

BAND/BPA MEETING 7/28/22 MINUTES

6:30pm: Amanda Stevenson, Director Bands

Introduced self, welcomed everyone to meeting and shared brief overview of her role as Director of Bands.

Rick Astorga, Assistant Director

Introduced self and welcomed everyone. Shared brief overview of his role as Assistant Director.

Darius - Color Guard

Ray Ramirez - Color Guard Director

Amy Plazek - Assistant Director

MRS STEVENSON - DIRECTOR of BANDS

Email works best for communicating with staff. Band App communication may also be used, however it may take a bit longer to receive responses. Mrs Stevenson's direct line 210-356-0041.

Wcchargerband.org is our band website. It has all the information you may need, including Band Calendar, powerpoint presentations, contact emails, forms, etc.

We are currently in Summer Band. Students and staff have been working long hours to prepare for upcoming events, football games, etc, but also having fun with activities such as; Band Olympics.

Students also attending Master Classes where we get professional educators to come teach specific sections (e.g. winds, percussion, etc).

Prep-Day 7/29/22. You may've received school emails about prep days for different grade levels, but please ignore them. The band has their own pre day and is for all grades.

Drumline has performances coming up (e.g., Teacher's Convocation).

I send out a Band weekly email (usually on Sundays) with a breakdown of each day of the week, so both parents and students know what to expect and can plan accordingly.

On Saturday 8/6/22 is Meet the Chargers at Comalander Stadium where WC celebrates the school programs such as Band, Football team, etc. There will be food trucks and will be lots of fun - everyone is invited to attend. Band will be wearing Khaki Shorts for these types of events.

On Saturday 8/13/22 is Meet the Band will be held here at school at the Turf Field. Also, lots of fun presenting the band and the progress the band has made thus far.

Band App and Google Calendar are Synchronized. The Google calendar is the most updated calendar and is the best place to look for most updated information.

Please look out for EARLY RELEASE dates throughout the school year that have been established by NEISD. These dates were just recently emailed by the school and band will be adjusting accordingly.

Stadium Rehearsals: Dates on Google Calendar - All parents and family are welcome to come watch.

All parents and students should be registered on Cuttime and receiving band emails. If you have not been receiving Cuttime emails, something's up. Please contact Mrs Cynthia Triggs for assistance.

Band Payments must be made. Band program can not operate without funds and your band payments need to be made on time. If you are having a difficult time making your

student's band payment, please get with me and we can figure something out. Band program must receive payments to cover student expenses so that students are allowed to participate with band performances and activities.

Congratulations to Wind Ensemble. They were selected to participate in Indianapolis. This is a historic event and will take place in March-April time frame. We have received a \$40k grant to cover some of the expenses. There will be auditions for additional percussion students to attend.

Boost Blitz will be happening starting 7/29/22 and is an old-fashioned style fundraiser to raise funds for the Band program. Students are divided into teams and raise funds by calling friends and family to pledge donations. We make it fun with incentives such as Band directors doing funny things like eating hot chicken wings, etc. Our goal is to raise \$10-\$28K.

Picture Day 7/30/22. Please fill out order form and bring day of picture with payment.

MIKE HERNANDEZ - BPA PRESIDENT

Introduced self and presented BPA officers to parents in attendance (all BPA positions and individual contact information is located in wcchargerband.org).

Mike Hernandez presented information

SLIDE SHOW: Mike presented slide show information, such as BPA Mission Statement, Corporate Fundraising, upcoming BPA events, etc. Slide Show is available to all parents at wcchargeband.org (also available are BPA Meeting minutes - for anyone to review BPA presented information). Every parent is highly encouraged to become part of BPA to partake in providing input, voting, chaperoning, etc. Parents interested in chaperoning or volunteering in any capacity must take the Volunteer program (provided by Band BPA) have background check, and be part of the BPA.

BAND BUDDY - Page Borski

We have the “Band Buddy” program for new band parents (and any parent wanting to have a point of contact for any band related questions). Sign up at BPA meetings and or find link at wcchurchillband.org

BPA MONTHLY NEWS LETTER - Keep up with all things BPA with our Newsletter. Can be found at wcchurchillband.org

The BPA has several events throughout the year: Such as WC Band Spaghetti Dinner during Meet the Band. We set up a volunteer list via signupgenius.com and request parents to volunteer and help.

CONCESSIONS

The V.P. of Concessions position is currently vacant. If anyone is interested in volunteering for this position, please contact Mike Hernandez or Cynthia Triggs. The BPA is in charge of running concessions at some events (football and soccer games, etc). This is one of our biggest fundraisers and, although it takes some work, it's a lot of fun. Students and parents are expected to volunteer 3 times per year. Please contact Cynthia Triggs for information.

VP CHAPERONES - Cindy Connolly

Parents interested in chaperoning or volunteering in any capacity must take the Volunteer program (provided by Band BPA) have background check, and be part of the BPA. We chaperone and travel with the band students to all events from football games to out-of-town band competitions, etc. Please volunteer.

VP of EQUIPMENT (CREW)- Roy Ruiz

Crew helps with equipment and prop building, transporting, fixing equipment, ETC. We work hard but have lots of fun doing it and encourage all parents to come help. You are

welcome to volunteer anytime you can. If you can volunteer your time, truck, tools, talent, etc we would greatly appreciate it. Please let us know.

BPA CONSOLIDATED PACKET

Please print (found at wcchurchillband.org) and turn in by Aug 8 (which is our next BPA meeting). There is lots of information in said packet, but would like to direct your attention to the form of Meet the Band (scheduled for Saturday, August 13, 2022). Band students will need to eat before their performance. Please turn forms in by August 8, 2022 so we have an accurate headcount. Band students are required to purchase a meal ticket.

MEET THE BAND EVENT - Sat AUG 13

This is a really fun event where the band showcases their progress of the show. Family, friends, and family are encouraged to attend. We will be having a Spaghetti dinner prepared by the BPA.

We will need lots of help from parents to make this event and dinner a success. Please volunteer.

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Every year we ask the Freshman, Sophomores, and Juniors to help with Homecoming Senior Mum and Garter donations - due by October 7, 2022 to ensure all mums are made by the Homecoming game. Volunteers to assemble are always welcomed!

YEARBOOKS for 2021 Season (last year) are now available.

VP of LOGISTICS - Jovany Vega

We are in search of drivers to pull the band trailer to-and-from performances. If you are able to volunteer your time and truck, please let us know.

SAT JULY 30, 22 CLEAN UP DAY

We are having a clean-up day to prepare for this year's band. We will need lots of help cleaning and preparing the trailers, props, equipment, etc. If you can help, please come join us this Saturday at WC at 8AM.

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