



## **Blackshirt Bands**

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### *CURRICULAR OFFERINGS*

#### **CONCERT BAND**

Concert Band is an ensemble that is open to all students. It is made up primarily of freshmen, and includes upper classmen who are not a part of the Marching Blackshirts. This ensemble focuses on playing high-quality high school band literature and continuing the development of sound fundamental music skills. Concert Band is a year-long, one credit class.

#### **SYMPHONIC WINDS AND PERCUSSION**

Symphonic Winds and Percussion, or SWAP, is made up of primarily sophomores, juniors, and seniors. During the first quarter, SWAP members participate in the Marching Blackshirts marching band. Second, third and fourth quarters focus on the preparation and performance of high school and college level band literature and the continued development of musical skills. SWAP is a year-long, one credit class.

#### **THE MARCHING BLACKSHIRTS OF WAUKESHA SOUTH**

The Marching Blackshirts band performs at home football games and travels to a number of unique performance venues during the first quarter. The core of the marching band membership is comprised of SWAP in addition to concert band members who wish to participate. Marching Band is open to the members of Concert Band by audition. Marching Band is a quarter-long, ¼ credit class.

#### **COLOR GUARD**

The color guard is a vital part of the marching band. Color guard is open to all students by audition. If a student who does not play an instrument would like to be a member of the color guard, he/she should enroll in the course "Marching Band." Colorguard members will also have the opportunity to participate in "winter guard" performances and competitions throughout the indoor season.

#### **JAZZ BAND**

This ensemble is open to all students. Auditions are held in the fall during the first week of school. This group plays jazz literature and participates in several jazz festivals every year, some of which require overnight travel. This class meets one period every day during regular school hours. Jazz band is a year-long, one credit class. Enrollment in a concert ensemble is required to jazz band enrollment.

## *EXTRA-CURRICULAR ENSEMBLES*

### **PEP BAND**

Pep band performs at home basketball games and other school functions. Each student is required to participate in a minimum number of pep band performances. The minimum number is determined each school year.

### **WINTER GUARD**

The Winter Guard is a group that performs dance and flag routines at home basketball games and other venues. Students do not need to be members of the band to participate in this group. A small lab fee is required.

### **PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE**

This group is made up of percussionists, as well as other music students that are interested in performing in a percussion section as a second instrument. Students perform a variety of genres including marching percussion, concert ensembles, ethnic drumming, and non-traditional ensembles. Some after school rehearsals are expected. A small lab fee is required.

### **CONTEST ENSEMBLES**

Beginning in January, students have the opportunity to perform in a variety of ensembles as we prepare for the WSMA solo and ensemble festival in March.

### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

If you are playing in CONCERT BAND only, register for "CONCERT BAND", course #17226.

If you are playing in CONCERT BAND and participating in the MARCHING BAND, register for "CONCERT BAND", course #17226 and "MARCHING BAND", course #17254.

If you are playing in SWAP (marching band participation included), enroll in "SYMPHONIC WINDS", course #17250. You do NOT need to register for MARCHING BAND.

If you are a member of the color guard and ARE NOT playing in SWAP register for "MARCHING BAND", course #17254.

If you are playing JAZZ Band, enroll in "JAZZ ENSEMBLE", course #17236.

*\*Enrollment in a concert ensemble is REQUIRED for enrollment in a jazz ensemble.*

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