

# Welcome to Band at Interlake High School

Dear Interlake Band Students and Parents,

Welcome to the award-winning Interlake Saints Marching Band! This letter provides an introduction and communicates important information about band in incoming Interlake freshmen students and their families.

All 9<sup>th</sup> grade band students enroll in the Concert Band class. Interlake band students in grades 10 through 12 are placed in the Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble classes through an audition process that occurs over the first weeks of the school year. Together all band students participate in the Interlake Saints Marching Band and Interlake Pep Band.

In a typical school year, the Interlake Saints Marching Band performs field shows and pep music at home football games and marches in at least three parades. There are typically five regular-season home football games over the fall months of the school year with the possibility of playoff games.

The Interlake Pep Band performs for select home basketball games in December, January, and February. This performance schedule will be announced as soon as it is determined.

## **2022 Early Week Interlake Saints Marching Band Camp**

**August 15 – 18 from 9am to 3pm; August 19 from 9am to 1pm**

**Interlake High School**

Over the third week of August Interlake band students participate in a fun-filled week of marching drills and music, earning new marching band music, gaining a lasting comradery and *esprit de corps* among band members. It is during this week of marching activities that band students are fitted for fundamental marching drills, and work to prepare the first two marching field shows.

Please consider and plan accordingly that for some students Early Week Marching Band Camp can be a physically demanding week. We ask that students prepare for this experience as they would ready themselves for a sports camp. Get plenty of rest, wear shoes that are appropriate for extended periods of marching, eat breakfast before each session, stay hydrated, and dress according to the weather. Instructors will provide regularly occurring breaks for rest and water throughout the day but beware that temperature on the turf field can be uncomfortable in the summer. Learning to march while carrying and playing an instrument is an energetic and physical activity.

**We will provide horn/bell covers and adjusted face coverings for all students who play a wind instrument.**

**Remember to bring the following to Early Week Marching Band Camp:**

- Face Covering
- Lunch and snacks
- Water bottle that can be refilled
- Marching band instrument

- Sunglasses and Sunscreen
- Comfortable shoes to march in
- A positive attitude -- be ready to have fun!

**Uniform Sizing** – An important function of band week is to fit students for their marching band uniform so that alterations can be completed before the first performance in September. Please complete the linked [Interlake Saints Marching Band Student Contact and Marching Uniform Fitting Form](#).

## MUSIC FEES

The following music fees for the 2022 - 2023 academic school year must be paid via the [Bellevue School District Online Payment Site](#):

Band Uniform Fee	\$50	cleaning, repair, etc. of uniforms
Transportation Fee	\$90	transportation to any local events by school bus
Equipment Fee	\$75	(only if using a school instrument)

## JAZZ BAND

All students registered for a band, orchestra, or choir class at Interlake High School are invited to audition for placement in Jazz I or Jazz Lab Band classes. Jazz Ensemble is a full year credit class meets regularly during zero period, 7:05 – 7:55am. The jazz band audition process happens over the first two week of September. All jazz band students attend class during this time, beginning with a mandatory meeting held during zero period on the first day of school. Information about procedures, and signup sheets for Jazz Band auditions, will be available at Early Week.

## INTERLAKE MUSIC PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The Interlake Music Parent Association (IMPA) provides support and funding to the Interlake music program. The IMPA meets monthly during the school year, usually on the third Wednesday of each month. All music parents are members and are welcome and encouraged to attend meetings! The meeting schedule will be posted at the beginning of the year.

A mandatory informational parent meeting will be scheduled for an early midweek evening in September in the Interlake Commons. At least one parent should plan to attend the meeting. At this meeting, the directors will provide important information about the band program in this next school year. Please plan for the meeting to run until about 8:30pm.

**Communications** – The Interlake Music Parents Association (IMPA) communicates primarily through email. Please make sure that your names and email addresses are up to date in the Charms Office Manager system (instructions below) so that you will receive timely email updates. Announcements are also posted on Facebook. Parents and students can like our page “Interlake Music,” to receive posts and updates. The IMPA website [www.interlakemusic.org](http://www.interlakemusic.org) includes the music department calendar, forms, and other pieces of information.

**Parent volunteers** – The music program needs parent help in many ways. We will provide information on needed volunteer assistance at the first IMPA meeting.

**Fundraising** – One of the goals of IMPA is to meet the gap in funding for the music program. Funds raised in the past have paid for clinicians, new instruments, instrument repair and maintenance, sheet music, festival fees, and travel costs to festivals. Our fall fundraising plans currently include the football concession stand sales, cookie dough sales or Entertainment Coupon Books. We encourage your help with these important fundraisers. Remember that your employer may match your donations when making a cash donation to the IMPA-take advantage of your gift matching program if available! A list of employers providing matching funds can be found on the Donations page at [www.interlakemusic.org](http://www.interlakemusic.org).

### **CHARMS OFFICE MANAGER**

At the end of the current 2022 – 2023 school year, all 8<sup>th</sup> grade band students will graduate into the Interlake High School Charms Office Manager system. Students and their parents will be asked to register their student account and enter email and phone number contact information. Please see the attached Charms Student Login and Account Set-up page for information.

Sincerely,

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