



Band at Blue Valley West

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WELCOME TO OUR BAND FAMILY!

# Band Enrollment 2019

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Each student enrolled in band at Blue Valley West will:

- Be placed in either concert band or symphonic band for the entire school year via audition. The classes meet 2<sup>nd</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> block.
- Be a part of the marching and pep band that performs at the 4 home football games
- <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/shared-with-me>
- Perform at 4 concerts (1 each quarter) as part of their grade for the band class
- Have a multitude of optional activities (competitive marching band, basketball pep band, solo and ensemble, Honor bands, jazz band, honors music theory) to supplement their band class.

# Optional Activities



\*Students wishing to letter in band should choose 2

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**Competitive marching band** has a rigorous rehearsal schedule and involves a participation fee due to travel and having a unique show design. Calendars are available tonight! \*INVOLVES A PARTICIPATION FEE

**Jazz band** is made up of three groups: our top jazz ensemble meets 4<sup>th</sup> block all year and our second jazz band meets 6<sup>th</sup> block. Freshmen interested should enroll in JAZZ 2. There is also an after school jazz program ("lab jazz") that starts in November. It is open to all students. \*INVOLVES A PARTICIPATION FEE

**Basketball pep band** is a spirit group that plays fun music and attends 5-7 varsity basketball games during the season. There is a t-shirt purchase involved.

**Solo and Ensemble contest** occurs in April and is open to any interested student. Private lessons are highly recommended for those wishing to participate.

**Honor bands** ECKMEA is a regional audition in November that groups the best players in the area into two bands. \*earning a position in this group makes a student eligible for the All State band, the highest honor for band in the state of Kansas. THIS IS OPEN TO 9<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADES!

**Honors Music Theory** is a class designed to teach students how to better read and play music. It demonstrates how science and math relate to music and also puts it into a historical context. The honors version is year round and should be taken junior or senior year; there is no semester-only option available at BVW.

**Winter guard** is a competitive performing group with a rigorous schedule and a participation fee due to travel and having a unique show design. The season runs late November-early April. \*INVOLVES A PARTICIPATION FEE

ALL OF THESE ACTIVITIES BESIDES WINTER GUARD REQUIRE STUDENTS TO BE ENROLLED IN A CONCERT ENSEMBLE!

# Timeline of Optional Activities





# How do I enroll in band?!

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For any freshman student that wishes to participate in band, the course “Concert Band” should be selected for both semesters. \*see course description page

Any student grades 9-12 that wish to participate in jazz band as an elective should enroll in Jazz ensemble II. This can be taken full year or 1 sem. only

Any student who is interested in playing in 2 band classes next year (for example: Bailey plays clarinet in Wind Ensemble and french horn in concert band), you need to select Symphonic Marching Band AND concert band as your electives. \*This also pertains to those wishing to do guard and a band class for the fall semester!

Courses you should NOT select on your enrollment card: Freshman Band, Jazz Ensemble I.

**\*ALL BAND STUDENTS AT WEST ARE ELLIGIBLE FOR JAZZ BAND AND ALL BAND STUDENTS CAN ENROLL IN MORE THAN ONE BAND CLASS!**

# Course Numbers for Incoming Freshmen

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Concert Band: PA0940 (sem. 1) + PA0941 (sem. 2)

\*this is a required course for anyone wanting to participate in band

Jazz Ensemble II: PA1202 (sem. 1) + PA1203 (sem. 2)

\*this is an optional and fun course that can be taken one or both semesters!

\*For those who plan to do color guard (flags/dancers in CMB) for fall-enroll in Freshman Band: PA0958 (sem. 1 only)



# Placement Auditions

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In early March, all students grades 8-11 will be given a short etude audition piece. They will get it on the same day and will have the same amount of preparation time.

Auditions will not be live-they will be recorded. Submissions will be via Charms or Canvas.

Once placed in an ensemble via this audition, we will provide the counselors with rosters for each class.

Chair placement will occur once the school year gets started if applicable for that ensemble.

THE BAND YOU AUDITION INTO IS YOUR ENSEMBLE FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR UNLESS EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES ARISE.



# Competitive Marching Band

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Sign ups and auditions for this group will run similar to a sport or the school musical. Sign ups will be before spring break, try outs will be at the end of April for the following fall season. They will involve two days after school (3:30-5:30pm). Anyone interested in competitive marching band will need to attend.

**Everyone** that signs up for competitive marching band will have a spot in the group. The audition process is to make sure that we have exact numbers to provide to the designers and to let students get a taste of the activity.

The competitive marching band calendar is available tonight. Some dates are still tentative!

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/0B24v2dHmFGDrVEpsU2kyWmtKQIU>

# How do parents get involved?

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Since there is a fee associated with band participation, all parents are members of our booster organization. We meet monthly on a Monday evening from 7-8pm at West. Meetings are optional (and encouraged!) and everyone is welcome to attend.

The BVWBB provide support year round to the band and guard program by volunteering for a multitude of things; parents can earn volunteer credits to help reduce payments for attending certain events. We could not function without the help and support of our parents!

Being involved is fun and rewarding-especially if you do so throughout your students' 4 years of high school.

# Get Ahead on Fundraising

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## New Opportunity: Advertising Campaign

Ads will be printed on traveling banner and appear in West Area Program

Prices range from \$25.00 for 1/8 Page Ad to \$300.00 for Cover Ad

50% of Proceeds go to student account

## Ongoing Opportunity: Scrip

Gift Card Rebate Program

Scrip School – January 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30PM

Other Opportunities on [BVWestBand.com](http://BVWestBand.com)



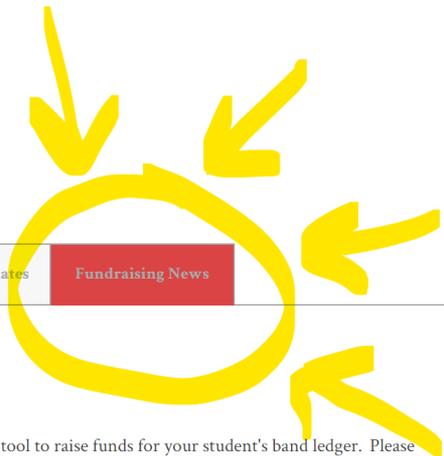
Today Thursday, January 24

- Thursday, January 24**
- 3:00pm Lab Jazz
- 7:00pm 8th Grade Band Night
- Friday, January 25**
- 5:00pm Winter Guard Rehearsal
- 8:00pm Blue Valley District Winter Guard Preview Night
- 8:00pm West Night at the Symphony
- Saturday, January 26**
- 9:00am Winter Guard Camp
- Tuesday, January 29**
- 3:00pm Lab Jazz
- 5:00pm Winter Guard Rehearsal
- Wednesday, January 30**
- 5:00pm Winter Guard Rehearsal
- Thursday, January 31**
- 3:00pm Lab Jazz
- 3:00pm Faculty Meeting
- Saturday, February 2**
- 7:00am Harrisonville Winter Guard Contest

Google Calendar



Join us this Thursday at 7pm in the PAC as the 8th graders are welcomed to West. They will perform with our concert ensembles before a short question and answer session. Current band parents are encouraged to attend and share their experiences with our new families.



Current Class Info	JPG/Lab Jazz/CMB/Guard/Pep Band Updates	<b>Fundraising News</b>
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**SCRIP SCHOOL**

Join us at West on Jan 29 to learn how to use this easy, profitable tool to raise funds for your student's band ledger. Please email [kara.b@me.com](mailto:kara.b@me.com) to let us know you will attend.



Welcome to the  
West Band  
Family!!!