



Wando High School

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Re: Wando Percussion Auditions:

Dear Parents of Eighth Grade Percussionists,

Greetings from Wando!

As the year comes to a close, it's time for us to all start preparing for next year. We are currently preparing for our **Jazz and Percussion Concert** April 26th at 7:00 PM in the Wando Performing Arts Center, our **Percussion Recital** May 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00, our **Spring Concert** May 10<sup>th</sup>, the **Wando Jazz Festival** May 12<sup>th</sup>, and our **Chamber Concert** May 21<sup>st</sup>. This is in addition to preparation for graduation, getting drum majors ready for auditions, preparing for marching band for next year, and auditioning wind and percussionists for next year's ensemble placements.

This year's audition for the Wando Percussion Department will be on Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00-6:00 PM in the Wando Band Room. The audition materials are included with this. Unlike All-County, All-Region and All-State auditions, we will not hold a separate timpani audition. All students interested in becoming a member of the Wando Bands and Percussion Ensemble must prepare and play the audition materials as written.

Once the auditions take place, all accepted students will be eligible for marching bands, percussion ensemble, and all other related ensembles. In order to begin preparation for the fall, we will have the following "Spring Training" events:

May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	5:00-7:00	Marching Band Spring Training
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	4:30-6:30	Percussion Spring Training
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	4:30-6:30	Percussion Spring Training
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	5:00-6:30	Percussion Spring Training
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30-8:00	Marching Band Spring Training
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00-8:30	Parent Orientation
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	4:30-6:30	Percussion Spring Training

Marching band placements will be decided over the course of all rehearsals, beginning with the May 2<sup>nd</sup> training session. Audition materials for the Marching Band Positions will be made available in late April.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me. In addition, please check out our percussion blog at [www.WandoPercussion.edublogs.org](http://www.WandoPercussion.edublogs.org). Most of the music and materials we use at Wando are available there. Thanks, and I am looking forward to this incoming class of freshmen percussionists!

Musically Yours,

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