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# Van Wert Band Notes



July 2021

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## **GREAT NEWS!!!**

- Band Camp at Huntington – APPROVED!!
- MORE great news on the way... stay tuned!!

**MUSIC---** Music will start to be posted on the band website SOON (maybe even before you read this).

**UNIFORM FITTINGS—** Coming soon... check social media

**RETTIG- MAJOR IMPORTANCE!!!** If you need reeds, valve oil, music lyre/flipfolder, or any other instrument supply please contact Rettig Music ASAP. Orders need to be placed by **July 16** to be in before Band Camp. 1-800-526-8742. You can pay over the phone with a credit card and the supplies will be delivered to the school. **Please don't wait. Call now! PLEASE start band camp out having all of your supplies!**

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**SPEAKING OF SUPPLIES!!** One thing MANY kids forget to have for band camp is a lyre and flip folder (to hold their music while they march). These items can be purchased also from Rettig Music. Brass Instruments should get the bell clip on type of lyre/flip folder. Check the enclosed "Band Camp Checklist" for a full list of necessary supplies.

**WATER JUG –** for Band Camp students need a water JUG. A lot of kids get a "Camel Bak" so they carry their instrument and still have their water with them. A Camel Bak is not required (but some sort of water jug is required). Make sure your name is on your jug!

Finally, this is going to be a great year! Being ready with uniform fittings, being ready for band camp and beyond will all help make this year even better. I'll be ready and I hope you will be too!

**SEE YOU SOON!!!**

Mr. Sloan  
Mr. Turner

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## Band Parent Meetings

The next band parent meeting is Monday, July 19. Freshman/Rookie Parents will meet at 6:30. ALL Parents will begin at 7:30. The bulk of this meeting will be for the organization and last minute information related to Band Camp. Join us in the Lecture Hall for a night of information and camaraderie. Your help is needed, appreciated, and welcomed. This organization will be as strong as its members choose to make it.

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## Band Camp 2021

*WRITE IT DOWN!!!*

- July 13-16 Uniform Fittings
- July 19 PARENT MEETING
- July 25 Band Camp begins
- July 30 Band Camp ends

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## Pay Pal

You can now pay your fees with a credit card via PayPal (there is a 3% service fee).

- 1) Email Mr. Sloan with the amount you want to pay.
- 2) You will receive an email invoice from PayPal.
- 3) Follow the instructions in the email. THAT'S IT. It is EASY!

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## Contacts

Should you need to contact us you may do so using one of the following means:

- High School Phone- 238-3350
  - Band Office Phone- 238-3722
  - Website- [vwcs.net/1/Content/bands](http://vwcs.net/1/Content/bands)
  - Facebook- Van Wert Bands Info
  - Twitter- @vwbands
  - Instagram - @vwbands
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## Final Forms

This year there is NO “emergency medical form”. This information will be downloaded via Final Forms. PLEASE make sure this information is current as soon as possible.

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## PATRONS!

Our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Band Parent fund-raiser is our “PATRON PROGRAM”. See the enclosed flyer for more information. Funds donated through the patron program benefit ALL students by going to the uniform fund for impending uniform needs. PLUS – each donation receives a “thank you” in return for your gift.

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## COVID

As we strive to continue to create a SAFE environment for your child to THRIVE and ENJOY their band experience please feel free to contact the band office with questions or concerns that you have.

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## FEES/SAA

Fees and Student Activity Account updates are included in this packet along with your most recent TRIP account information. PLEASE pay fees on time!!

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## WEBSITE/FACEBOOK/ TWITTER/TEXT

For the most recent updated information always keep in touch with the website and/or facebook.

On the web: [vwcs.net/1/Content/bands](http://vwcs.net/1/Content/bands)  
facebook: Van Wert Bands Information  
twitter/Instagram: @vwbands

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## Summer Parade Reminders

### PEONY PARADE

Rehearsals: June 1, 2 at 10:30-12:00 at the VWHS Band Room

Parade: Saturday, June 5

Meet near the YWCA by Band Truck 4:30pm

Parade Starts 5:00pm

Ends near the American Legion

SUMMER UNIFORM, DINKLES and SHORT BLACK SOCKS!!

### HOLIDAY AT HOME PARADE

Saturday, July 3rd

Rehearsals: July 1, 2 at 10:30-12:00 at the VWHS Band Room

Parade: Saturday, July 3

Meet at YWCA at 10:30am

Parade Starts at 11:00am

Parade Begins at YWCA, Ends at American Legion

SUMMER UNIFORM SAME AS ABOVE!!!

These performances are crucial to the band  
and its standing in the community of Van  
Wert. If you are in town on those dates, you  
are expected to attend. DO YOUR DUTY!!

# VAN WERT BAND CAMP CHECKLIST

## 5 Changes of Clothing Including

- ◇ Underwear
- ◇ Socks
- ◇ Shorts/Jeans/Sweats
- ◇ Sweatshirts or light jacket
- ◇ 2 pair of tennis shoes for marching rehearsal (proper footwear MUST be worn at ALL TIMES on the marching field)
- ◇ 1 pair of sandals or flip-flops
- ◇ Hat
- ◇ Swimming Gear

## Luggage

- ◇ 1 large suitcase or trunk
- ◇ 1 carry-on-the-bus bag

## Band Equipment

- ◇ Your instrument
- ◇ Your music (check website)
- ◇ Music Lyre/Flip folder\*
- ◇ Valve Oil/cork grease\*
- ◇ Extra Reeds\*

\*Lyres/Valve Oil/ etc can be ordered and delivered to the school by calling Rettig Music at 1-800-526-8742. Pay over the phone with a credit card.

## Bedding

- ◇ Pillow w/pillow case
- ◇ 2 sheets (Huntington beds require "extra long")
- ◇ Sleeping bag or blankets

## Other Stuff

- ◇ Sun glasses
- ◇ Sun screen
- ◇ Pens
- ◇ Pencils
- ◇ \*\*WATER JUG\*\*
- ◇ \*\*FLASHLIGHT\*\*
- ◇ Cellphone

## Personal Hygiene

- ◇ Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- ◇ \*\*Deodorant\*\*
- ◇ Washcloths
- ◇ 5 or 6 towels
- ◇ Soap and soapdish
- ◇ Combs/brushes
- ◇ Shampoo
- ◇ Make-up
- ◇ Sanitary napkins

## 2021-2022 VWHS Band Fees Information

The enclosed Student Activity Account notice (SAA) includes Scrip through MAY. If there is a **NEGATIVE NUMBER** in the left column then you owe **NO CURRENT FEES**. If you have any questions please email Mr. Sloan.

Checks should be made payable to Van Wert Band Parents. Checks may be given to the HS Band Office or mailed to: VWBP PO Box 1032, Van Wert. Fees may also be paid through your Student Activity Account by notifying the HS Band Office.

Fee/SAA information will be mailed with the Band Newsletter several times per year. Families with financial difficulties are encouraged to use the Scrip program and other fund-raising opportunities to help off-set fees through the Student Activity Account.

### Fees:

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| 200.00          | Band Camp (increase based on the return to "away" camps at HU)                |
| 37.00           | Uniform Cleaning for both MB/SB Uniforms (no change)                          |
| 8.00            | Required MB T-shirt for under the MB uniform (no change)                      |
| 30.00           | Dinkles Marching Band shoes (freshman only, no change)                        |
| 10.00           | Summer Uniform Socks/Shorts (freshman only, no change)                        |
| 20.00           | CB Tuxedo Shirt (freshman only, no change)                                    |
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| <b>\$245.00</b> | <b>Upperclass fee (\$195 balance if Band Camp deposit has been made)</b>      |
| <b>\$305.00</b> | <b>Freshman/Rookie fee (\$255 balance if Band Camp deposit has been made)</b> |

### Due Dates:

All fees are due July 19.

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### Fee Explanations

**Band Camp** fee (200) is a portion of room/board, and instruction fees etc for Band Camp at Huntington University July 25-30. The Band Parent Association covers approximately 40% of the Band Camp Fees.

**Uniform Cleaning** fee (37) covers the basic cleaning on the Marching Band and Concert Band uniforms. An additional fee may be charged for cleaning made necessary through abuse and/or mishandling of the uniforms by the student. Uniforms are very expensive and need to be taken care of.

**Required MB T-Shirt** fee (8) covers the annual Senior class designed MB T-shirt. This shirt is worn AT ALL TIMES under the formal uniform jacket, or red summer polo. Addition merchandise items (hoodies, extra shirts etc) may be purchased for the student, family etc at additional cost. Order forms will be made available in July.

**Dinkles** (30) are the brand name (and nickname) of the black formal marching band shoes to be worn for all formal MB uniform events. These shoes will be sized, ordered, paid for and distributed through the band office. Upperclassmen who have outgrown their Dinkles will need to purchase another pair.

**Summer Uniform** fee (10) is for Gray shorts and short white socks issued through the Band Office to all freshman and upperclassmen needing replacements. Shorts that no longer fit may be traded in for a different size provided they are clean and usable.

**Red Summer Polo** (15-20 depending on size) on loan from the Band. Replacement fee for lost, or destroyed polo shirts will be added to band fees. Upperclassmen may trade in for a different size provided the previous shirt is clean and usable.

**CB Tuxedo Shirt** (20) is a part of the Concert Band uniform. The shirt is purchased through the band office by all freshmen. The shirts are sized in Oct/Nov through the uniform fitting process. If a shirt becomes unusable through abuse or mishandling the student will pay for the replacement.

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### Uniform Replacement Information

Students are responsible for the proper wearing, care and maintenance of the uniform parts (whether purchased or loaned) after the parts have been issued into the student's name. Students will be responsible for replacement parts due to any negligent or inappropriate handling of any uniform parts.

Approximate Replacement Costs (may change due to supplier cost):

- Gray Summer Shorts- 10
- Short White Socks- 3
- Red Summer Polo- 15-20 (depending on size)
- Marching Band Gloves- 2 (first pair is free)
- Marching Band Plume- 12 plus shipping
- Marching Band Hat- 38 plus shipping
- Marching Band Coat- 181 plus shipping
- Marching Band Pants- 101 plus shipping
- Marching Band Raincoat- 72 plus shipping
- White Tuxedo Shirt- 20
- Black Bowtie- 5
- Black Vest- 60
- Black Skirt- 78
- Black Tuxedo Pants- 93

# BECOME A VW BAND PATRON!!



The SIXTH ANNUAL VW Bands Patron program is a donation and reward based fund-raiser that will be used to help support the VW Band Parents and VW Bands. Your patron donation will go a long way towards helping our current and future budget which will allow us to continue to support Band Camp, Band Trips, purchase uniforms, and provide other necessary items to help our bands be successful.

## Your donation earns you...

\$25 "Band Member":

\*Your name or family name in every concert program and listed on the band website

\$50 "Section Leader":

\*Your name or family name in every concert program and listed on the band website

\*FREE "highlight" CD mailed at the end of the year

\$100 "Conductor":

\*Your name or family name in every concert program and listed on the band website

\*FREE "highlight" CD mailed at the end of the year

\*Entry into a drawing to win \$100 at each of the four HS Concerts (Marching Band Oct 2, Christmas Dec 2, Winter Mar 8, and Spring May 5 – you need not be present to win.)

\*\*Corporate sponsorships are also available – contact the Band Office for more information.

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To join the VW Bands Patron Family fill out the information below and return it to the HS Band Office at:  
Mr. Sloan, VWHS Band, 10708 SR 118 South, Van Wert OH, 45891

Name (as you wish it to appear in the program/website) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (in case we need to contact you regarding your donation) \_\_\_\_\_

Address (to mail your CD if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount (please circle)      \$25                      \$50                      \$100                      Other (please indicate) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: ALL CHECKS made payable to "Van Wert Bands"

Questions? Contact the Band Office at 419 238-3722 or [r\\_sloan@vwcs.net](mailto:r_sloan@vwcs.net)

Additional forms available at [www.vwcs.net/1/Content/bands](http://www.vwcs.net/1/Content/bands)

*THANK YOU for your SUPPORT!*

## **NEW TEXT LIST!**

### **NEW BAND LIST!**

To be up to date... please join the NEW Remind list...



Messages will appear in your phone's messages app (no separate download required). You can NOT reply to texts.

Contact the band office if you have questions.