

Westwood Warrior Band

Welcome to the Spring Band Semester 2020!

We have several concert events in the spring. Rehearsals will involve some after school time, and *all instruments will have sectionals every week unless otherwise notified*. Times will be assigned by your director and can be before or after school. Remember to check your [band calendar](#)!

Bands are as follows:

Wind Ensemble- Mr. Turpin- Varsity
Wind Symphony- Mrs. Dacy- Non-varsity
Symphonic- Mr. Winters- Non-varsity
Concert- Mr. Turpin- Non-varsity

For those in Wind Ensemble (1st band, Mr. Turpin), after school rehearsals will be held on Mondays from 4:30-6:00. For those in Wind Symphony (2nd band, Mrs. Dacy), after school rehearsals (with the full orchestra) will be held on Wednesdays. No other after school rehearsals are listed on the calendar at this time.

January 25th- TCGC Show- This is the Texas Color Guard Circuit competition to be held at Westwood. It will last all day long. The Westwood Band and Color Guard are hosting the competition and need many, many volunteers- parents and students. Please consider signing up to be a lead or a volunteer! For more information on lead positions, click [here](#). To sign up to be a lead, click [here](#). Volunteer sign ups will come later.

The first event coming up is **Symphonic Camp**. This is held **February 7th-8th**. Students will be expected to be available for rehearsal after school on Friday and all day on Saturday. No school classes are missed for Symphonic Camp. There is a concert on Saturday evening at the conclusion of the rehearsals at the RRISD PAC. Symphonic Camp is a time for intensive rehearsal to further music skills and technique with expert clinicians who come and work with the bands and then conduct them in concert.

UIL Solo and Ensemble will be held on **February 22nd**. This is an opportunity for your student to play his/her/their solo in front of a judge. The judge gives a rating and a critique to each student. If the student plays a Class I solo from memory and receives a First Division (a "1"), the student is eligible to play the solo again at a state level solo and ensemble competition later in the year. *UIL Solo and Ensemble is **not required** of the students*. It is voluntary. No accompanist will be provided. Students must find their own. Private lesson teachers are often helpful with this.

Pre-UIL Concerts for orchestra: If your student's band is also playing with one of the full orchestras, the pre-UIL concert is required and will be held on **February 27th** at the RRISD PAC. Time TBA.

Orchestra UIL Performances: **March 5th** is UIL Evaluations for full orchestra. Students will likely miss some class time. The orchestra will be bussed to the school where the evaluations are

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taking place and will play 3 concert pieces before three judges and given a rating. They will also be evaluated and given a rating on a piece they will sightread. Playtimes will be announced closer to the day of the evaluations. *Parents are encouraged to go and support their students and directors as they play and sightread.*

March 7th: Mulch Day! One of our largest fundraisers is selling mulch. We made over \$30k last year! All students are asked to volunteer for a shift, and as many parents as possible are asked to volunteer as well. This is a huge undertaking, and we need all hands on deck!

Westwood Solo and Ensemble Competition- March 28th. The Westwood Band has its own solo and ensemble competition at the end of March. **This is required! An accompanist will be provided for your student- no need to hire one.** You have already paid for the accompanist with your band fees. Students play their solos in front of a judge and are evaluated and given a rating. **The top 10 soloists** are chosen and play again on **April 7th**. The top two winners will play their solos at the spring concert in May. (Editor's Note: They were absolutely amazing last year!).

April ?- TBA later... The bands will also hold a **pre-UIL concert** as the full orchestras did.

Non-varsity Band UIL Evaluations: April 21st-22nd: This includes **Wind Symphony** (Dacy), **Symphonic Band** (Winters), and **Concert Band** (Turpin). As the orchestras did, the bands will miss some class time and will play their 3 concert pieces before judges and will be given a rating. They will also be evaluated and given a rating on a piece that they will sightread before judges. Playtimes will be announced later. *Parents are encouraged to go and support their students and directors as they play and sightread.* Students will go only one of the days listed, and which day they will go will be announced later.

Varsity Band UIL Evaluations: April 23rd-24th: This includes **Wind Ensemble** (Turpin). As the orchestras did, the bands will miss some class time and will play their 3 concert pieces before judges and will be given a rating. They will also be evaluated and given a rating on a piece that they will sightread before judges. Playtimes will be announced later. *Parents are encouraged to go and support their students and directors as they play and sightread.* Students will go only one of the days listed, and which day they will go will be announced later.

Mattress Sale! April 25th. This is another great fundraiser. If you need a new mattress, wait and buy one from the band! A few volunteers are needed, but the main idea is that the band hall will be open on the 25th, and mattresses will be displayed and sold from the band hall. The band gets a cut, and the mattresses are well-priced since there is no overhead cost for a show room.

Band Banquet- May 1st- The band will celebrate the year at a semi-formal event. We will eat dinner, hand out awards, and honor each senior. A slide show presentation will end the celebration. Parents are welcome to attend in addition to students!

Percussion Ensemble Concert- May 7th. Details TBA.

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Spring Concert- May 14th! Time and location TBA. (Typically, it's the RRISD PAC).

New Member Day- May 16th. This is the Saturday event where the incoming band members for next year will have a marching clinic, get fitted for uniforms, shoes, t-shirts, etc. At the end of the day is an exhibition of what was learned. All current band members attend. Plan for the students to be there all day long.

Calendar:

Jan. 25th- Texas Color Guard Circuit Competition

Feb. 7th -8th- Symphonic Camp

Feb. 22nd - UIL Solo and Ensemble (not required)

Feb. 27th- Full Orchestra Pre-UIL Concert

Mar. 5th- UIL Evaluations for Orchestra

Mar. 7th- Mulch Day!

Mar. 28th- Westwood Band Solo and Ensemble Competition- REQUIRED

Apr. 7th- Westwood Solo and Ensemble Finals

Apr. 21st-22nd- Non-varsity Band UIL Evaluations- Wind Symphony (Dacy), Symphonic Band (Winters), and Concert Band (Turpin)

Apr. 23rd-24th- Varsity Band UIL Evaluations- Wind Ensemble (Turpin)

Apr. 25th- Mattress Sale!

May 1st- Band Banquet

May 7th- Percussion Ensemble Concert

May 14th- Spring Concert

May 16th- New Member Day!