

WESTOVER HIGH SCHOOL BAND



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**2008 - 2009
Freshman Information &
Orientation**



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Welcome, Class of 2012!

The Westover High School Band is a group of dedicated student musicians who carry on a tradition of excellence upheld and handed down by past and present members. It takes a very special person to give of yourself mentally and physically each day; a dedication that causes you to cheerfully sacrifice, so you may proudly say, "I am a member of the Westover High School Band."

Band students participate in virtually every other school activity – student council, yearbook staff, one-act play, cheerleading and every athletic team (even football!). Members of the band are recognized by all students and teachers as they participate in every class and organization. Take advantage of your opportunity to be in the Westover Band Program – this is what you have worked towards since your first day in beginning band.

Enclosed, you will find several items of importance including our rehearsal and performance schedules. You will also find a medical information form. This form must be completed and returned to the band office by July 17, the first day of band camp. Please complete the form at the bottom and return to the band office, so that we may include you in our plans for the 2008 season.

The Westover Marching Band was the largest in Dougherty County last fall with over 120 members. We hope that with the addition of the Class of 2012, the band will be even bigger and better this fall. We hope to see you at our spring camp as well as the first practice in July as we begin another successful marching season. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the band office at 431-3323 or by email at john.scanling@docoschools.org. You may also check our website at www.westoverband.org for information about the band.

We look forward to having you as a member of the Westover Band!

John Scanling
Band Director

Class Enrollment

Because of the high level of music performed by both the Marching Band and Symphonic Band, rehearsal time is very valuable. To make the necessary progress, the band must take full advantage of the time during the band classes. In order to participate in any aspect of the band program, students must include band in their class schedule. Band members are strongly encouraged to participate in band for each of their four years at Westover.

Anyone who says that you cannot be in band all four years is mistaken!

Graduation Requirements

	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
1	English I	English II	English III	English IV
2	Math I	Math II	Math III	Math IV
3	Physical Science	Chemistry	Biology	Science IV
4	Govt/Study Skills	US History	World History	Economics/Elective
5	Language I	Language II	Elective	Elective
6	PE/Health	Elective	Elective	Elective
7	Band	Band	Band	Band

Students enrolled in the Academy of Medical Arts will take an extra science each year. This will affect when those students can take PE/Health, but band will still fit into the schedule.

Students who are unable to take Health prior to turning 16 may earn their ADAP Card by taking a four hour course at Darton College. This free class is offered the second Monday and Tuesday night each month from 6:00 until 8:00 by the Georgia State Patrol Office. The class meets in J133. Call Darton College Information at 430-6000 for further details.

Grade Requirements

All students participating in the Westover Marching Band are expected to maintain passing grades in all classes and be on-track to graduate as defined by the Dougherty County School System. Students who do not earn the credits necessary to be promoted to the next grade will not be allowed to participate in the Marching Band.

Freshman Course Numbers

- 53.0361037 Beginning Band I
This class meets first period and is for true beginners. The goal of the class is to enable freshmen with no prior band experience to participate in the Marching Band and Concert Band beginning in the 10th grade.
- 53.0371047 Intermediate Band I - Woodwind
This class meets second period and is for the Concert Band's woodwind section. This ensemble will play grade four music at Concert Festival.
- 53.0371057 Intermediate Band I - Brass
This class meets fourth period and is for the Concert Band's brass section. This ensemble will play grade four music at Concert Festival.
- 53.0381007 Advanced Band I
This class meets fifth period and is for all wind players in the Symphonic Band. This group is selected by audition and will play grade five music at Concert Festival.
- 53.0741007 Instrumental Ensemble I
This class meets third period and is for all percussion players in the marching, symphonic, and concert band. This group is selected by audition in the spring.
- 53.0210007 Music Theory
This class meets seventh period. All junior and senior music students who are interested in extending their music education past high school are encouraged to take this class.

Auditions

The drum major(s), drumline, and danceline are all positions filled by audition. Drum major auditions will be on Thursday, April 24 beginning at 4:00. Drumline auditions will be April 28 – May 1 from 4:00 until 5:30. Danceline auditions will be the week of March 17; however, the audition is not open to current eighth graders.

Spring Camp

The Marching Band has two days of practice during the spring. All students currently in grades 8 through 11 who plan on participating in the Marching Band should make arrangements to attend. The camp will be on Monday, May 5 and Tuesday, May 6 from 4:00 until 5:30 at Westover High School. The students will work on music and get a brief introduction to marching.

Band Camp

Band camp is the three week summer program of intense music and marching. All students who plan on participating in the marching band are required to attend the entire two weeks of rehearsals. Too much is learned during these two weeks for someone to catch-up when school starts. Please plan vacations around band camp, so that you can participate in the Marching Band.

July 14 – 17	Danceline & Percussion	1:30 – 5:00
July 17	Orientation & Full Band Rehearsal	6:00 – 9:00
July 21 – 24	Full Band Rehearsal	1:30 – 5:00, 6:30 – 9:00
July 28-29, 31	Full Band Rehearsal	6:00 – 9:00
August 6	First Day of School	

Fall Rehearsal Schedule

The band will practice regularly throughout the fall to prepare for the many performances. The first after-school rehearsal will be on Thursday, August 7th. Additional rehearsals and sectionals will be scheduled as needed.

Monday	Full Band Rehearsal	4:00 – 6:00
Tuesday	Full Band Rehearsal	4:00 – 6:00
Thursday	Full Band Rehearsal	4:00 – 6:00

Physicals

All students participating in the Marching Band are required to have a current physical on file. Students will have the opportunity to get a free physical through the Westover Athletic Department in late April or early May (the date will be announced soon). Students can also get a physical from their family physician, but it must be on the DCSS Athletic Department forms.

Band Dues

All students participating in the marching band are responsible for paying band dues. The band fee for each member is \$100 and is due on July 17th. The band fee supplements the school system's budget and covers the costs of travel expenses, entry fees, and equipment upkeep/replacement. For each member, this covers the cost of the band T-shirt, uniform fee, music, drinks at football games, and additional instructors.

Families who have more than one child in the band, owe \$100 for the first child and \$75 for each additional child. The children must have the same parents or legal guardians to get the reduced rate.

If a student withdraws from the marching band for a legitimate academic or family reason prior to Labor Day, \$50 of the band fee will be refunded. After Labor Day, the fee is non-refundable.

Band Boosters

It takes hard work from students and parents to have a successful band program. Parents contribute by chaperoning bus trips, working in the concession stand, and assisting in fund-raising. We have always had good parent participation and hope to get everyone involved again this year. The first Band Booster meeting will be at 6:30 on Tuesday, August 8th.

2008-09 Meeting Dates

All meetings are at 6:30pm in the bandroom.

Tuesday, August 8, 2008
Tuesday, September 2, 2008
Tuesday, October 7, 2008
Tuesday, November 4, 2008
Tuesday, December 2, 2008

Tuesday, January 6, 2009
Tuesday, February 3, 2009
Tuesday, March 3, 2009
Tuesday, April 7, 2009
Tuesday, May 5, 2009



2008 Westover High School Band Performance Schedule

August 29	WHS @ Lee County HS	Leesburg, GA
September 5	WHS @ Crawford County	Roberta, GA
September 12	WHS vs. Mitchell County HS	Hugh Mills Stadium
September 20	WHS vs. Perry HS (7:00)	Hugh Mills Stadium
September 26	WHS @ Crisp County HS	Cordele, GA
October 4	WHS vs. Dougherty HS (7:00)	Hugh Mills Stadium
October 11	ASU Homecoming Parade	Albany, GA
October 17	WHS vs. Peach County	Fort Valley, GA
October 24	WHS vs. Monroe HS	Hugh Mills Stadium
October 31	WHS @ Worth County	Sylvester, GA
November 1	Georgia Pecan Festival Parade	Americus, GA
November 7	WHS vs. Cairo HS	Hugh Mills Stadium
November 14	State Playoffs – First Round	
November 21	State Playoffs – Second Round	
November 28	State Playoffs – Third Round	
December 5	State Playoffs – Semi-Finals	Atlanta
December 6	Albany Christmas Parade	Albany
December 12	State Playoffs – Finals	Neutral Site



Westover High School Band Medical Information and Release Form

Student's Name _____
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Sex _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____
MM DD YYYY

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phones _____
Father Mother

Cell Phones _____
Father Mother

Emergency Contact _____
Name Phone

Parent/Guardian's Insurance Company _____

Subscriber's Name _____ Policy Number _____

If group coverage, list employer name _____

Please list phone number to verify coverage if needed _____

Indicate any problems the student is having or has had with he following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Epilepsy | <input type="checkbox"/> Pneumatic Fever | <input type="checkbox"/> Heart Palpitations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dizziness, Fainting | <input type="checkbox"/> Kidney, Urinary | <input type="checkbox"/> Frequent Colds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ear, Eye, Nose, Throat | <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma, Bronchitis | <input type="checkbox"/> Hay Fever |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stomach Trouble | <input type="checkbox"/> Jaundice, Hepatitis | <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bee Sting Allergy | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Allergies | <input type="checkbox"/> Medication Allergies |

Please specify any other medical problems _____

If the student is taking medication, please indicate : _____

Family Physician _____

Phone _____

Notice: By law, a parent cannot consent in advance to any and all manners of emergency care. It is understandable that in cases other than the need for immediate emergency treatment, the attending physician may defer treatment pending the parent's express permission to administer specific professional services.

IN AN EMERGENCY, THE WESTOVER HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTERS HAVE MY PERMISSION TO SEEK MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR MY CHILD IF I CANNOT BE CONTACTED.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

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