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Greetings incoming Wheaton North Freshmen and parents, and welcome to the **Wheaton North High School Band Program!** With high school freshmen course registration rapidly approaching, we would like to encourage you to take advantage of the excellent musical opportunities at Wheaton North and also provide you with some important information as you enroll in band. Enclosed, please find the following materials that will ensure a successful transition into the Wheaton North High School Band Program:

- A Brochure describing all that is offered in the WNHS Band Program
- Information outlining registration and audition processes
- A schedule of events for the remainder of the year

I know this is a lot of information to be presented in such a short period of time. Above all things, remember this: I want you or your child to be a successful part of this program and we will work with you and your child to make that happen. If you have any questions about the Wheaton North Band Program, please do not hesitate to email me at kent.krause@cusd200.org. Our website is also a great resource in keeping up to date with the WNHS Bands. Please feel free to attend any of our concerts or events for the remainder of the year to get a better idea of what band is like at WNHS. As next year approaches, I look forward to meeting you all and working to make you and your child's experience in the Wheaton North High School Band meaningful and memorable.

Welcome to the Wheaton North Band program!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kent A. Krause".

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WNHS Band Registration FAQ's

How Do I Register for Band? Registration is simple: when you register for high school band, ALL woodwind or brass students should select “**Concert Band**,” and percussionists should choose “**Percussion 1**.” These are the entry-level groups and there is no audition for them.

What if I want to Audition for Symphonic Band or Percussion Studies? All eighth-grade band students can audition for Symphonic Band and Percussion Studies. Although not all incoming freshmen will be selected, the audition process itself is a valuable experience. If you are enthusiastic about taking private lessons, practicing your instrument regularly, playing challenging music, and are pushing yourself to progress musically, then you should give Symphonic Band or Percussion Studies auditions a try! Symphonic Band and Percussion Studies auditions are Monday, February 18th at Wheaton North High School. Please see the separate audition procedure sheet for more information. **Remember, if you are content with staying in Concert Band and Percussion Ensemble, you do not need to audition!**

I am interested in Joining Marching Band. What do I do? If you are a brass, woodwind, or color guard member, you're in! If you are interested in Marching Band, we have a spot for you. There will be an informational Marching Band meeting this April outlining the finer details of the 2019 season. Stay tuned for more information coming soon. In the meantime let me say this: **There is no better way to get a positive jump-start to your high school career than joining Marching Band!**

I want to be in Drum Line. What do I do? Percussionists who would like to participate in the Drum Line of the marching band (snare, tenors, and bass drums) must attend audition workshops beginning in March or April. Drum Line auditions will consist of several workshops in which students will work on various percussion instruments under the direction of the fall percussion staff. All music, exercises, and audition materials will be handed out at the workshops. Please e-mail our percussion instructor Anders Hagan at andersmhagen@gmail.com to get information regarding these clinics.

I love jazz! How do I get in the Jazz program at WNHS? If you are a jazzer, there is a spot for YOU at WNHS! All instrumentalists, including guitar, piano, and string bass players, may audition for selection into several extra-curricular large jazz bands and small combo groups. Auditions are usually held in early November (check our website: wheatonnorthband.com) and auditioning students try out with the IMEA Jazz music (provided) and some improvisation. Audition music will be available in October of 2019. If you are more of a recreational jazz player or want to learn more about jazz, we offer a jazz band that is non-auditioned as well.

THE BOTTOM LINE: THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU IN THE WNHS BAND!!