May 20 - May 26, 2020

Coming Soon:
Jun 3 10:00am - 12:00pm
Drum Major Auditions
Percussion Auditions - including Game Day Live (GDL)

Jun 4 10:00am - 1:00pm
Dance Team Auditions
GDL Auditions

All locations will be announced soon

Future Fundraising:
May 25 - Dawn & Dusk - Memorial Day
Flag installation teams are needed. Due to Corona virus concerns, please only take members of your family at this time.
Sign up here.

June 14 & July 4
More flag installation opportunities!

Looking Ahead:
Jun 8 10:00am - 12:00pm
Guard Practice

Jun 9 1:00am - 12:00pm
Flutes, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet Practice
1:00pm - 3:00pm
All Saxes Practice
3:30pm -5:30pm
Trumpet Practice

Jun 10 10:00am -12:00pm
Battery Percussion Practice
1:00pm -3:00pm
Front Ensemble Practice

Jun 11 10:00am - 12:00pm
Mello & Guard Practice
1:00pm - 3:00pm
Low Brass Practice

Jun 15 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Dance Practice

All Locations will be announced soon.

Our Big Band Zoom Meeting:
It was good to see everyone. There was a lot of information covered. Attached to this email is the Power Point from Mr. Dieterich. Take a good look at it. If you have questions, feel free to email at Tyler.Dieterich@WCS.edu. You can always contact a board member as well. If we don't know the answer, we can find it or point you in the right direction.

Link to Google Calendar

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Want a glimpse into the future?
Mr. D has added dates to the 2020 calendar to include Band Camp, Saturday rehearsals, after school rehearsals and (possible) football schedule. Go check it out! Click here.

Did somebody say Disney???
Have you heard about the Disney trip? I'm couldn't be more excited! 40 lucky members of our band may have the opportunity to take part in a competition hosted by Varsity called Game Day Live! The official date isn't until February 6, 2021 but the preparation starts NOW! In order to participate, you must try out and make the pep band. Auditions are June 3rd & 4th! Rising freshman included! The pep band will combine with the cheerleaders for an amazing sideline performance.
Click here to see what I'm talking about!

US Flag Subscription Service:
The band offers a US Flag service on five patriotic holidays. We sell subscriptions to anyone in the INDEPENDENCE school zone. This incredible program has the potential to make the band $10,000 per year. These are funds we raise. These funds come from our community, not our personal accounts. These funds keep our investment lower.

All it takes from you is a one day commitment - once a year. $10,000. It really is that easy.

To make this program successful, we need your support. Each holiday, we need families to go out at dawn, place flags in yards and then remove them in the evening. If every family volunteers for just one of the five holidays, we would have more than enough help.

Our school zone is large and spread out. We need help from all over. We need help from all over.
Take a moment, pick a holiday when your family is available and SIGN UP HERE. All five dates are available on Sign Up Genius.

Emphasis on Fundraising:
It's been an abrupt end to the year. We lost out on a couple of opportunities that normally add quite a few dollars toward our bottom line. In an effort to keep individual investments low, we are going to have to step up our money raising efforts. That means we need volunteers. Please check your calendars an volunteer when you are able. We can always use the help.

Tier III Volunteers:
The band always needs volunteers - especially Tier III. It requires a background check to become a WCS volunteer. Follow the link for more info. Click here
Board Positions:
Dedicated parents are needed to keep the band marching forward. Board membership is a two year commitment. There are 4 elect positions needed for current board members entering their final year.
- Chair (currently Charity)
- Vice Chair (currently Angie)
- Ways & Means (currently Derek)
- Communications (currently Christy)
There is still a full year left on our terms. However, it would be amazing if the elect positions were able to shadow current board members and learn their responsibilities. This will allow the transition in June of 2021 to be seamless. If you would like to volunteer or nominate someone for any of these positions, please email Charity at IHSBandChairman@gmail.com.

Instruments:
Rising Freshmen that had to turn in their borrowed middle school instruments... email Mr. Dieterich at Tyler.Dieterich@WCS.edu to check out your replacement from IHS. It's a requirement for practices and auditions. ;)

Next Parent Meeting:
When we have a date, we'll let you know!
IHS Band or Choir Room
Please make plans to attend.

Wellness Needs:
As rehearsals start to ramp up, we will need of a few items. If you have any disinfectant wipes, bottles of hand sanitizer or face masks, we could really use them. We are doing our part to keep everyone healthy. Thanks in advance.