)	WLHS Marching Band Camp All members of the 2023-2024 WLHS Marching Band must attend!	8:00 am - 12:00 pm, LUNCH 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Friday, August 23rd	Marching Band Kick Off Night!	6:30 PM

*** Rehearsal starts and attendance is taken at 8:00AM. You'll need to arrive at least by 7:45AM to give yourself time to unpack and get ready for rehearsal.**

Snack Concessions

Friends of WLHS Band will be selling a variety of drinks and snacks during marching band camp. Items will be priced at \$1-\$3. Cash only. Please have your student bring small bills. We will not be selling hefty lunch items, so please make sure they pack a good lunch.

Game Days

The Marching Band performs at all home football games and marches in the Homecoming Parade. When we're not marching during halftime, we're playing in the stands as a pep band. We do not "officially" play at away games, however, students may decide to form a pep band that travels to those games. Pep Band is **OPTIONAL**, but many students love it!! We will also perform at the Howard County Marching Band Showcase on **October 16**. I will release the times for reporting and the performance as soon as it becomes available.

Attendance is taken at 4:45 PM on game days. Games and clean-up typically take between 2 and 2.5 hours.

Performance Dates

2024-2025 Marching Band Performance Schedule
as of 8/9/24

			Rehearsal	Performance/Game
August 22nd	Thursday	WLHS New Student Orientation <i>Note: We perform at the very beginning of this event and new students will be permitted to attend this event.</i>	TBD	During Band Camp
August 29th	Thursday	Back to School Night	TBD	TBD
September 21st	Saturday	Football Game #1: <i>Marriotts Ridge HS</i> Homecoming	TBD	Call Time: TBD Parade Time: TBD Game Start: 12:00 PM
September 28th	Saturday	Wilde Lake Fall Festival	N/A	TBD AM
October 4th	Friday	Football Game #2: <i>Howard HS</i> <i>Future Marchers Night</i>	2:45 PM- 3:30 PM	Call Time: 4:00 PM Game Start: 6:00 PM
October 16th	Wednesday	Marching Band Showcase	3:00-3:45 pm	TBD Evening
October 25th	Friday	Football Game #3 <i>River Hill HS</i>	2:45 PM- 3:30 PM	Call Time: 4:45 PM Game Start: 6:00 PM
October 30th	Wednesday	Football Game #4 <i>Reservoir HS</i>	2:45 PM- 3:30 PM	Call Time: 4:45 PM Game Start: 6:00 PM
November 2nd	Saturday	MMBA State Championship Competition	TBD	TBD
November 6th	Wednesday	1st Annual WLHS Marching Band Banquet	N/A	TBD

*** In the event the WLHS Football Team qualifies for the Playoffs, there is a possibility of added home games. This will result in additional performances.**

Additional Rehearsals: Full Ensemble, Color Guard, Drumline

For the 2024-2025 academic school year, there will be additional rehearsals on Fridays without games from 3-5PM to review and rehearse the show. Attendance is mandatory. Flexibility will be allowed with the school athletic schedule.

We will hold additional FULL ENSEMBLE rehearsals from 3:00 PM-5:00 PM on:

Friday, August 30th
Friday, September 6th
Friday, September 13th
Friday, September 27th
Friday, October 11th

Wilde Lake HS Color Guard will rehearse from 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the Marching Band Season.

Wilde Lake HS Drumline will rehearse one day a week After School (TBD) throughout the Marching Band Season.

24-25 Marching Band "Everything" Resource Folder

For the 2024-2025 academic school year, we will be sharing Marching Band Music via Google Drive. Sheet Music and Audio Recordings will be shared with students using their HCPSS Google Drive Login. If you are unable to print music, please contact me directly, and I will be happy to coordinate delivery of printed sheet music.

Here is a direct link to the 24-25 "Everything" Marching Band Resource Folder: [Click Here](#)

The following music must be **memorized** when you arrive the first day of band camp:

Wilde Lake HS Fight Song Set
The National Anthem
2024-2025 Marching Band Show Music

Meal Plan

For the 2024-2025 School Year, an OPTIONAL meal plan option will be created for Home Football Games to remove the stress from eating dinner on Home Football Games.

Conflicts

A performing ensemble is a collective endeavor; therefore we need everyone to be present at all rehearsals and performances. Unlike other classes in which one's presence affects only them, attendance profoundly affects the entire musical group. For this reason, attendance at ALL rehearsals and performances is EXPECTED. With this in mind, we understand that extraordinary circumstances exist and must be taken into account, and also respect the value of a previous commitment. Conflicts should be communicated to the Band Director (in writing to Saul_Green@hcpss.org) Most conflicts can be mutually resolved if communication is open, timely, and considers the importance of every student to the success of the team.

Attendance Policy

If you're not sick, tending to a family emergency, or participating in a school athletic event pre-approved by the director, you're expected to be there. Band Camp, School Performances, Football Games, The Wilde Lake Community Picnic, and the Marching Band Showcase are required. An unexcused absence from band camp will jeopardize your enrollment in Wind Ensemble. An unexcused absence from a football game is the same as missing a concert.

This may seem a little strict, but marching band is an activity that really requires everyone there at all times.

Here's some more information regarding unexcused and excused absences:

Unexcused Absences include, but are not limited to:

- Work
- Non- School Athletics
- Internships
- Homework (this requires time management on your part)
- Family Vacation
- Private Lessons

Excused Absences:

- Illness (parent note required)
- School Athletics. This is managed between you, the band director, and your coach
- Family Emergency

Tardiness:

- Attendance is taken at 8:00AM
- Be safe...arrive early. Make arrangements for carpooling, if necessary

Wilde Lake HS Sports

The WLHS Marching Band is home to many JV and Varsity (including starters) student athletes. Many of these students are all county members and team captains. This is possible due to our rehearsal schedule, as well as the relationships we have established with coaches and our outstanding AAM, Ms.

Dronenburg. Please let me know if you have any questions about playing a fall sport during Marching Band season. Throughout the years, many Wilde Lake HS Marching Band Members have attended college on an Athletic Scholarship.

What To Bring For Camp?

- **Comfortable clothing:** We will be outside most of the day, so dress accordingly while complying with the WLHS dress code. Jeans are NOT acceptable.
- **Sneakers or athletic shoes:** Crocs, Flip-flops, Sandals, Crocs, etc.... are not comfortable or safe for marching. You MUST wear closed toed shoes for all rehearsals. Students without proper footwear will be sent home.
- **Lunch:** Students will have an hour time block for lunch on their own.
- **Instrument or Equipment**
- **Reusable Water Bottle:** Let's be environmentally friendly while we stay hydrated. Camelbak (Amazon has similar styles) type hydration packs are highly encouraged.
- **Sunscreen and Hat:** It will be hot in the sun....Don't worry we will take plenty of breaks.

Spirit Wear

Wilde Lake HS Band Spirit Wear will be available for purchase soon! Stay tuned for more information.

WLHS Marching Band Brickheadz

Show your Wilde Cat pride for the Band Program by purchasing a WLHS Band Brickheadz! The Brickheadz are made with 100% new genuine Lego pieces. New designs are in process! Stay tuned for more information.

Proceeds go towards the Wilde Lake High School Band Program

Friends of Wilde Lake High School Band Inc

Nothing would be possible without the support from the WLHS band boosters. Please consider getting involved with this amazing organization. The following positions are open and need to be filled ASAP: Volunteer Coordinator (Board Position), Bingo Coordinator, Jazz Cabaret Lead, HOCO Parents for School Music Representative, Food Coordinator, Corporate Donation Liaison. Please contact Friends of WLHS Band if you are looking for ways to get involved at president@wlhsband.com.

Follow us on Instagram: [@friendsofwlhsband](https://www.instagram.com/friendsofwlhsband)

Follow us on Facebook: [Friends of Wilde Lake High School Band Inc](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofwlhsband)

Game day volunteers needed! Click the link to sign up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4FA5AC22A6FA7-50544926-band#/>

What's Next?

Mark all the dates on your calendar! Time management is one of the most challenging tasks you'll face in high school, so get started on the right foot.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at Saul_Green@hcpss.org.

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I'm really looking forward to a tremendous marching season!

Best,
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“For me, success is not about the wins and losses. It’s about helping these young people be the best versions of themselves on and off the field.”-Ted Lasso