

2017 West High Entertainment Unit (WHEU)

Please read all of the included information carefully.

Entertainment Unit Fall Marching Season

Welcome to the 2017 West High Entertainment Unit (WHEU) fall marching season. WHEU is excited to announce the 2017 fall field show, *Corner Pocket*, featuring the music of Frank Sullivan. This show will be performed by the marching band, percussion and color guard students at West High home football games and at multiple competitive events during the fall season.

To participate in the WHEU fall season, students must be enrolled in a related class: Band A/B (tall flags), Advanced Band, Wind Ensemble, or Percussion Ensemble. Students must also be enrolled in PE Band, a one semester (fall) class that meets zero period.

To participate in the fall competition season, students must also attend Entertainment Unit camp. During camp, students will learn the marching and music for the fall field show. Attendance at Entertainment Unit Camp is **MANDATORY** unless prior arrangements are made with Mr. Banim. Camp dates for **all members** are **August 14th-18th, 21st – 25th and 28th-30th** from 8 am – 3 pm.

Finally, students participating in the fall program must submit all required registration paperwork **by the specified dates below**. A **\$500 contribution**, per student, is critical to fund the fall season and offset the costs associated with coaches, instructors, large instruments, instrument repairs, props, truck rental, competition fees and the many other costs which must be mitigated each and every year. There are additional fees for uniforms and costumes: an annual **\$40** cost to band members for the repair, refurbishment and replacement of their uniform and a one-time **\$160** cost to color guard members for their costume. Your timeliness in submitting contributions will enable WHEUPA (West High Entertainment Unit Parents' Association) to procure all that's needed for a successful Fall Season for the entertainment unit and your child.

REGISTRATION:

The following dates are **mandatory** for all students participating in the fall marching season. The required paperwork must be submitted by these dates to confirm student participation in the program and to ensure approval to participate in WHEU camp and performance events. Design of the fall show will be based on the student registrations received with the first contribution.

May 31, 2017:

All Students:

- 1) Submit Parent/Student Information Form
- 2) WHEU Wear Order Form and check for uniform/costume/T-shirts/shoes as applicable
- 3) Contribution #1

June 15, 2017:

All Students:

- 1) Check payable to TUSD (\$100) for Summer Enrichment (Entertainment Unit camp)
- 2) Summer Enrichment form

Aug 14, 2017:

All Students:

- 1) Signed confirmation letter printed from online West High Clearance Packet
- 2) Transportation contribution submitted online or in a check payable to TUSD
- 3) Submit student physical form (if you are participating in a fall sport, make a copy of the physical form. Submit one copy to the school office and one copy to the WHEUPA safe in Mr. Banim's office.)
- 4) Contribution #2
- 5) Submit TUSD Volunteer Agreement if chaperoning

Sep 7, 2017:

All Students:

Submit Contribution #3

REHEARSAL - ENTERTAINMENT UNIT CAMP:

The fall marching season will begin with the Entertainment Unit Camp. During this time, students will learn the ENTIRE fall field show. Note that the camp period has been extended from prior years and that there are no longer Monday and Wednesday night practices in June and July. The dates for Entertainment Unit Camp are provided below. **Practice times will be announced once the detailed schedule for WHS registration and sports practice is finalized.**

- **Aug 14-18:** All WHEU members (band, color guard, percussion);
- **Aug 21 - 25:** All WHEU members (band, color guard, percussion)
- **Aug 28 – Aug 30:** All WHEU members (band, color guard, percussion)
- **Sept 7:** 1st Day school; no zero period practice
- **Sept 8:** begin zero period practice; continues through November (no zero period on Tuesdays)
- **Sept 11:** All WHEU members (band, color guard, percussion); 6-9pm begin Monday night practice; continues through November

Bring to camp: Refillable water bottle, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses (optional), light jacket for evening, lunch and dinner or make arrangements to go out or go home

Band: Instrument, flip folder, and lyre

Color Guard: Water, tennis shoes, jazz shoes for indoors, towel to stretch on grass, rifle gloves, appropriate clothes for stretching

REHEARSAL – FALL SEMESTER:

Zero Period

Band, Color Guard, and Percussion students are enrolled in Zero Period PE Semester 1. Zero period begins **Friday, September 8th**, and continues through November. This is a scheduled class that starts at 7 AM every day **except Tuesdays** unless otherwise announced. Students are expected to be on the field, with instruments/equipment, by 7am. Zero period may be cancelled in the event of rain; notice will be provided the morning of practice via email and posting on WHEU website (<http://whsentertainmentunit.com/>).

Monday Night Practice

Band, Color Guard and percussion students will practice every Monday evening from 6-9pm, beginning **September 11th** and continuing through November. Students are expected to be on the field, with instruments/equipment, by 6pm. These rehearsals are mandatory.

Sectionals

Additional weekly practices may be scheduled for band sections, percussion and color guard during the fall. The schedule for sectionals will be announced by the section leaders.

PERFORMANCE – FALL SEMESTER:

Home Football Games

Attendance at all WHS home football games is **MANDATORY** as WHEU performs at halftime. Unless otherwise announced, call time is 6pm which means in uniform, with instrument, on the football field. Sept 2017 home games are scheduled for **9/15** and **9/29**.

Entertainment Unit Competitions

Attendance at all competitions is **MANDATORY**. The first competition will be the South Bay Invitational, hosted at WHS on Saturday, Sept. 30th. WHEU will perform as the host school. WHEU will participate in competitions most Saturdays in October and November. Students planning to take the SAT or ACT tests in the fall should check with Mr. Banim first to ensure there is no conflict with a competition.

Entertainment Unit Winter Season

There are multiple performance groups active during the Winter season including Concert Band, Jazz Band, Winter Drumline and Winter Guard.

Concert Band: all WHEU instrumental students participate in concert band. Students will perform at one or more judged competitions. In addition, students perform at multiple concerts at West High including the Pops concert, West Area Music Festival, and Spring Concert. No additional contributions are required for concert band.

Jazz Band: this is a zero period 2nd semester class open to all sax, brass and percussion students. Students register for this class and must be approved by Mr. Banim. Students perform at one or more judged competitions. No additional contributions are required for jazz band.

Winter Drumline: this is an optional, competitive program open to all WHEU students interested in performing with a percussion ensemble. The season runs from December through April. Tryouts are typically held in October. Practices are held two evenings a week. Students compete in weekend events during March and April. An additional contribution of **\$500/student** offsets the cost of instructors, competition fees, props and costumes.

Winter Guard: this is an optional, competitive program open to all WHEU color guard students. The season runs from December through April. Practices are held two evenings a week and weekends. Students compete in weekend events during February, March and April. An additional contribution of **\$500/student** offsets the cost of instructors, competition fees, props and costumes.

WHEU Travel

West High Entertainment Unit has a proud history of performance at invitational events such as the Rose Parade, and Thanksgiving parades in New York and Philadelphia. WHEU travelled to New York in 2010, to Europe in 2013 and to Orlando during spring break, 2017.

West High Entertainment Unit Parent Association (WHEUPA)

WHEUPA is a non-profit organization that provides WHEU with financial and administrative support and volunteers for events, competitions, and fundraisers. WHEUPA members consist of parents or legal guardians of a student currently participating in WHEU. All members are strongly encouraged to attend the WHEUPA general meetings.

2017 – 2018 WHEUPA Meetings

Aug 21, 2017, Monday, 7:00pm, Café 5 - Meeting for parents or legal guardians of incoming (new) WHEU students

June 8, 2018, Friday, 7:00pm, Pavilion - General meeting followed by the Spring Concert

Events/Fundraisers

WHEUPA hosts several fundraisers each year, with the proceeds helping to pay for the fall and spring competition seasons. **Each WHEUPA family** (parents/guardians) is expected to participate by volunteering at **each of the three fundraising events listed below**. All WHEU students must volunteer to work at every WHEUPA fundraiser. All events are held at West High School.

SAVE THESE DATES FOR VOLUNTEERING:

September 30, 2017: South Bay Invitational (SBI) Field Show Tournament

November 28 - December 17, 2017: Christmas Tree Lot

February 23-24, 2018: Spirit Day Dance Competition

Scrip

Scrip may be purchased monthly and the profits from your scrip purchase are credited to your student. These funds can be used for any WHEU expense including fall/winter contributions, WHEU clothing (shirts, shoes, etc), spring awards banquet, year-end DVD, WHEUPA graduation leis and WHEU trips. Scrip orders, including Scrip Now and Scrip Reload, are easy to submit through an online system. Orders are due the 1st Sunday of each month and will be ready for pick up the following Saturday. Ordering instructions can be found at <http://whsentertainmentunit.com/>. Funds left in your student's account after they graduate may be transferred to a sibling currently in the Entertainment Unit or enrolled in the Fall season. If there is no sibling meeting these criteria, the funds will transfer to the general WHEUPA account.

WHEUPA Emails

WHEUPA uses email to communicate to students and family members. Current email addresses are necessary. Please provide your email addresses (print neatly) on the **Parent /Student Information Form**. Email president@wheupa.org with email address changes.

For more information

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Check out our website for updates and information <http://whsentertainmentunit.com/>.

West High Entertainment Unit Contribution

The Entertainment Unit program is supported entirely from family contributions and fundraisers. The expenses for the fall season include large instrument purchase and repair; coaches/instructors for marching band, color guard and; competition related expenses including tournament fees, transportation of equipment, and props. No TUSD funds are available for these expenses.

The 2017 fall contribution per student is \$500 and \$400 per sibling, unchanged since 2015. In addition, there is an annual \$40 cost to band members for the repair, refurbishment and replacement of their uniform and a one-time \$160 cost to color guard members for their costume. These amounts are paid to WHEUPA which is responsible for paying all Entertainment Unit related expenses. A separate, annual contribution of \$200 is payable to TUSD to cover the cost of school bus transportation to competitive events during both the fall and winter seasons. A Summer Enrichment fee of \$100 per student is payable to TUSD for summer entertainment unit camp.

There is a separate winter contribution of \$500 per student participating in Color Guard, or Drum Line for expenses with this program including coaches and competition related items. No TUSD funds are available for these expenses. No additional transportation contribution is requested for winter Color Guard, Drum Line or concert band season.

To close the gap between family contributions and total annual expense, WHEUPA hosts a number of fundraisers discussed in this package. EVERY FAMILY needs to support these fundraisers. Without adequate volunteers these fundraisers cannot occur and the contribution per student would increase substantially.

Fall contributions may be made in one payment or per the contribution plan provided on the West High Entertainment Unit Contribution Forms. If you wish to spread the contributions out over a longer period, or pay with funds from scrip proceeds, contact WHEUPA at president@wheupa.org. Indicate on your payment coupon the amount you are paying from scrip proceeds and write a check to WHEUPA for the balance.

	WHEU Student	WHEU Sibling
Fall Contribution payable to WHEUPA for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHEUPA Annual Membership • Instructors • Instruments/repairs • Fall competition expenses 	\$500	\$400
Checks payable to TUSD for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Bus transportation • Summer Enrichment (Entertainment Unit camp) 	\$200 \$100	\$100 \$100
TOTAL	\$800	\$600

West High Entertainment Unit REGISTRATION Checklist

Please submit the following by the listed due dates (or sooner, if possible):

Due May 31, 2017:

- Parent/Student Information Form
- WHEU Wear Form and check payable to WHEUPA for uniform/costume/T-shirts/shoes as applicable
- Contribution Form #1 (\$250)** - check payable to WHEUPA

Due by June 15, 2017:

- Check payable to TUSD (**\$100**) for Summer Enrichment (entertainment unit camp)
- Summer Enrichment form

Due August 14, 2017:

- Contribution Form #2 (\$150)** check payable to WHEUPA
- Signed confirmation letter** printed from online **West High Clearance Packet**
- Student Physical Form**
Since we perform during the entire school year the physical form must be dated **June 23, 2017 or later** in order to cover the full school year. There are local clinics like Ocean Medical in Redondo Beach or Accessa Health in Torrance where you can obtain inexpensive school physicals outside your medical insurance (walk in evening and weekend hours available). Note, our reference to these clinics is not and should not be construed to be an endorsement by WHEUPA of that provider or of any other provider. The school district requires you to have medical insurance for your student in order for them to participate. The school district offers inexpensive insurance through Myers-Stevens and flyers are available in the school office.
- Transportation Contribution – \$200** check payable to **TUSD** or online with clearance packet. Select 'Band/Color Guard' on the form in addition to any sports in which you plan to participate. Please note that all Entertainment Unit programs are considered **two season activities (\$200)** due to the events taking place both semesters. Note that the maximum individual contribution for multiple activities is \$200 and \$100 for every additional sibling
- TUSD Volunteer Agreement and TB Assessment Form or TB Test. These forms are required for any parents planning to chaperone at any school event.

Due during School Registration:

- It is **recommended** that all Entertainment Unit Students purchase West High ASB (Associated Student Body). The ASB card provides discounts for school activities and free entrance into all league and practice athletic events the entire year. It is required in order to receive a participation letter free of charge.

Due September 7, 2017 – All WHEU students

- Contribution Form #3 (\$100)** - check payable to WHEUPA