



# WESTFIELD

BLUE DEVIL BANDS

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📺 WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL BANDS



## **Westfield Band Highlights**

*Have given performance tours of the Czech Republic, Austria, and Italy*

*Have performed at Avery Fischer Hall and the Kimmel Center*

*Invited to perform at NJ Music Educators Conference*

*Invited to perform at prestigious NJ Band Gala*

*Invited to perform at National Concert Band Festival in Indianapolis*

*Marching Band won Class National Championship in 2015*

*Marching Band is a 3-time Bands of America Regional Finalist*

*Westfield Public Schools named best Community for Music Education - 2018-2021*

## COME BE PART OF A **TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE!**

The Westfield High School Bands have established themselves as one of the most decorated organizations at WHS! Not only do students learn to perform on a musical instrument in a variety of different settings, they learn the essentials of *teamwork, self-motivation, self-discipline, individual responsibility, time management, and social skills* that prove to be effective in any career, sport, or other activity. What else? We have FUN!

Our goal is for every Westfield band member to develop a lifelong appreciation for the value of music in his or her life. Music gives people a chance to feel, hear, and create in a way that no other activity can provide. We want every student to become the most proficient musician and performer of which he or she is capable. We hope to develop an attitude of success while striving to focus each student's skills and abilities to the common good of the program. In addition to building musical skills, we strive to provide a fun and friendly environment for all students involved. Band can provide a rare constant that students can experience throughout their four years at WHS.

The Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble are the foundation of the band program at Westfield High School. Other performing opportunities available to our members are three jazz bands, jazz combos, various chamber ensembles, indoor color guard, percussion ensemble, and the award winning Marching Blue Devils!

**During the 2021/2022 school year 200+ students were enrolled in band making it one of the largest organizations in Westfield High School! We hope you can join us next year!**

Chris Vitale and Trevor Sindorf, Directors

## Why YOU want to join:

- ♪ You want to be part of an *award winning* organization.
- ♪ You have an interest in performing arts and would like an opportunity to express that interest through a school activity.
- ♪ You had the opportunity to begin an instrument in grade school and would like to take that experience further.
- ♪ You want to be part of something that is **FUN and SUCCESSFUL!**
- ♪ Travel opportunities!
- ♪ Make friendships that will last a lifetime!
- ♪ **WHY NOT?!?** High School is all about **GETTING INVOLVED!**

## Why we want YOU:

- ♪ You have experience playing a band instrument through a school band program or private lessons.
- ♪ You are a hard working student who has shown dedication to improving your abilities and reaching your maximum potential.
- ♪ You have the ability to make the WHS Band even better!
- ♪ You are, or show potential to be, a leader among your peers.
- ♪ We want to get to know you!!

## THE FACTS

- ★ The skills gained through music instruction include discipline and the ability to analyze, solve problems, communicate, and work cooperatively; all skills that are vital for success in the 21st century workplace.
- ★ 70% of the nation's major universities report that participation in a musical organization is a higher consideration than standardized test scores for admission decisions.
- ★ **Band builds positive self-worth.** Although we share many similarities with our athletic counterparts, band is a place for everyone. Rarely is a person serving as an alternate or substitute. Everyone in the band plays a starting role.
- ★ Music is one of the few academic disciplines that require the student to master skills and apply them in performance. In other words, music involves **multiple forms of learning**.

## How do I join???

Brass and Woodwinds should have **"CONCERT BAND"** in their 9th grade schedule.

Percussionists should have **"PERCUSSION BAND"** in their 9th grade schedule.

Contact Mr. Vitale with any questions: [cvitale@westfieldnj12.org](mailto:cvitale@westfieldnj12.org)

Find out more on our website: [www.westfieldhsbands.org](http://www.westfieldhsbands.org)

## SCHEDULING

**Will Band fit into an aggressive academic schedule?** Yes! We have students who are planning to enter all fields in college. The class schedule at Westfield High School is made to allow these students to take a full schedule of classes (including A.P.) and play in one of the bands during all four years. Below is a sample student schedule.

Freshman		Junior	
1	English	1	English
2	Math	2	Math
3	Science	3	Science
4	Social Studies	4	Social Studies
5	World Language	5	World Language
6	PE/Health	6	PE/Health
7	<b>Band</b>	7	<b>Band</b>
8	Elective/Free	8	**Financial Lit/ Elective/Free
Sophomore		Senior	
1	English	1	English
2	Math	2	Math
3	Science	3	Science
4	Social Studies	4	Social Studies
5	World Language	5	World Language
6	PE/Health	6	PE/Health
7	<b>Band</b>	7	<b>Band</b>
8	**21st Life Skills/ 21st Life Skills	8	Elective/Free

**\*\*Students must complete one year (5 credits) of 21st Century Life Skills and 1/2 year (2.5 credits) of Financial Literacy. These requirements can be met any year.**

Band has remained my favorite part of the day throughout my four years of high school, yet the band program at WHS has a culture and community that extends far beyond the music we play in class. Band allows me to make great music with greater friends, and I'm a better musician, student, and person because of my involvement in this program.

~Graduating Senior





# THE MARCHING BLUE DEVILS

## WHO WE ARE...

We are YOU!! We are 130 close friends of different sizes, shapes, and colors. We have various beliefs and take a regiment of classes throughout the day. We are scholars, athletes, future politicians, doctors, lawyers, teachers, and architects. We are college-bound and serious about being good at what we do. We are looking for a place to make new friends and have fun.

We are determination, we are commitment, we are character, we are intensity, we are power, we are drive, we are art,

***WE ARE THE MARCHING BLUE DEVILS!***

-You could be part of one of the largest student organizations at WHS

-Few other activities offer you our travel opportunities!

**-Get 1.5 Fine Arts Credit, Fall PE Exemption Eligibility, and a Varsity Letter!**

Be part of an organization that is not only successful, but socially fun!!

*Most importantly, as you enter the halls of high school for the very first time...we are the most impressive army of support you could ever count on to help you make it. Regardless of the circumstances.*

***WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK!***



# COME JOIN OUR #BANDFAMILY

## SECTIONS OF THE BAND

### WOODWINDS

Flute, Clarinet,  
All Saxophones

### BRASS

Trumpet, Mellophone (French Horn),  
Baritone (Trombone), Tuba

### PERCUSSION

Rudimental Percussion, Mallet Percussion,  
Electric Piano/Synthesizer

### COLOR GUARD

Interested or have experience in Dance?  
This is for YOU!

### DON'T PLAY ONE OF THE ABOVE LISTED INSTRUMENTS?

Bassoon? Oboe? Strings? Choir? Nothing?  
We'll teach you everything you need to know.

### WILL MY GRADES SUFFER?

That depends on YOU. What we've found is that students who usually have high grades continue to get high grades and students with lower marks usually show improvement. Why? Aside from an intense influx of strong work ethic and time management, you now have access to a 130-member study group!

## WHAT DO THE MEMBERS SAY ABOUT THE MARCHING BAND?

*"It was a fantastic first experience, and I don't think I would have enjoyed the first couple weeks of high school without the support network of upperclassmen that was available to me through marching band."*

*- 9th grade student*

*"I want to thank all of you for such an amazing four years. Marching with the band has changed my life and it was the best decision I ever made. Thank you for making it such a worthwhile experience."*

*-Graduating senior*



## HOW DO I JOIN?!?

**Attend an informational meeting on  
Tuesday May 10th, 7:30 pm**

*Visit [www.westfieldhsbands.org](http://www.westfieldhsbands.org) to register!*

### Band Camp Dates

**(Attendance required for membership)**

*Spring Mini-Camp - June 21, 24, 25 (times TBA, in Westfield)*

*Pre-Camp - August 18-19, 22-26 (times TBA, in Westfield)*

*Band Camp (sleep away in PA) August 28 - September 1*

*All dates are tentative and subject to change*

