

# West Shore Marching Band Propsters Handbook

2023

WELCOME and THANK YOU for being a part of our West Shore Marching Band Team! Below you will find information and expectations for Propsters. Do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions or need some clarifications. Our amazing staff members - Ms. Galle (JGalle@wssd.k12.pa.us) and Mrs. Graft (KGraft@wssd.k12.pa.us) - are available to answer any questions you may have.



## Schedule:

**Thursdays - 10/12, 10/19 - 8-9pm**

**Football Fridays - 10/13, 10/20, 10/27 - 6-9pm**

**Saturdays - 10/21, 10/28, 11/4 - afternoon & evening**

## Registration:

**Online Registration** can be found at [www.westshoremusicboosters.com](http://www.westshoremusicboosters.com)

You will be registered into Charms (band database) and will have a student credit account set up. You will receive WSMB (West Shore Music Boosters) communications via email. You can also participate in the WSMB fundraisers and earn student credits to cover any costs you incur within the WSMB program, or for any music related expenses, instrument repair, private lessons, etc.

**Medical Paperwork** can be found at [www.westshoremusicboosters.com](http://www.westshoremusicboosters.com) or hard copies can be obtained in the Cedar Cliff Band Room.

## Fee:

Full-Band Members have to pay a \$210 Booster Fee and a \$95 WSSD Activity Fee. We will not be charging you a booster fee or an activity fee because you are an auxiliary member. We will, however, ask for \$50 that would cover your seat on the charter bus to Nationals at MetLife Stadium as well as some meals on Saturdays for States, Regionals, and Nationals. Included in your membership is free member admission to all home football games and competitions.

## Expectations

### Thursday night rehearsals

- Arrive to Cedar Cliff HS at 7:45pm
- Get your prop ready to go
- Follow instructions from staff - take the lead from HS students and rehearse **silently** while staying focused and on task
- You will function as “backstage-hands” no-one will see you during the performance - all they will see is your awesome colored umbrella appear out of nowhere!
- While “hiding” behind props, stay **quiet & focused**



### Football Games:

6:00pm - be ready to go in the Cedar Cliff Auditorium

(The parking lot can be busy, you may want to plan for 5:45pm)

7:00pm - The game starts

Attire - Performance Attire - Bring a coat - dress for the weather

Bring your instrument!

Behavior and expectations

- “Twos” System: Band members are NOT permitted to go anywhere alone a “buddy system” (groups of at least 2, also known as ‘two-ies’) is strictly enforced.
- PDAs are absolutely unacceptable while under the supervision of the WSMB
- No running, swearing, yelling, or any form of horseplay will be tolerated while under the supervision of the WSMB. West Shore has been known for its’ professionalism and appearance for decades. This code of conduct not only ensures this reputation is upheld, but also shows respect to those hundreds of others who have come before us and have made this group what it is today. We don’t want to let them down.
- Students will have the 3rd quarter to leave the stands and get food to eat and socialize. Students must keep an eye on the scoreboard to be back in the stands by the 4th quarter. Remember: you must have a marching band “two-y” with you.

## Competitions:

USBands State Championships - Downingtown PA - 10/21  
USBands Mid-Atlantic Regional - West Shore Stadium - 10/28  
USBands National Championships - MetLife Stadium NJ - 11/4



Band competitions are both a very fun and a serious time to build camaraderie as well as test ourselves with performing at a high level. We travel and perform in other locations and stadiums at competitions. Each weekend's schedule is determined by our performance time.

-Propsters report time on Saturdays are TBD

-The Bus ride to competitions

Propsters are more than welcome to ride the bus, however, we do understand some hesitation with age discrepancy. Currently, we are planning on propsters riding the bus, if you are planning on transporting your child instead of using the bus, please provide a note to a director or booster representative

-Bus Protocol

\*Must remain seated at all times when bus is in motion (buses can't leave until everyone is seated)Aisle must remain clear while in motion (keep aisle clear of equipment & belongings)

\*Items are not allowed to hang out of windows at any time

\*No hitting the top/sides of the bus or seats with hands, drum sticks, etc.

\*Absolutely no abusive language projected inside or outside the bus

\*Cell phones & Music are permitted with earphones but not "open sound" unless specific permission is granted by the bus chaperone.

\*No bus may be entered by any student for any reason without a chaperone or bus driver present

\*Ride the bus home, unless you have a parent note

### Performance Attire:

All black

### Items you'll need for rehearsals/performances:

- ID Badge: Boosters will provide you with this, turn it in at the end of the season
- Water bottle (filled)
- Your prop
- Money for concessions at performances
- Dress for the weather - you do not need to wear all black for rehearsals