

Here are the current dates for the year (Please share these with your parents and mark them on your calendar):

### Marching Band Performances:

August 21 C Falls Band Show, Arrive at HS 5:30 p.m.  
August 24, First Home Game, Chagrin Falls, Arrive at HS 3:30 p.m. Alumni Band  
August 29, Rehearsal & Meet the Bulldogs, Arrive at HS 6:00 p.m.  
August 31, Away Game, Lowellville, Arrive at HS 5:00 p.m.  
September 7, Home Game, Kenmore, Arrive at HS 6:00 p.m.  
September 8, STVM Band Show, Arrive at HS 5:00 p.m.  
September 14, Home Game, Windham, Arrive at HS 6:00 p.m.  
September 21, Away Game, Streetsboro, Arrive at HS 6:00 p.m.  
September 28, Home Game, Mogadore, Arrive at HS 6:00 p.m.  
September 29, Community Day, Arrive at HS 7:45 am  
October 4, Bond Fire, Arrive at HS 8:00 p.m.  
October 5, Home Game, Garfield, Arrive at HS 2:30 p.m. HOMECOMING  
October 7, Oktoberfest, C. Falls, Arrive at HS 11:45 a.m.  
October 12, Away Game, Rootstown, Arrive at HS 6:00 p.m.  
October 19, Home Game, East Canton, Arrive at HS 6:00 p.m. Senior Night  
October 26, Away Game, Waterloo, Arrive at HS 6:00 p.m.  
November 9, Marching Band Concert and Lock In

### Concert Band Performances:

December 13	HS Band Concert	WHS 7:30 p.m.
January 26	Sr. High Solo and Ensemble	TBA
February 21	Pre-Contest Concert	WHS 7:30 p.m.
March 7+8	Sr. High Band Contest	TBA
March 14+15	Sr. High Band Contest	TBA
May 15	HS Band Concert	WHS 7:30 p.m.
May 21	Blossom Music Festival	Blossom 6:30 p.m.
May 26	Memorial Day Parade	TBA
May 27	Graduation	Blossom 6:00 p.m.

### Jazz Band Performances:

December 13	HS Band Concert	WHS 7:30 p.m.
February 9	Jazz Dinner	WHS All Day, perform at dinner
May 15	HS Band Concert	WHS 7:30 p.m.

**More TBA**

### Pep Band Performances

*Basketball Season Home Games (After Christmas Break)*  
TBA

# Woodridge Band

# HandBook

# 2007-2008

## Band Lettering Requirements

To letter in band, you must collect 150 points. Accumulation of points can be from the following categories:

Band Camp Participation (60 points maximum per year)	10 points/day
Perfect Attendance Summer	20 points
Perfect Attendance Marching Performances(Whole Games)	20 points
Perfect Attendance Concert Band Performances	20 points
Band Officer	20 points
Section Leader	20 points
Squad Leader	20 points
Quarter Master	15 points
Performance outside of School	1 point
Percussion Ensemble	15 points
Clarinet Choir	10 points
Assistant at summer camps	10 points
Jazz Dinner Dance Worker	5 points
Eight Grade Marcher	50 points
Honor Band Audition	5 points
Honor Band Participation	20 points
All-State Participation	15 points
Solo @ Solo & Ensemble	15 points
Ensemble @ Solo & Ensemble	10 points
Jazz Band	50 points
Pep band member	40 points
Rehearsal Attendance (less than 5 absences)	10 points
Private lessons	15 points
Leadership activities (must be approved by director)	Based on each job completed

Please keep track of your own points incase we make a mistake. It is possible to letter during the Freshmen year, but most students should letter during their Sophomore year. At 400 points a student will receive a second letter, and at 700 a third. No one is guaranteed to letter.

## **Home Practice Explanation for Concert Band**

Home Practice is twenty five percent of each student's grade. For each main concert students are asked to complete a minimum of four thirty minute practice sessions outside of class time. This practice time should be spent on the music for the concert. Students are asked to have a parent, or teacher if done at school, sign and date each session. A chart will be passed out and put on Progress book to keep track of practice times.

**The chart will be collected on the following dates:**

**12/10, 02/19, 03/05, 05/13, and 05/23.**

**Please have everything completed and filled out at these times.**

## **Purpose of the Handbook**

This handbook has been prepared for the Woodridge High School Band as a reference for you and your parents. It outlines the requirements, rules, and regulations that you will need to know as a member of the band. Please read this information carefully and keep it for future reference.

There is a calendar of events listing all performance dates and rehearsals where your attendance is required. Additional dates will be given to you with a minimum two-week notice. Please notify your parents and your employer **NOW** so that they might plan accordingly.

A group such as ours is a unique experience. Everyone contributes equally. We are all important parts of the group, each having our own individual job to do. Without 100% effort from everyone, we are much like a 100 piece puzzle with some of the pieces missing. The total picture does not appear. It is each member's responsibility to contribute their best effort to the group in order for the group to succeed.

My goals for the group are to (1) continue to expand the success we have with our program, (2) continue to develop our musicianship, independent learners, and establish a characteristic sound, and (3) make sure that each member of this organization feels they are a valuable part of the group. Your hard work through daily rehearsals, individual practice, and performance will help us get there.

I wish you much success as a member of the Woodridge High School Band and I sincerely thank you for your involvement.

Mr. Kyle Krstolic  
Director of Bands  
Woodridge Local Schools

# Woodridge High School

## Band Syllabus

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### In Class Rehearsals

Our rehearsals will start promptly at 1:51. Players need to make sure that equipment is ready to go at that time. During the days we are outside for marching band, we will meet in the band room first. For the benefit of the group, please make sure you are on time for rehearsal. Band members will be responsible for knowing the music prior to rehearsals as rehearsals are our opportunity to put the pieces together, not to learn each individual part. Evening Marching Band rehearsals are Wednesday nights from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Again, always meet in the band room.

### Attendance

It is essential that all rehearsals and performances be absence-free. All absences are UNEXCUSED unless otherwise arranged. **To make arrangements for an absence you must contact the director personally. An Absence Form may be picked up in the band room.** Please communicate in **writing**, (Absence Form) at least two weeks before an absence. If you are missing from a rehearsal or performance, excused or unexcused, **you will need to make up the work** or your grade will be adversely affected.

### Music

#### Marching Band:

You will be issued one copy of all the music for the entire marching season. Write your name on each piece in **pencil**. It is your responsibility to take care of your music and not lose it. Due to the nature of marching band extra music will be available as needed. If you need more tell your section leader.

#### Concert, Jazz, Pep, Solo and Ensemble, and all other music:

It is each band members' responsibility to keep track of their music. During concert and jazz band season we will be keeping our music in folders in the music room. Each band member will be issued their own music and folder. If your name wasn't put on your music please write it on with **pencil**. Please take it home and practice it as needed. All music will be turned in when we are finished with it. Lost music for these ensembles will be replaced at \$1 per copy. **ONLY WRITE ON MUSIC WITH PENCIL!**

### Accessories

Lyres, flip folders, reeds, oil, etc. can be obtained from local music stores. A small supply is kept in the band office for **emergency** purposes.

## Concert Band Uniform

The Woodridge High School Concert Band will use a standard concert dress for all concerts. Men will wear black dress pants, black dress shoes, tall black socks, and a long sleeve white dress shirt with an appropriate tie. The women will wear an all black dress/skirt (over the knee) or black dress pants, an all white blouse, and black dress shoes. **Please do not make any variations on these requirements.** Failure to wear the correct uniform will be cause for removal from the performance.

## Summer Uniform

This is used at various events and consists of Khaki pants and the band polo shirt. The pants need to be full length.

## Marching Band Uniforms

Whenever members are in the “public eye” they are expected to be in **FULL UNIFORM**. Any exception to this rule, on specific occasions, will be announced by the director. To let anyone else wear a part of your band uniform or to wear any part of it improperly yourself, is a disgrace to this department and what it stands for.

### Care

1. Marching Band uniform fittings will be done during the summer.
2. Uniforms are to be hung neatly when not being worn.  
**Uniforms will be stored at the school at all times!**
3. Shoes are to be cleaned and polished prior to **EACH** performance. You must have a pair of **black band shoes and tall black socks**. Gloves are to be kept clean. Do not leave gloves in uniforms, hat boxes, or instrument cases.

### Proper Uniform Wearing

1. Your pride in being a member of the Woodridge Marching Bulldog Band is reflected in the way you wear your uniform.
2. Your uniform must be free of mud, dirt, or dust for each performance. If you're uniform needs cleaning see a uniform mom or director.
3. Shoes and gloves must be clean.
4. **HAIR LENGTH:** Any member whose hair touches the top of the uniform collar must either wear their hair up or get a haircut! **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
5. When in public, members are to wear the uniform **COMPLETELY** or not at all. Hats and gloves may be carried. **Hats will never be worn backwards.**
6. **Pant suspenders must be worn at all times!**
7. Non-uniform hats are not to be worn with the uniform at any time.
8. Jewelry is not to be worn with the uniform. Members with pierced ears are to wear posts (studs) only. No neck jewelry or rings that show are allowed. Watches may be worn as long as they are hidden by the uniform sleeve.
9. Make-up is to be kept to a bare minimum.
10. Nothing is to be pinned or attached to the uniform (buttons, ribbons, flowers, medals, etc.)

The director and chaperones will conduct a uniform inspection prior to each performance. Any member will be removed from the performance block if improper uniform care and wearing is not corrected.

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## The Woodridge High School Concert Band

The purpose of concert band is to:

1. Serve as a core foundation for all instrumental musical activities at Woodridge High School, and
2. Provide an environment in which to explore the true art of expression through musical instruments.

We will be working on all facets of music, from the basic ideas through the very complex, technical skills and how to incorporate them into our performance, performance etiquette, self-discipline, and development of aesthetic values for the art of music performance.

## The Woodridge High School Marching Bulldog Band, “The Pride of Peninsula!”

The Woodridge Marching Band has gained a reputation of excellence because of its high standard of musicianship, showmanship, and personal effort. This admirable reputation can only be maintained through the continued efforts of each person for whom this organization exists.

The purposes of the WHS Marching Band are to:

- provide half-time entertainment at its best
- participate in ceremonial functions
- serve as a musical/physical outlet for those seeking such activity
- contribute greatly to the high morale and spirit found at WHS
- perform at a high level of excellence in area performances.

As a member of the WHS Marching Band, everything that you do on the field is vitally important. **There are no last chair players in a marching band.** On the football field, the visual arena is so large and complex that no one can see all elements of the performance at one time. However, every member of the band will at some point in the show, be individually seen by someone in the audience. The attention of the audience is immediately drawn to anyone who is not absolutely uniform in every move. Absolute uniformity without error requires each individual's attention and effort 100% of the time.

## Pep Band

The purpose of this group is to provide music at Woodridge athletic events and to promote school spirit and support for our teams. Selection into this group will be by audition and rehearsals will be outside of the normal school day. Instrumentation will use a rock rhythm section with horns. We will maintain high standards of musicianship, attitude, and sportsmanship. Believe it or not, this group will get the most exposure to the public after marching band.

Members of this group are required to be at all events unless special arrangements are made. Failure to comply will result in immediate dismissal from this group. Each member needs a marching band shirt to wear at all events.

## Jazz Band

The jazz band will study various styles of jazz from classic big band swing to modern day funk and fusion. Players will get many chances to perform and work on expression through solo improvisation. We will also learn different types of scales that work with jazz improvisation. This group's membership is decided by audition and rehearses outside the normal school day. This group is featured at the Jazz Dinner and Silent Auction.

## Personal Conduct

The actions of individuals always reflect on the image of the entire band as well as our school and community. Consider that a person's negative actions hurt not only themselves, but the other members in the band as well.

If inappropriate personal conduct adversely affects the band, its rehearsals or its performances, immediate actions will be taken. Minor infractions will be dealt with within the band organization. Major infractions, such as curfew on trips, alcohol, drugs, vandalism, etc. will constitute dismissal from the group with no option of returning later in the year; however, the student may return the following year. If a major infraction occurs during a trip, parents will be called and asked to make arrangements to send the offending member home.

## 👉 Important Information About Your Marching Band Uniform 👈

Your marching band uniform is a 3-piece suit including a **jacket, overlay and trousers** and a **hat** or **beret**, depending upon the instrument you play. Also included are our infamous black "**Dinkle**" **shoes** that you can purchase for around \$23.00 or borrow a pair from our collection of donated shoes. **Black socks** (over the calf or knee socks) and a white or light grey t shirt are part of your uniform that you must purchase and for which you will be responsible to take home after each performance for cleaning. White **gloves** that *you must clean* and wear for each performance will be issued at the beginning of the season. We keep replacement gloves on hand for a cost of \$2.00. Percussionists will wear black leather gloves at a cost of \$15.00 per pair. These items are mandatory for participation in each performance unless otherwise stated by Mr. Krstolic. A **rain-coat** will be issued to each member of the band and dance team and kept at the school on a designated rack.

You will be issued a **polo shirt** to wear with **khaki pants** for parades and informal performances.

Your name label has been taped on a uniform rack where YOU will hang your uniform after each performance. There are special hangers for the pants. Mr. Krstolic and the uniform moms will show you how the uniform should be placed on the hanger to avoid wrinkles. We will inspect them after each performance to insure they will look their best for the next show.

Make sure to keep your assigned overlay with the jacket as there are matching numbers on both pieces. Always check the numbers before you get dressed to avoid last minute confusion.

All the uniforms have been dry cleaned prior to fittings. They will be cleaned again after the marching season. The cost of cleaning is included in your band camp fee.

♥ **Remember the uniform moms will help you look your finest.** We have sponges for cleaning and shoe polish for your "Dinkles." We also have a steamer to make wrinkles disappear and garment brushes for you to brush off dried mud from the uniforms.

Sometimes spills will warrant a trip to the cleaners mid season. If that should happen, you are financially responsible for the cleaning of your uniform which is around \$12.00 for the entire uniform. We will get it to the cleaners for you and give you the bill upon its return before the next show.

*From the Uniform Moms*

## DUE DATES FOR MUSIC MEMORIZATION:

**8/16** - From Me To You, I Saw Her, She Loves You **ALL Due** (30 points)

**8/23** - SSB, Fight Song, Alma Mater **ALL Due** (10 points)

**8/29** - Can't Buy Me Love **ALL Due** (10 points)

**9/12** - Twist and Shout, You Can Call Me Al **ALL Due** (20 points)

**9/19** - Right Now **Due** (10 points)

**9/26** - Let it Whip, Oye Como Va **ALL Due** (20 points)

**Music may be added if band members are not putting forth enough effort to memorize them on their own. Selections may be changed, but you will be given ample notice.** Please be **proactive** on memorizing your music. **EVERYONE can and will do this.** There will be some time given during rehearsals for checking off music, but it is expected that students come in on their own time to do this.

Please talk to Mr. Krstolic immediately if you have concerns or conflicts.

**Absence** for any reason should be communicated in **writing\*** as soon as possible.

\* Use the absent form, or email Mr. Krstolic at:

[Kkrstolic@woodridge.k12.oh.us](mailto:Kkrstolic@woodridge.k12.oh.us)

**Students may earn extra credit at any time.**

30 minutes of practice equals 2 points extra credit.

Please bring in a signed parent note stating minute total to receive credit.

## Eligibility

All performances with large ensembles are considered a part of your grade. All members are expected to attend all performances. However, if a member is on the failing list, they will be ineligible to participate in the following musical activities:

Solo-Ensemble Contest  
Pep Band  
Jazz Band

Members will be given a week to make up the deficiency. Eligibility will follow the same schedule as the athletic season schedule.

## Classroom Rules

1. Be on time to rehearsal.
2. Be ready to play when it is time to play. Know your part!!
3. Always pay attention to what is going on in rehearsal.
4. When we are working stay quiet.
5. No gum, candy, food, or drinks in the rehearsal room. (Exceptions will be made on special events.)
6. Control your language.
7. Respect each other and each other's equipment.
8. If you have a question raise your hand.
9. Be ready to play your part at any given time.
10. Always have a pencil to mark parts.

Take great pride in what you do.

Rules ensure that our time is not wasted. In order for us to get to our top playing level we must make sure that we follow the rules.

## Bus Rules

1. Students must remain seated keeping the aisles and exits clear.
2. Students must observe classroom conduct and obey the driver promptly and respect fully.
3. Students must not use profane language.
4. Students must refrain from eating and drinking on the bus.
5. Students must not throw or pass objects on, from or into the bus.
6. Students must not put head, arms, or legs out of the bus windows.

## Grading and Evaluation - Concert Band

### Performances 25%

All performances are mandatory. If there is a conflict parents should contact Mr. Krstolic immediately to resolve. One letter grade lowered for each performance missed unexcused.

### Playing Tests 25%

Each student will be assigned specific sections of music to perform for a grade. This will account for 25% of their grade. The student will be evaluated on accuracy of rhythm, articulation/sticking, correct notes, and dynamics.

Students can earn a “do over” to improve their score by fulfilling one of these three specific requirements:

1. Completing at least two 30 minute practice sessions and having a parent fill out a verification form.
2. Scheduling and completing a practice session with Mr. Krstolic, or another approved music teacher.
3. Taking two private lessons and having a parent fill out a verification form.

### Home Practice 25%

Each concert band member is required to complete four thirty minute practice sessions per concert. There is a more detailed explanation later in this hand book.

### Daily Preparedness/Assignments 5%

Students are **required** to be prepared each day for class. Students must have their music, instrument, a pencil, and any needed accessories every day. A broken reed or slow valve is not a valid excuse.

### Class Participation 5%

Students are required to participate in all class activities. Students can lose participation points for not playing, or for not responding when asked due to talking, not paying attention or the like.

### Other Assignments 15%

Other assignments may be given throughout the year. Students will be informed in writing the details and requirements for these assignments.

**All papers must be typed in a twelve point font size and a standard font.**

**Students may earn *extra credit* at any time.**

30 minutes of practice equals 2 points extra credit.

Please bring in a signed parent note stating minute total to receive credit.

## Grading and Evaluation - Marching Band

All students participating in Marching Band are signed up for band as a class, unless given permission by the band director to do otherwise. All students are graded by the following:

49% Attendance 49% Preparation 2% Participation

### Attendance

It is expected that students learn and take responsibility for the progress and quality of the Marching Band. Progress and quality occur when all members are present at all rehearsals and performances. Attendance is mandatory for all scheduled rehearsals and performances. A schedule of rehearsals and performances is given to the students at which they are expected to resolve any scheduling conflicts to adhere to the schedule given to them. Some exceptions are made in cases of illness and death in the family. **Work is not** an excuse. All athletic scheduling conflicts will be agreed on between director(s) and coach(es) only. Students involved in athletics are to give a complete practice and game schedule to the directors prior to the start of band camp.

Students earn the following grade for attendance at rehearsals and performances:

100% Present and on time. 80% Present but not on time. 0% Unexcused

An overall attendance grade is then calculated at the end of the grading period. If a student misses a performance (unexcused) an additional 10 percentage points are deducted from the **overall** attendance grade.

### Preparation

Rehearsals are times to bring *practiced* music parts together. It is expected that students spend adequate practice time *outside* of group rehearsal times so each member learns and memorizes their music.

Students are graded on preparation by memorizing and properly executing their musical parts and testing off music to the director(s). Students are encouraged to test music off early.

All students that attempt a song will receive a 70% for their effort. Students that have most of the music memorized with some rhythm and note mistakes will receive an 85%. Students that have an entire song memorized with few if any mistakes will receive a 94%. Students seeking a higher grade may perform their music on their own with no mistakes and correct style, correct phrasing, good intonation, and proper dynamics for up to a 100%. Students are encouraged to improve and retry all selections they score less than 100% on. Students may retry often, but must demonstrate that there has been outside work done and improvement since the last attempt. (Staff won't listen to students play the same song twice in one day.) A schedule will be posted showing times to sign up to be heard by staff. Most times will be by appointment only. All re-try's should be by appointment. Students may test off by themselves, or in small groups. Groups should be no more than four, and is at directors discretion on instrumentation.

### Participation

Students are expected to participate willingly and cooperatively at all group rehearsals and performances.

100% willing and cooperative 0% not willing or cooperative

