

My favorite parts of the WRS Band Program... *in the words of current/former WRS Band members*



I loved how great we sounded for being a Junior High Band; it was really rewarding. I also enjoyed connecting with my peers in an environment outside of a classroom...

Emma D., Class of 2012

I liked how close the Band was. It felt like a large, quirky family that I got to spend a period of my day with...

Amy M., Class of 2014

I liked how everyone was treated equally. No matter how well of a player you were, everyone got the same treatment. Mr. Zilke wants to help everyone become a successful musician...

Natalie O., Class of 2012

I loved the overall sense of community and togetherness that was fostered by the program and I feel like it really helped set me up for Band in high school. I made many of my current friends there, and it was just one of my favorite memories overall of my Sundling experience...

Aidan B., Class of 2013

I really liked getting to know everybody. All of my best friends came out of that program and I'm very grateful that I got to spend 2 years with them every day. I also liked getting to know Mr. Zilke. He is a great Band director. I also love music and we got to play a lot of great pieces...

Caitlin P., Class of 2015

I enjoyed playing the music. It was really fun to be able to be with my friends and I made many friendships that I wouldn't have if I wasn't in Band. It was also a really good break from academics and it made me feel very accomplished when I did well on a piece...

Chloe W., Class of 2015

The Band was a tight-knit group of wonderful students who came for the music and stayed for each other. The music posed a challenge, but wasn't impossible. Mr. Zilke was a terrific instructor and director...

Michelle R., Class of 2014

I really enjoyed having Mr. Zilke as a teacher because I learned a lot and looked forward to Band with him. I also was impressed by the music we played and learned to like different types of music because of the diversity in music we played...

Emily H., Class of 2013

Mr. Zilke made my life!!! He was such a wonderful Band director and I looked forward to going to his class every day. The room was filled with all of my best friends who I didn't get to see often if we were on different team things. And it was never a good day without the laughter coming from our low brass section and Mr. Zilke scolding us in a fun way. I loved Band and it would brighten my day...

Morgan B., Class of 2012

I love meeting new people and now I already have so many good friends that I wouldn't have known as well if I wasn't in Band. And I love the songs. There are so many different styles and rhythms and I'm already learning so many new things...

Sarah E., Class of 2016

This is my first year of being a member of WRS Band Program and my favorite part of it was being able to play as a whole Band and meeting friends that I don't have any classes with...

Natalie J., Class of 2017