



June 10, 2021

Hello!

Since the two items on Tuesday's update involved a lot of new information, I wanted to save these quick items for another day. These are a combination of reminders and a few new bits of info. Please read them thoroughly and take any needed actions. As always, please contact me if you have any questions.

- **Physicals and Rank One forms** are past due. As of today, only 49 of 139 students have completed both items. Please get these completed as soon as possible. Per UIL rules, we will not be able to allow you to participate in ANY rehearsals until these are completed. If your items are complete, the assignment has been "returned" to you in Google Classroom. If the assignment has not been returned, it means something is still missing. Several students marked the assignment complete but did not actually complete the forms and/or physical.
- Links to the **band calendar** are posted in the Google Classroom as well as in the update that was sent on May 17th. Additionally, it can be found on the band page of the district website. Go to www.wallerisd.net, then click Departments, then Bands (past updates that have been sent can also be found there). Most events for the fall semester have been added to the calendar, including all summer and after-school rehearsals.
- Make sure you have joined the band **Remind** group for your grade level. This is for parents and students. To join, text the appropriate code from the following list to 81010.
 - Code for freshmen is @wmb2025
 - Code for sophomores is @wmb2024
 - Code for juniors is @wmb2023
 - Code for seniors is @wmb2022
- **Presto Assistant** had a temporary issue with their system on Tuesday evening that may have caused some of you to get an error message if you tried to set up your account that night. The issue has now been resolved. Those who tried during that time and received the error message may need to go to the login page found at <https://app.presto-assistant.com/> and use the "forgot password" option to have a new link sent to you. Anyone else should simply follow the original link you were sent.
- The **annual fee** for all members this year will remain \$150. Due to fundraisers, and our outstanding booster organization, we have not had to increase this fee in over a decade (it was temporarily lower in 2020 due to decreased activities). For this year, there will NOT be an additional fee for new members. As always, an additional \$50 fee will apply for those who use school provided instruments. Fees will be due when we return in late July. More information about payment options and specific due dates will be sent later. Our hope is that the fundraiser will take care of this for most you. (Hint: if you meet the \$300 fundraiser goal, you won't owe anything out of pocket, that's why the goal was set where it is. A couple of students are already over halfway there.)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Grant McWilliams".

Grant McWilliams
Director of Bands