

Advice for incoming 7th Grade Students uncertain about joining the WRS Band Program...

in the words of current/former WRS Band members



Give it a try. I was skeptical at first as well, but continuing on to the WRS Band Program was something I will always be glad I did. I made great friends that I still talk to today, even though we go to different high schools and it was just an extremely fun class to take. Mr. Zilke is also an amazing Band director who knows how to have fun while also improving the skills of his students. If you are unsure on whether or not to keep playing, **DO IT!!!** It's definitely worth it...

Christina T., Class of 2012

I urge you to just try it for a year. Band has opened up so many doors for me and made me realize my love for orchestral music. I now belong to multiple orchestras and chamber programs. I assure you that you will find your musical niche if you continue into high school. It also looks great on a college application, which is a nice added bonus...

Emma D., Class of 2012

You need a class period that isn't filled with tests and homework. I felt like Band was a good stress-relieving class because I made so many friends and was able to channel all of my creativity into my instrument...

Natalie O., Class of 2012

Every transition is a little rough, the transition into high school Band being no exception. My advice is to at least try it out for a semester/year before making the decision about whether to continue or not. It really does have its benefits, but they may not be seen immediately...

Aidan B., Class of 2013

It has been one of the most fulfilling experiences of my life. I've made so many good friends and had so many fun and memorable performances and rehearsals and it all started at WRS. If you are afraid of peer judgment or stigmas, do not let that prevent you from doing what you love, because Band is a family and it is one that will support you from 7th Grade to 12th Grade and beyond...

Nate C., Class of 2012

DO ITTTTTTTTT!!! It's not as big of a commitment as you may think. It was definitely my favorite class and you'll meet your best friends for life. Not only that, but it's so rewarding to work so hard and accomplish something so impressive...

Caitlin P., Class of 2015

DO IT! Band was honestly my favorite class throughout my time at Sundling. You will learn much more about your instrument and how to appreciate music as a whole. Plus Mr. Zilke is a really good director, so make sure you don't waste this chance...

Phoebe D., Class of 2015

DO IT. It never hurts to try things, so I very highly recommend continuing in the Band program. If you decide you don't like it (which you won't), there'll be time to quit. The Band program has opened so many opportunities for students, including trips, competitions, friendships, etc. Please, continue with Band even if you're questioning. You won't regret it...

Paige L., Class of 2015

Band is where I found all of my friends and it was definitely my favorite class through all junior high. At PHS this year, I know I have a familiar class with a bunch of my friends. It's a good place to feel comfortable with people you know and are friends with. We have a lot of fun and play really fun music. I would definitely continue in Band; it's a ton of fun and is interesting to learn new music...

Mary Beth S., Class of 2015

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Band is a class where you not only make friends, but it's like a family. Everyone has something in common; they love music. I believe Band has allowed me to grow not only as a musician, but as a person. Band has taught me work ethic, passion and drive. Music allows you to show who you really are and your talent. I cannot imagine my life without Band because to me it is my second home...

Emily H., Class of 2013

Band becomes a family and there is always someone to talk to and become friends. Band is a great way to be with people you normally might not be friends with. There are athletes, math whizzes, musicians and others. The cool thing is we all come together to play in a band with so many personalities...

Hannah J., Class of 2012

Absolutely do it. The friendships you will create in Band are everlasting. You meet people in your sports and activities, but when you split into a different team, or someone doesn't make the cut, communications might be cut. Band is like nothing else. Everyone is working in harmony to work towards an amazing goal. Perfection. Know that you are going to be in great hands. You will be successful and have the time of your life with people that think just like you. You will even have the opportunity to go on amazing trips in high school, parent-free! Disney, New York, The White House and England are a few possibilities that have been made into reality for the music programs.

Band is worth it, and you are worth it to the Band...

Tristan O., Class of 2012

Stay in Band because it will be one of the bigger memories of junior high. It's a good learning experience and it helps you grow as a person. Also, both high schools have amazing Band programs that you will want to be a part of...

Erin H., Class of 2014

It's really fun and a good way to make friends. I definitely miss it; it was really a great experience...

Morgan B., Class of 2012