

West High Entertainment Unit WHEU

West High Marching Band & Color Guard

2025-2026 School Year
WHEU Information Packet

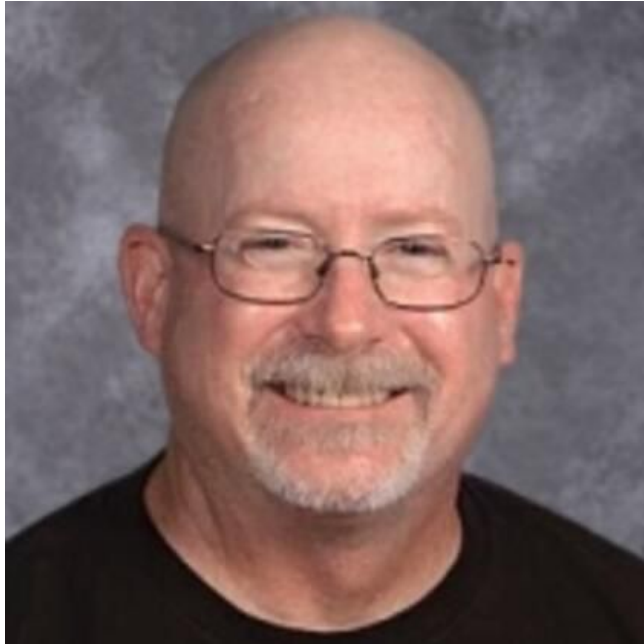
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WHEU Director



Meet our Director

Mr. Vincent Banim has been the WHEU music director for the past 15 years. Previously he was music director for Rowland and Sierra Vista High Schools. He has led WHEU to numerous accolades including recently winning sweepstakes at the Los Altos Field Tournament in 2023 and SCSBOA 6A championship contenders in 2022, 2023 and 2024. He is a graduate of Cal State Long Beach and West High School.

Marching Band



- Zero Period, Fall Sport
- 1ST Semester PE Credit
- Fall Field Show season from Aug. - Nov. 2025
- Summer Camp Jun. & Aug. 2025
- Disneyland Parade
- Torrance Armed Forces Parade

Color Guard



- Full Year Course
- 1 Semester PE Credit
- Zero Period plus Period 5
- Fall Field Show season from Aug. - Nov. 2025
- Summer Camp Jun. & Aug. 2025
- Disneyland Parade
- Torrance Armed Forces Parade

Drumline



- Full Year Course
- 1 Semester PE Credit
- Zero Period plus Period 5
- Fall Field Show season from Aug. - Nov. 2025
- Summer Camp Jun. & Aug. 2025
- Fall Competition Season
- Disneyland Parade
- Torrance Armed Forces Parade

Winter Guard*



- Period 5
- Practice starts in December
- Competitions Jan-Apr 2026
- Class enrollment Dec-June

***Separate Contribution Required
for Winter Guard - Dec 2025**

Winter Percussion*



- Period 5
- Winter Season from December '25 to April '26

***Separate Contribution
Required for Winter Percussion
- Dec. 2025**

Winter Jazz & Concert Bands



- All WHEU instrumental students participate in concert band
- Students perform at multiple concerts at West High including the Pops concert, Jazz Concert, West Area Music Festival, and Spring Concert.
- Winter Season is from Jan. ' - May '26

***NO additional contribution required**

Incoming Freshmen and New Members



We are delighted that you will join the West High Entertainment Unit family. We know there are many questions students have regarding participation in the activities available at West High School. Let us attempt to answer some of your questions about the West High Entertainment Unit. Hear directly from past WHEU members in the following videos.

[Being a part of WHEU](#) & [Join Band](#)

Rehearsals – Summer



A requirement for participation in WHEU is attending all mandatory rehearsals. On this page, you will find details of the rehearsal schedules and dates.

Summer Enrichment (also known as WHEU Summer Camp) [<sign up here>](#)

The marching season will begin with the WHEU Summer Camp in **June 2025**. During this time, students will learn the ENTIRE Fall field show – marching and field show. It is also a great time to get to know and bond with other WHEU members.

Attendance for the WHEU Summer Camp is **MANDATORY** unless prior arrangements are made with Mr. Banim. Camp dates are scheduled for:

Dates & Time:

- June 16th - 18th, 20th 6 pm - 9 pm — All leadership and **NEW** members
- June 23rd - June 26th 6 pm - 9 pm - All members
- August 4th - August 15th 8 am - 5 pm — All members
- *NOTE: Students must complete an Athletic Clearance form before participating in Summer Camp; the form needs to be signed by a Physician.

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Rehearsals – Fall Season



Zero Period: Band, Color Guard, and Percussion students are enrolled in Zero Period PE during Semester 1.

- Zero period **begins the first day** of school and continues through November.
- This is a scheduled class that starts at **7:30 am every day** except Tuesdays unless otherwise announced. Students are expected to be on the field, with instruments/equipment by 7:30 am.
- Zero Period may be canceled in the event of rain; notice will be provided on the morning of practice via email and the BAND app.

Monday Night Practices: Band, Color Guard and Percussion students will practice every Monday evening from 6-9pm, beginning August 18th, 2025 and continuing through November.

- Students are expected to be on the field with instruments/equipment by 6pm. These rehearsals are **mandatory**.

Sectionals: Additional weekly practices may be scheduled for band sections, percussion, and color guard during the fall.

- The schedule for sectionals will be announced by the section leaders.

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Performances – Fall Season



A requirement for participation in WHEU is attending all mandatory performances.

Fall Season Performances include:

Home Football Games:

- Attendance at all WHS home football games is MANDATORY as the Entertainment Unit performs at halftime.
- Unless otherwise announced, call time is 6:00 pm which means all members must be on the football field in uniform with instruments/ equipment ready to perform.

Competitions:

- Attendance at all competitions is MANDATORY.
- The first competition will be the South Bay Invitational, hosted at WHS on Saturday, September 27, 2025. WHEU will perform as the host school.
- WHEU will participate in competitions on many Saturdays in October and November.
- Students planning to take the SAT or ACT tests in the fall should check with Mr. Banim first to ensure there is no conflict with a competition.

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Performances – Winter Season



Winter Season Performances Include:

There are multiple performance groups active during the Winter season including Concert Band, Jazz Band, Winter Drumline and Winter Guard.

Concert Band:

- All WHEU instrumental students participate in concert band.
- Students will perform at one or more judged competitions.
- In addition, students perform at multiple concerts at West High including the Pops concert, West Area Music Festival, and Spring Concert.
- NO additional contributions are required for Concert Band

Jazz Band:

- This is a zero period second semester class open to all sax, brass, and percussion students. Students register for this class and must be approved by Mr. Banim.
- NO additional contributions are required for Jazz Band

Winter Drumline:

- Competitive program open to all WHEU students interested in performing with a percussion ensemble.
- The season runs from December through April. Students compete in weekend events during March and April.
- **NOTE:** An additional contribution will be required to participate in the Winter Drumline program.

Winter Guard:

- Competitive program open to all WHEU color guard students.
- The season runs from December through April. Students compete in weekend events during February, March, and April.
- **NOTE:** An additional contribution will be required to participate in the Winter Guard program.

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WHEU Registration



Step 1

Register and Pay for Summer Enrichment Program thru the TUSD website
[Online Form](#)

Due by: June 13th, 2025

Step 2

Complete and Submit Athletic Clearance & Physical Exam
[Athletic Clearance Instructions](#)

[Free Physical at Exer see Flyer here](#)

Due by: June 13th, 2025

Step 3

Pay Fall Contribution & Transportation Fees
online at:
whsentertainmentunit.com/product-page/fall-season-contribution

Due by: June 30th, 2025

Step 4

Complete 25-26 WHUE Registration Form
online at:
[Online Registration Form](#)

Due by: June 30th, 2025

Step 5

Parents complete Online WHS Volunteer application
[Link via TUSD site](#)

Due by: August 31st, 2025

ALL steps must be completed to be “registered” for Fall Season Band

WHEU Contributions



What TUSD Covers:

1. The band director's regular salary and benefits

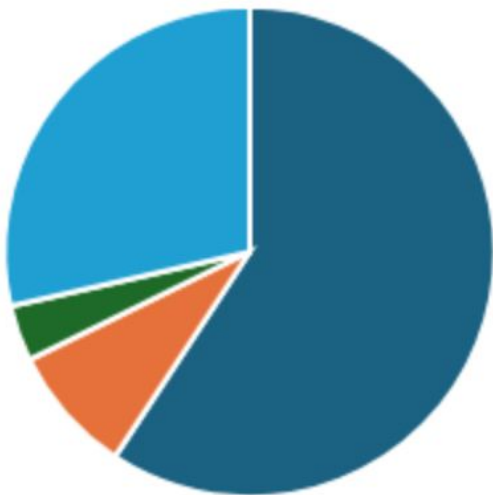
What your WHEU Parents Association (WHEUPA) Contributions Cover:

1. Cost of participating in Field Shows and Competitions
2. Compensation and Insurance for various assistant coaches and clinicians
3. Music and Licensing rights
4. Instrument repair and replacement, concert programs
5. Uniforms, costumes, field show design, equipment, student transportation, instrument transportation, student snacks, and refreshments at comps
6. Website, supplies, equipment, office costs

WHEU Contributions (cont'd)

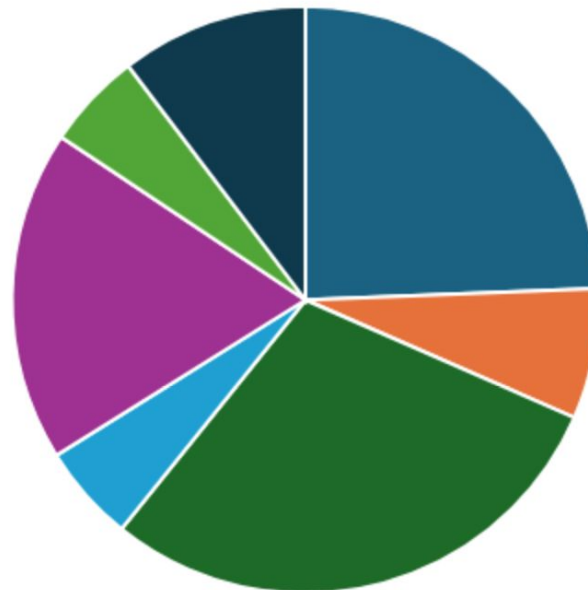


WHEUPA Funding Sources 22-23



- 1100 Fall Contribution
- Total 1200 Winter Contribution
- Total 1300 Public Donation
- Total 1400 Fundraisers

WHEUPA Expenses 22-23



- Total 2300 Fall Program
- Total 2400 Winter Guard
- Total 2500 Winter Percussion
- Total 3100 Music and Instruments
- Total 4000 - Student Programs
- Total 5020 Bank Service Fees
- Total 5000 - Operating Expenses

WHEU Contributions_(cont'd)



TOTAL Summer & Fall Contributions Due by June 30, 2025

Membership Contribution Breakdown:

1. WHEU Fall Field Show Competitions*: \$625 per student (or \$575 per sibling)
2. School Bus Transportation: \$200 per student (covers entire school year)
3. Summer Enrichment Camp: \$175 per student**

*you are paying less than \$5 / hour for personalized music and performance instruction

***The Summer Enrichment EU Camp (a.k.a Summer Band Camp) fee is \$175 per student. If a student is already enrolled in another summer program (e.g. Cross Country, Academic Decathlon, etc.), then the fee is \$125.*

WHEU Contributions_(cont'd)



1) Fall Field Show Competition Season - Fees

fee of **\$625.00 per student** covers:

- Compensation and Insurance for various assistant coaches and clinicians
- Props, costumes, field show design, equipment, student snacks, and refreshments at comps
- Cost of participating in Field Shows and Competitions
- Music and Licensing rights
- Instrument and Equipment transportation

[<Pay Now>](#)

WHEU Contributions_(cont'd)



2) Transportation Fees

fee of **\$200 per student** covers:

- student TUSD bus transportation to and from all events during the entire school year; including away football games, field shows and parades

[<Pay Now>](#)

WHEU Contributions_(cont'd)



3) Summer Enrichment “Band Camp”

fee of **\$175.00 per student** is considered summer school thru the WHS Athletics* program and covers:

- Band director's summer program compensation

[<Pay Now>](#)

WHEU Contributions_(cont'd)



Additional Costs:

First-year purchase (or replacement, if needed) of uniforms and costumes may include:

Band Members

- Marching Shoes: **\$45 per student**

Color Guard Members

- Gear Bag and Warm-ups: **\$170 per student** (estimate)
- Shoes (Black and Tan): **\$66 per student** (estimate)

Winter Season Contribution

- There is a separate winter contribution for students participating in the winter season color guard, or percussion/drumline due in **Jan. 2025**. This covers the cost of coaches and competition-related items as no TUSD funds are available for these expenses.

Purchase items via whsentertainmentunit.com/shop



WHEU Contributions_(cont'd)

Are you looking for a way to subsidize your WHEU contribution?

Scrip

Are you looking for a way to subsidize your WHEU contribution and/or fees? Considering ordering Scrip for your grocery needs, gifts, or to plan a night out to eat. It adds up fast! Buying Scrip gift cards for businesses you go to every week (Target, Vons, CVS, Walmart/Sam's Club, Smart & Final) and for gifts you normally buy anyways for family and friends (Amazon, Gap, Best Buy, Macy's, etc) helps you earn rebates. Restaurants and several retailers offer rebates anywhere from 1.5% to 12% and there are periodic bonuses where the rebate is even higher. You can also ask your local family and friends to help your student earn Scrip rebate credit (Some families have paid for almost all their student's contribution and/or fees with Scrip rebates!)

You can check out available brands at <https://www.raiseright.com/brands>. If you are interested in learning more, please email Shermay at scrip@wheupa.org

How to Pay Contributions



BY CHECK:

- Full contribution OR multiple payment plan
- Payable to WHEUPA
- Write a check today and deposit by June 30th. Put in Black Safe in Mr. Banim's office
- Please DO NOT give it to Mr. Banim

BY Credit Card**, Zelle, or Paypal (via our website):

- Pay via [our website](#) **Fee associated with Credit Card payment **
- Zelle payments to "treasurer@wheupa.org"
- Use Paypal or Credit Card at checkout via [our website](#) for Full contribution OR multiple payment plan

Forms you will need



The following forms should be downloaded for appropriate signatures. You will have the option to upload signed documents during the registration process. Please download these forms now.

- [WHS Online Athletic Clearance Instructions](#): Steps to complete Athletic Clearances
- [Free Physical Screenings at Exer Urgent Care](#): Book Your FREE Sports Screening at Exer Urgent Care
- [Student Physical Examination Form](#): form you will need to take this form to be signed by a Physician and then upload via online site
- [TUSD Volunteer Application](#): required for parent and guardians to Volunteer at WHS events
- [Adult Tuberculosis \(TB\) Risk Assessment Questionnaire](#): required for parents and guardian to Volunteer at WHS event

WHEU Parents Association (WHEUPA)



Is a non-profit parent-led organization that provides WHEU with:

- Financial and administrative support
- Chaperones and Volunteers for away events, competitions & fundraisers
- Logs over 3,000 volunteer hours per year
- Come join our group of dedicated and passionate volunteers!



WHEU Parents Association (WHEUPA)



All WHEUPA members are strongly encouraged to attend the WHEUPA general meetings and volunteer for board positions whenever possible. Come join our group of dedicated and passionate volunteers!

For more information

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- Visit our website for updates and information: whsentertainmentunit.com.

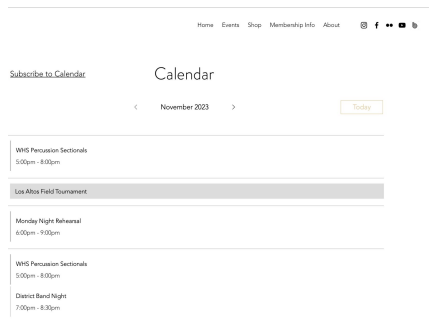
WHEUPA Communications



1. Email

2. Website

<https://www.whsentertainmentunit.com>



3. Calendar

<https://www.whsentertainmentunit.com/events>

4. Sign-Up Genius

5. Social Media

[Instagram](#) | [facebook](#) | [flicker](#)| [Band](#)



WHEUPA Events & Volunteering



WHEUPA hosts several fundraisers each year, with the proceeds helping to cover costs for the fall and winter competition seasons. **Each WHEUPA family** (parents/guardians) is expected to participate by volunteering at these events throughout the year. All WHEU students must volunteer to work at every WHEUPA fundraiser. Most events are held on the West High School campus.

Please take a moment to review and note key dates for 2025-26 WHEU Volunteer Opportunities:

___ Summer BBQ (Aug , 2025)

___ Uniform Fittings & Distribution (Aug xx, 2025)

___ Football Games Half-Time (Sept, Oct 2025)

___ SBI Field Show (Sept 27, 2025) - *required*

___ Competition Chaperones and Drivers (Oct & Nov, 2025)

___ Christmas Tree Lot (Most of December 2025) - *required*

___ Graduation Lei Making (from home year round)

___ Graduation Lei Sales (May-June 2026)

___ End of Year Banquet (Early-June 2026)

___ Uniform Collection (Early-June 2026)

___ Bake Sales (year round)

Summer Camp & Fall Practices



What to Wear

- Athletic shoes
- Gym shorts/leggings
- T-shirt
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Sunscreen (!!)

What to Bring Daily

- WATER
- Snacks
- Jacket and/or Sweatshirt
- Hat
- Instrument /Lyre and Flipbook for your instrument
- Lanyard with drill cards

BE ON TIME!

If Practice starts at 6:00 then on time means be on the field ready to go by 5:50pm.

25-26 Calendar of Events – Summer & Fall



MONTH	PRACTICES	REHEARSALS	GAMES	COMPETITIONS	OTHER
June	June 16, 17, 18, 20 (6- 9pm) June 23, 24, 25, 26 (6- 9pm) Summer Band Camp				
August	August 4 - 15 (8am- 5pm) Summer Band Camp	Mondays (6-9pm) Band Rehearsal Wednesdays (3:30-5pm) Sectionals	Friday, August 29th (6-9pm) Home Game		TBD (tbd) Field Show Sneak Peek / Welcome BBQ
September		Mondays (6-9pm) Band Rehearsal Wednesdays (3:30-5pm) Sectionals	Friday, September 12 (6-9pm) -Home Game Friday, September 26 (6-9pm) -Home Game	Saturday, September 27 (12pm-10pm) South Bay Invitational (SBI) @ WHS	
October		Mondays (6-9pm) Band Rehearsal Wednesdays (3:30-5pm) Sectionals	Friday, October 10 (5:30-9pm) -Home Game (Homecoming) Friday, October 24 (6-9pm) -Home Game	Saturday, October 11 (12-8pm) -Valencia Field Tournament Saturday, October 25 (12-8pm) -El Camino College Field Tournament	
November		Mondays (6-9pm) Band Rehearsal Wednesdays (3:30-5pm) Sectionals	Friday, November 7 (6-9pm) CIF Football Game (Senior Night)	Saturday, November 1 (12-9pm) -Sierra Field Tournament Wednesday, November 5 (tbd) -Bellflower Field Tournament Saturday, November 15 (12-9pm) -Savannah Field Tournament Saturday, November 22 (12-9pm) -SCSBOA Championships	Monday, November 17 (6-9pm) District Band Night

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25-26 Calendar of Events – Winter & Spring



MONTH	PRACTICES	REHEARSALS	GAMES	COMPETITIONS	OTHER
February '26					February 25th "Pops" Concert (7pm) @ PAC
March '26					March 4th 8th Grade Visitation and Fine Arts Assembly March 11th 7pm @Gym West Area Music Fest 7pm
April '26					April 8th (or 15th) TBD SCSBOA Music Festival
May '26					May 8th 7pm @PAC Jazz Band Concert May 16th , 1pm Armed Forces Parade May 20th 5:30-7pm @Gym Achievement Awards (Jazz Band) May 29th 7pm @PAC Spring Concert
June '26					Early June, 6-10pm WHEU End of Year /Spring Banquet June 10th Graduation

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