



Waller High School Band

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Hello WHS Band Family!

I would like to thank those of you who have taken the time to complete the survey regarding the 2020 marching band season that was sent to you earlier this week. We are diligently working to prepare for the upcoming season while ensuring that the health and safety of our students, staff members, and their families remain our number one priority.

At this time, we have made the decision to delay the start of Percussion and Color Guard rehearsals until August 27th. This decision is based on the survey responses that have been received so far as well as the need for additional time to acquire necessary supplies and coordinate logistical and safety protocols to provide the safest environment possible as we begin. This will also provide more time for students and parents to complete required paperwork and physical exams prior to the beginning of rehearsals.

After Percussion and Color Guard rehearsals begin on August 27th, Brass and Woodwind rehearsals will begin on Thursday, August 30th for freshmen, new members, and student leaders with all others beginning on Monday, August 3rd. We will begin releasing detailed schedules and information regarding safety protocols for these rehearsals on Tuesday, July 21st.

Further information about the remainder of the season will be released as we receive additional guidance from TEA and UIL regarding guidelines and protocols for future rehearsals, football games, and competitions.

Please note that we are transitioning away from the Charms calendar and will be utilizing Google Calendar moving forward. The easiest way to locate the new calendar is to click the link located on the band page of the WISD website. To find the band page, go to www.wallerisd.net, then click "Departments", then "Bands". Once on the band page, you will see a link to the calendar under "Important Links". From the calendar page, you can subscribe to the calendar on your device by clicking the blue plus (+) sign in the bottom right corner of the calendar.

If you have not yet completed the 2020 Band Survey and/or your RankOne participation forms, please complete these items as soon as possible. Details about these items were in the update sent on July 14th. If you did not receive that update, you can find it on the band page of the WISD website by following the directions above for accessing the calendar.

One final and exciting item for this update: I have registered for all our students to have access to the Texas Bandmasters Association Virtual Student Day. This is an event that we normally take a limited number of students to attend in San Antonio but being virtual this year will enable more of you to take advantage of this. It is a day full of leadership sessions and breakout sessions specific to certain instruments and areas of interest including some great performances and introductions to this year's All-Region/All-State audition music which was just released. I will send the information for accessing these sessions through Remind as well as posting on the band page of the website and in Google Classroom. The live sessions take place tomorrow, July 18th, from 10am until 4pm, but they will also be recorded so that you can access them at your convenience.

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