It has been a great start to the year. We hope that everyone is getting into their routine for both band and school.

We appreciate the great response for volunteering for concessions. Thanks to everyone who has signed up. There are still spots open so if you not yet signed up, please click [HERE!]

Next week is Westwood’s Homecoming. Included in this edition of the newsletter are the events scheduled for the band as well as for the school in general. We would also like to welcome two new band directors to the Westwood area bands, Mrs. Finnigan at Canyon Vista and Mrs. Dacy at Westwood. Marching competitions begin the end of this month with the Austin BOA Regional on September 26th. We hope to see a big turnout there to support the band! Another event to keep on your radar is the UIL competition on October 17th. Westwood will be the host for this competition. This will require a lot of volunteers to run so please keep that date open. More information will follow regarding details.

We encourage you to check the WABB website periodically for updates. If you have questions regarding WABB, please feel free to contact us.

Our contact information is on the band website westwoodband.com.

GO WOOD!

Adam Horvit, WABB President
HOME COMING! WARRIOR BAND STYLE!

Homecoming is a great time to rally fans early in the year and jump into school before competition starts. The tradition is filled with a homecoming court made up of seniors, beaus and sweethearts representing every organization and club from Westwood and returning alumni to join in the fun. This year Homecoming falls on a Thursday, so there are a few changes to our usual traditions.

PARADE
The Homecoming Parade is Wednesday, September 9th at 6:00 p.m. The kids stay at school that day (with a “Game Day Meal” provided). Please encourage your student to drink plenty of water with their after-school meal. It will be warm out and they tend to get pretty thirsty by the end of the parade route. They wear band t-shirts and black shorts, sneakers (not black shoes), regular ankle socks or whatever socks they prefer are fine. They are not in full marching uniforms.

The parade begins at the school and goes through the neighborhood. The police close down the roads. The route goes down Lake Creek Pkwy to Millwright Pkwy then down to Woodland Village Dr., up to Hymeadow and then back to Westwood HS. People bring lawn chairs & choose a spot along any of these roads to watch the parade. The band marches to the Warrior Bowl field for the Pep Rally following the parade.

Be warned that traffic snarls as the police start closing down the streets. Try to get your viewing spot a little early if you want to see the parade. The pep rally is fun too & is worth going to even if you can’t get there early enough for the parade. Some people watch the beginning of the parade [the parade exits the student parking lot onto Lake Creek Parkway] and then go get a seat in the Warrior Bowl -- it does fill up since it’s Homecoming. During the pep rally, the Homecoming Court is introduced as well as the usual pep rally type things. It’s all over around 8:00.

HOME COMING BREAKFAST
This year the band’s traditional Homecoming Breakfast will be “Doughnuts with the Directors” instead. This will be a band-wide event so the band can celebrate together after the morning rehearsal. Parents can sign up online to donate doughnuts, muffins, cinnamon rolls, kolaches, or other breakfast pastries, as well as individual juice drinks, or to help set up, serve, and clean up.

We will have an end of season full Breakfast Buffet Blowout on November 6 after morning rehearsal. An online sign up for that event will be released in late October.
ORDER YOUR HOMECOMING MUMS!
The Sundancers do a really nice job each year making the Homecoming Mums. Order yours today and avoid the hassle of purchasing all the items. [Click here](#) to download the order form.

SATURDAY NIGHT: HOMECOMING DANCE
The Homecoming Dance is Saturday, September 12. It is at the Austin Music Hall from 8 pm – Midnight. The event is sponsored by Pacesetters and tickets can be purchased during lunch hour.

Welcome new WABB Staff!

Welcome Mrs. Dacy to Westwood Band!
Mrs. Brittany Dacy is a Westwood High School Class of 2004 Graduate! She went to the University of Texas at Austin for her Bachelors Degree in Music Studies. Previously she taught at Rouse High School for 6 years. Mrs. Dacy is currently working on her Masters Degree through the American Band College. She is a French horn player and so is her husband. Mrs. Dacy has two dogs, a Husky named Jake and a Chow Mix named Chloe. I’ve also heard she also loves Snoopy and Penguins.

Welcome Mrs. Finnigan to Canyon Vista Band!
As a native from Ohio, Mrs. Finnigan is an oboe player! She previously taught at Gorzycki Middle School and Sam Houston State as an Oboe professor. She is excited to be part of the CVMS Band Program.

Support Westwood Band through ACEABLE Driving
Looking for the online Texas DPS approved driving course for your teen? Try one who supports Westwood Band. Parents save and Westwood Band gains. [Aceable](#) is a The 15/15 Partnership Program. Parents Save 15%, Westwood Band Gets 15% Back. [Click here](#) for more information

Here are ways you can help, with these easy to do ways to share:

1. Do you shop Amazon? Consider signing up for AmazonSmile Program. They donate a share of every purchase you make on Amazon by signing up with this link: [http://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-3672825](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-3672825)

2. Spring Mulch Sales. It is easy to get the word out and GREEN up your home and the WABB funds!

3. Need a new mattress or know someone who does? Look for the Westwood Band Mattress sale in April.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Canyon Vista Band Update
Canyon Vista had a fabulous band camp August 10-13 where the students got reconnected with their instruments and learned some new band tunes. We finished with week with a fun ice cream social! Looking forward to a great year!