Welcome Incoming GA Band Freshmen and Parents,

I’m glad you decided to be a part of one of the best bands in the state! You are in for a great experience. Band is so much more than playing music.

Here is some important information that will help you know what to expect for the start of the band season.

Section leaders are a big part of the band hierarchy. They will be contacting the students in their section during the summer for informal get-togethers and to begin practicing the field show music. Each section will be designing a t-shirt and sweatshirt. The section leader will be collecting money and ordering this clothing during band camp. All other band fees and fair share costs can be paid in the ASB office when school starts.

Band Camp is two weeks of required field show practices that takes place the last two weeks of August. Band camp for incoming freshmen begins with an orientation from 8:00am - 12:00pm on Friday, August 15th. Band Camp for all band and percussion students is August 18 - August 29.

Band Camp Schedule: The band will practice outside from 8:00am - 12pm and inside from 1:00 - 4:00pm in sectionals. The whole band comes together from 4 – 5 for complete music rehearsal. Additional practices will be from 6:00pm -8:00pm on Monday and Thursday evenings outdoors. The evening practices are the best time for parents to watch the students practicing the show.

Band Camp Supplies:
1) Students should bring a heavy-duty small spiral notebook “Dot Book” on a lanyard
2) 15-20 small personalized item “Dot” that will not blow away i.e. duct tape covered poker chips dominoes, spray painted washers…
3) A 3 ring “Band binder” notebook with plastic sheet protectors for show music and official charts.
4) Pencils and/or highlighters
5) Sunscreen, sunglasses, snacks, lunch, comfortable shoes (no flip flops), and water bottles.

Band Camp Music: Students should be practicing their field show music prior to band camp. The music can be listened to and downloaded from the Wenatchee School District Moodle site. http://moodle.wsd.wednet.edu/login/index.php

Band Camp Special Events: Band Camp isn’t all work. There will also be some fun special events such as the Tuesday Taco wagon, section get-togethers, skits, and Band Olympics.

Looking forward to seeing everyone August 15th at 9:00am in the WHS Band Room.

Jim Kovach, WHS GA Band Director