WEST STOKES BAND INFORMATION LETTER FOR EIGHTH GRADERS

Students and Parents:

At West Stokes, want each eighth grade band student to be a part of the high school band program. At West we have concert bands, marching band, jazz band, and other small ensembles. Any eighth grade band student on any instrument is welcome to join us!

During the school day in both the fall and spring semesters, all high school band students are divided into two different classes: the symphonic band and the wind ensemble. The symphonic band is usually underclassmen and the wind ensemble is usually upperclassmen. The placement in these concert band classes will be determined by Mr. Jarvis based on each student’s playing ability.

At West, each student enrolled in one of the concert bands during the day is also eligible to perform in the Wildcat Marching Band. The marching band is an extra- curricular ensemble that practices on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Wednesday and Friday afternoons after school. **To participate in marching band, students must be enrolled in a concert band class during the day**. Any student enrolled in a concert band class during the day is eligible to participate in the marching band, regardless of the instrument they play.

The marching band will also hold a summer band camp in August for ALL students participating in the marching band. **Students are required to be at band camp if they are going to march in the marching band.** **Band Camp 2015 will be the weeks of August 3-7 and August 10-14.** We will then have rehearsals on the evenings of August 17-21, and will start our Tuesday and Thursday practices on August 25. Please put these on your calendar now and plan to be there. We teach a lot of information at band camp and it is imperative that students be present. There is a $200 non-refundable fee for band camp. All band camp fees need to be paid to the West Stokes Band Boosters by June 1, 2015. If there are financial issues, come talk to me personally and privately and we will find a solution. Finances will not keep any student out of any playing ensemble.

The Band program gives many performances throughout the fall. The concert bands will give a fall concert in October and a winter concert just before the Christmas season. The wind ensemble will play a Veterans Day concert at Central Park on Veterans Day, and the marching band will play at all home football games, some away games, and will compete on Saturdays in late September and throughout October. The marching band also performs in several parades each fall.

During the spring semester there is no marching band, but we are trying to build a jazz program. This ensemble is open to students with an interest in playing jazz and improvising. You do not have to be a member of the middle school jazz band to participate in this group, but you do have to be a member of the high school band.

It is our desire that you continue the study of instrumental music at the high school level. We have a very good band program and we want each of you to be a member of something great. We take great pride in what we do here in the West Stokes Band program and we want you to join us in making great music! High school band provides an atmosphere of music-making that is artistic and fun! Please take a look at our website at [www.weststokesband.weebly.com](http://www.weststokesband.weebly.com) and check out the “incoming freshmen page” in the coming weeks as a guide to things going on in the West Stokes Band. Feel free to call or email with any additional questions!

Come be a part of something special!

Mr. Daniel Jarvis

Director of Bands

West Stokes High School

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EIGHTH GRADE BAND INTENT FORM

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PARENT(S) NAME\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PARENT CELL/WORK PHONE\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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STUDENT/PARENT EMAIL(S)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE CHECK THE FOLLOWING THAT APPLY:

 \_\_I do not plan to be involved in the West Stokes Band Program

 \_\_I DO plan to be a member of the West Stokes Band Program

\_\_I want to be in the Concert Bands AND THE AFTER SCHOOL

MARCHING BAND

 or

 \_\_I only want to perform in the Concert Bands during the school day

\*Please return this single page to Mr. Jarvis (not Mr. Rhodes).

**Also, please note that marching band camp will be the weeks of August 3-7, and 10-14. Evening practices on August 17-21. All marching band students are required to come to band camp and are also required to be enrolled in a concert band class during the day.** Band students that are not planning on marching do not need to come. Any student that does not participate in marching camp will not be allowed to be a member of the marching band.