



Normal West High School Bands

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Dear Wildcats,

We look forward to your participation in the Normal West Bands! Please look over the following information regarding opportunities in the band department. Some of these details are time-sensitive (including color guard and marching percussion audition dates.) Additional details are available on the band website: www.nwbands.org OR you may email Ms. Preston or Mr. Budzinski at the addresses above. It's a great day to be a musical Wildcat!

-Ms. Preston and Mr. Budzinski

FOR NEW MEMBERS - Marching Band Rookie Camp Information

The Normal West Marching Band will hold its Rookie Camp on June 6, 7, and 8 from 9:00 AM to Noon. We encourage you to give the Marching Band a try! Rookie Camp is an opportunity to learn the basics of marching so you can decide whether participation in this group is right for you. Attendance at Rookie Camp does not commit you to participate in marching band, but we will ask for a decision at the end of the event. Additional information, including the full marching band calendar is posted at www.nwbands.org.



Drum Line and Front Ensemble (Marching Band Percussion) Auditions



All percussionists interested in Marching Band should attend the instructional clinics on Thursdays: April 6, 13, 20, 27, and May 4, 11 in the Normal West Band Room. Snare Drum Clinics are by invitation from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, and everyone is invited to the full Drum Line Clinics from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. You do not have to attend all of the sessions—come when you can. Enter through Door H on the north-west corner of the building, by the band semi-trailer.

Bring a pair of snare drum sticks. Membership in the Drum Line is by audition only. Audition requirements and times will be discussed during the clinic times listed above. Percussionists who do not audition for the drum line will be eligible for the marching band's Front Ensemble.

Color Guard Auditions

Color Guard is a visual art form in which music is interpreted through movement and equipment work. During the summer and fall season, the color guard performs as a part of the Marching Band. Color guard members are not required to have a past musical background or prior experience. Flag and Dance Clinics will take place on Tuesday, April 18 and Thursday, April 20 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Normal West High School. Auditions will be held on Tuesday, April 25 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Wear dance-appropriate clothing/shoes, and enter through Door H on the north-west corner of the building, by the band trucks. Please contact Ms. Preston if you have any questions.



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