

Rehearsal Attendance

Please take a moment to review the attached reminders about our attendance policy for the Gold Brigade. ***All rehearsals and performances for the Gold Brigade are MANDATORY for all members.***

All students are expected to arrive 15-30 minutes early so that rehearsals can begin ON TIME. For instance, a Tuesday night rehearsal from 6-9pm means arrive at 5:45pm. A rehearsal in the stadium means to arrive 30 minutes before rehearsal begins!

PARENTS MUST COMMUNICATE ALL ABSENCES / TARDIES!

FOR BAND CONTACT MS. GERVASIO at [ggervasi@warren.k12.in.us](mailto:gervasi@warren.k12.in.us) or at 532-6200 x6272

FOR COLOR GUARD CONTACT MR. MECKES at emeckes@warren.k12.in.us or at 532-6200 x4693

Schedule Updates and Clarifications:

Additional Performance: A football game has been added to our schedule. **Please add Friday, October 12 to your performance schedule.** This is the night before the Gold Brigade leaves for Chicago. And updated season calendar is attached.

Report Times: Both Tuesday and Thursday practices are from 6pm to 9pm. Students are required to report 15 minutes early to rehearsals. If the rehearsal takes place in the stadium, then students must report 30 minutes early.

SoundSport International Music & Food Festival - August 11

All Gold Brigade Band & Guard members have the opportunity to attend the **2018 SoundSport International Music & Food Festival on Saturday, August 11 10:30am to 3:00pm.** This event will feature [SoundSport](#) and [Drum Corps](#) performances and the [DrumLine Battle](#) events downtown at PanAm Plaza and Georgia Street. ***This is an optional event for members to attend as spectators;*** we are not performing. There will be food trucks and live performances. Admission is free, but you should bring some money to purchase food.

School bus transportation will be provided and students will be escorted by Gold Brigade staff. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend, but must provide their own transportation. **Students who wish to attend must sign-up on the list by Mr. Meckes' office no later than Wednesday, August 8.**

March-a-thon Sponsor Fundraiser

All students were given instructions, samples, and a form for the March-a-thon fundraiser. All students who owe membership fees are expected to participate. Please see the attached document for instructions. Pick-up additional form letters in the WCHS Band Room this week! **PLEDGE FORMS ARE DUE THURSDAY!**

Membership Fee Payments Due

The 4th payment of your membership fees is due August 15th

Payment Amount: Member fees are \$600 for the whole season. The August payment is \$150. A total of \$500 must be paid by August 15th

Any account that is unpaid on August 15th will have a \$25 late fee added to their balance. Students that have an unpaid account will also not be eligible to receive their show shirt or uniform.

Please direct any questions regarding fees to our student fees treasurer at StudentFees@WCPPerformingArts.com

Payments should be made payable to the WPAA & mailed to:

Warren Performing Arts Association (WPAA)

PO Box 19136

Indianapolis, IN 46219

Snack, Drink, and Medical Supply Donations

We are in need of individually wrapped snacks for the students. Please see the list below. These will be used on various occasions throughout the season. Below is a suggested list of items. For sanitary reasons all snacks must be individually wrapped or bagged. If you are able to donate anything, please bring it **to the WCHS Music Library/M101** after rehearsal.

Food/Drink Items:

- Bottled Water
- Snacks (all must be individually wrapped)
- Pretzels
- Fruit Roll Ups
- Granola Bars
- Cookies
- Juice Boxes
- Capri Suns
- Crackers (filled with Cheese/Peanut Butter)
- Popsicles (in plastic that can be cut open)

Non-Food Items

- Plastic Utensils (spoons, forks)
- Brown Paper Bags (Lunch size)
- Paper Plates & Napkins
- Advil
- Tylenol
- Aleve
- Pepto Bismol Tablets or TUMS
- Midol
- Sting Relief Swabs
- Sunscreen
- Caladryl
- Instant Cold Packs
- Saline Solution (for eyes)

Visitors & Parking

Most Gold Brigade rehearsals are CLOSED to visitors (this includes parents, family members, friends, alumni, etc.). Closed rehearsal means that no one other than Gold Brigade members and staff are permitted to participate in, observe, or be present anywhere on or near the rehearsal area.

Parents may observe the last 30 minutes of outdoor rehearsals on Thursdays. Additionally, there will be a special "Preview Days" announced throughout the season.

DO NOT PARK OR STOP IN THE STREET behind the Gold Brigade rehearsal lot! Please only park in MARKED PARKING SPOTS in Lot #3 near Door #36 on the 16th Street side of Warren Central HS.

This means DO NOT park along the curb, in bus lanes, or in handicapped parking spots.