



Fanfare

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Welcome 2012-2013 Freshmen, Transfer Students, and Their Families

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the new students to our band program. We are glad that you've decided to share your talents with us as you continue your musical growth at Watertown High School.

All 9th graders are automatically enrolled in Concert Band, an ensemble designed to build upon the basic skills they have already learned. Placing freshmen band students together during their first year of high school helps to create a stronger ensemble and also, as a result, a stronger Symphonic Band and Wind Symphony in the future. The 2012-2013 Concert Band will be directed by Mr. LaDew.

One of the first experiences freshmen band members will have is marching band. All students enrolled in the Watertown High School band program are part of the marching band each summer and fall. Our program continues to produce an award-winning marching band on a yearly basis. Marching band at Watertown High School provides new and exciting opportunities for all students, based on teamwork, pride, and accomplishment.

WEBSITE!

Please check the band website regularly for important information! Log on to the district website at www.watertown.k12.wi.us. Hover over *Schools*, click on *High School*, hover over *Music*, and click on *Band*.

4th of July Parade Schedule

All students signed up for band should attend all rehearsals and the 4th of July Parade performance. **Incoming freshmen – these rehearsals provide you the best opportunity to learn the basics of marching before the school year begins.**

Mondays – June 18, 25, July 2

4-6 pm Uniform Fitting
6-730pm Rehearsal

Wednesdays – June 20, 27

6-730pm Rehearsal

Wednesday – July 4

Morning Parade
Times To Be Announced

New Uniforms... Are Here!!!

The recently completed Marching Band Uniform Project has provided the band with new uniforms! Beginning in May 2008, directors expressed their desire to replace the 18-year-old set of uniforms with a more formal look. During the fall semester of 2008, parents and directors met again to design a rough sketch of what could potentially become our new uniforms.

After years of dedication and hard work, the band program was able to raise over \$100,000 to spend on uniforms, rain gear and storage equipment.

The uniforms were debuted at a send-off concert in Watertown on June 30, 2011 before being worn in the National Independence Day Parade in Washington, D.C. on July 4, 2011.

With great uniforms, comes great responsibility! In order to keep our investment looking its very best, all band members are expected to treat the uniforms with a great deal of respect.



**Please note that the new uniforms
will be used for the 2012 4th of July Parade!
Fitting dates are listed to the left.**

ENROLLMENT IS UP!

We are proud to report that enrollment in the high school band program has increased over 20% in the last 2 years. These higher numbers have created a "good problem" for our program. After just one year, we no longer have enough rain gear to outfit the entire band. We plan to order additional sizes in time for the 2012 fall marching season.

In addition, our selection of uniform sizes may be limited. Uniforms will be fit on a first come, first serve basis during our uniform fitting sessions in June. If fitting problems do arise, we will make every effort to make sure each student performs in a uniform that fits them. This may require students to trade for a size that is slightly larger than they need.