



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 **Percussion Recital** April 15th at 4:00, our **Jazz and Percussion Concert** May 2nd at 7:00 PM in the Wando Performing Arts Center, the **Wando Jazz Festival** May 5th, our **Spring Concert** May 9th, and our **Honors Concert** May 20th. 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, May 6th, 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 Band 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 nd	5:00-7:00	Marching Band Spring Training
May 8 th	4:30-6:30	Percussion Spring Training
May 15 th	4:30-6:30	Percussion Spring Training
May 23 rd	5:00-6:30	Percussion Spring Training
May 23 rd	6:30-8:00	Marching Band Spring Training
May 23 rd	7:00-8:30	Parent Orientation
May 29 th	4:30-6:30	Percussion Spring Training

Marching band placements will be decided over the course of all rehearsals, beginning with the May 2nd training session, and some spots may be solidified earlier than others. 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 the available exercises at www.WandoPercussion.edublogs.org Thank you, and I am looking forward to working with the incoming class of percussionists!

Musically Yours,

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