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**May 25, 2017**

Dear Marching Bulldogs Parents and Students:

**Welcome to the 2017 Westfield Marching Bulldogs!**

I am looking forward to another great season this fall. Our plans include performing at WHS home football games and 4 to 5 competitions on Saturdays during September, October, and November. Band camp at WHS begins in early August (see schedule).

Band camp is an integral part of our August rehearsal preparations and we expect every member of the Marching Bulldogs to attend. It is our goal to have our entire show learned before school starts this year! In marching band, every member is of critical importance – the success of our season depends on having everyone present for each and every rehearsal and performance.

**Please complete your intent form!**

(See page 2.) We must know the size of next year's marching band. Our show is custom-designed for our group, with the drill and music tailored to each student and instrument, so an accurate count is essential. We need a firm commitment from everyone regarding their marching band participation so that we may plan accordingly.

**Please volunteer!**

The Band Boosters are essential to the functioning and financing of our band program, and they cannot accomplish what is needed without many willing volunteers. Watch for e-mails about upcoming activities and please respond to requests for volunteers. If you have questions about the boosters and would like to learn more, contact Cindy Ruckert at [president@westfieldband.org](mailto:president@westfieldband.org).

I am eagerly anticipating next year's marching show and trust that it will prove to be yet another memorable year for our Marching Bulldogs. Many thanks in advance for your commitment to have your child participate in our WHS Band program!

Alan P. Johnson  
Director of Bands

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Assistant Band Director



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## WHS MARCHING BULLDOGS 2017-2018 STATEMENT OF INTENT

**ALL 2017 MARCHING BULLDOGS must return this signed form.**

Please return this form to the WHS band office with your \$75 marching band pre-season fee by **July 1, 2017**, in order to reserve your spot in the 2017 Marching Bulldogs!

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I have read the information contained in this WHS Bands welcome packet.

My child will participate in the 2017 Marching Bulldogs, including traveling with the band to competitions. I understand that the 2017 marching band camp pre-season fee is non-refundable.

STUDENTS – I understand the responsibility of being a WHS Marching Bulldog and am ready to give 100% of my efforts to my fellow band members and the marching show. I fully intend to finish the marching season, and will perform to the best of my ability at EVERY rehearsal and performance.

Student name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Marching Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult T-Shirt Size: S M L XL

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

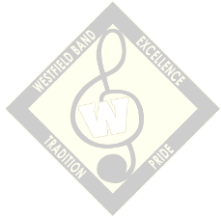
Parent/guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_



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## 2017 MARCHING BULLDOGS PAYMENTS

### Payment Schedule

Marching Band Camp Pre-Season fee: \$75	Pay by: July 1, 2017
Marching Band Fee: \$150	Pay by: August 6, 2017
MetLife Competition Trip Fee: \$100	Pay by: August 6, 2017

- Please make checks payable to **Westfield High School**
- Include the **NAME of your student** in the memo field
- Deposit in the beige box by the band office in the band room or mail to:

WHS Band  
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Please contact Mr. Johnson if you have any questions regarding payments at  
**APJohnson@fcps.edu**

### Confirm Your Contact Information

Notifications are made through Charms, an online, comprehensive music program management system. Our primary mode of communication is through email using Charms and over the summer we send out one mailing from the school. To ensure that you receive our communications through email and USPS, please verify your contact information on the Statement of Intent page (page 2).



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## 2017 MARCHING BULLDOGS CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

(All dates are *tentative*)

- 8/3-4 Leadership (9 AM – 12 noon) Drum Majors, Section Leaders
- 8/6 Registration Meeting (6 PM) for Marchers AND Parents
- TBD Percussion and Guard (5:15 – 9 PM)
- 8/7-8 Leadership, Rookie Camp for New Marchers, Drums, Guard (8 AM – 12 PM)  
ALL MARCHING BULLDOGS CAMP (Rookies and Veterans) (1 PM – 6 PM)
- 8/9-11 ALL MARCHING BULLDOGS CAMP (8 AM – 6 PM)
- 8/14-18 ALL MARCHING BULLDOGS CAMP (8 AM – 6 PM)
- 8/21-24 ALL MARCHING BULLDOGS CAMP (8 AM – 6 PM)
- 8/22 Bulldog BBQ performance (5–5:30 PM)
- 8/25 Home Football Game vs Lake Braddock (report 5PM)
- \*\*After School Practices through 11/2 are Tuesday 3:30-6PM, Wednesday 6-9PM, Thursday 3:30-6PM\*\***
- 8/28 School starts
- 8/29 First after-school practice
- 9/1-2 FREE WEEKEND
- 9/9 Mattress Sale
- 9/16 **TAG DAY/MARCHING BAND Competition (ALL DAY/NIGHT)**
- 9/22 Home Football Game vs West Springfield (report 6PM – STUDENT HOLIDAY)
- 9/28 (THURSDAY) Home Football Game vs. Patriot (report 6PM – NO PRACTICE)
- 9/30 **MARCHING BAND Competition (ALL DAY/NIGHT)**
- 10/6 Homecoming Parade and Game (Times TBA)
- 10/13 **LEAVE FOR YAMAHA CUP (METLIFE STADIUM, NJ) – TIME TBD**
- 10/14 **COMPETITION AT METLIFE (ALL DAY, DRIVE BACK THROUGH NIGHT)**
- 10/20 Away Football Game at Centreville (MANDATORY)
- 10/21 **VBODA Marching Band Festival and JMU Parade of Champions (ALL DAY)**
- 10/28-29 FREE WEEKEND
- 11/3 Senior Night Home Football Game vs Chantilly (report TBD)
- 11/4 **COMPETITION DATE (also an SAT day – please try to avoid SAT if possible)**