

Dear Parents, Guardians and Band Students,

I would like to cordially invite you to the 11th Annual Waterford Area Schools Band Festival (affectionately known as "WASBF"). WASBF will be held on Friday, February 6th at Waterford Union High School. This will be an exciting day for all Washington Caldwell musicians because you will have an opportunity to meet and hear all 5th through 12th grade band students from Waterford High School, Waterford Graded Schools, St. Thomas, North Cape, and of course Washington Caldwell. Considering everyone's attendance, we will have close to 450 area student musicians assembled for an incredible display of musical talent and energy!

Performing for the concert will be:

- Combined 5th and 6th grade band
- Combined 7th and 8th grade band
- Waterford High School Concert Band
- Waterford High School Symphonic Band
- Combined Waterford Area Mass Band

This will be an incredible adventure and experience for all involved. Rehearsal will start at the high school at 12:30. Each band will rehearse 2 (YES 2!) pieces of music for a 6:00pm performance that is free and open to parents and friends. During rehearsals, students will be assisted and tutored by some of our outstanding high school musicians. They will break for a snack at 3:30 and be entertained by the Waterford High School Jazz Ensemble. (Snacks and supervision is provided by WUHS Band Parents). At 4:30 students will report back to the large gym for an hour rehearsal of a mass band selection. Students will receive a 30-minute break at 5:30 while the gym doors open allowing parents, family members and friends to enjoy a 6:00 performance displaying the hard work and talent of the fine musicians. Afterward, there is an Italian Dinner fundraiser sponsored by WUHS Band Boosters.

Parents, please sign and return the bottom portion of this form as your student's permission slip for this event by Friday, January 30th. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Schroeder:

jschroeder@washcald.com

I give my student permission to attend WASBF and accept the bus transportation provided by Washington Caldwell School. I understand that I am responsible for return transportation following the concert.

Name of student and grade

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date