



# Wekiva High School Band Program

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## WELCOME TO THE WEKIVA HIGH SCHOOL BAND!

I'm excited to have you join us for the 2025-26 school year, for what is expected to be an outstanding season. This year, new and returning students will have the opportunity to enhance their music education by participating in the Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Jazz Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, concerts, state competitions, trips, and activities. It's with great enthusiasm and pride that I welcome each of you in the spirit of band excellence.

I'm sure that many of you will have lots of questions about the Band Program, under the direction of myself, Mr. Jonté Petty, Director of Bands. Simply know that I will work to ensure that your band experience is educational and fun, and that you have an amazing year in band yet; as long as you commit to work hard, as a team.

Please take a few minutes to review the following important items for this upcoming band year:

### **2025-26 BAND OFFICER LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP, July 10, from 8:00am - 2:15pm**

All persons who are selected for Officer positions must be in attendance.

### **2025 WHS BAND CAMP – July 21 - July 31, from 8:00pm - 4:30pm; \$100 Registration Fee**

Band camp is a fun way for all students to get introduced to the musical/physical demands and requirements of being in the band program. This year's band camp starts on Monday, July 21, 2025, from 8:00pm to 4:30pm, for all band members. **The registration fee to attend is \$100.00, per person. \*\*CASH ONLY OR SCHOOL PAY\*\*** Please bring payment on the first day of camp. **\*Students can participate with fundraisers or pay their \$100 camp fee.**

**2025 WHS Band Parents Association GENERAL MEETING!!!** –Wekiva HS Band Parent General Meeting (EVERYONE). Meeting – July 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:00pm | WHS Band Room for all parents!

### **IMPORTANT BAND INFORMATION**

- ✓ A full schedule/calendar will be given out at the beginning of camp.
- ✓ All students will receive a **Band Handbook** outlining accessories, schedules, and expectations.
- ✓ All wind, percussion, and Color Guard members **must** be enrolled in a band/ Eurhythmics class for the fall semester. Please see one of the school counselors this summer if you are not schedule in a band class.

**IT IS IMPERATIVE & MANDATORY THAT EVERYONE ATTEND ALL REHEARSALS THIS SUMMER!**

**Questions?** Contact the Band Office at [jonte.petty@ocps.net](mailto:jonte.petty@ocps.net). or call 407.297.4900.

Welcome again. I want your band experience (*both students and parents*) to be positive and growth oriented. Being informed and staying up to date with everything that happens in the band, will make your participation unforgettable and create lasting friendships. I look forward to seeing all of you in July.

Yours truly,

Mr. J. Petty, M.M.Ed  
Director of Bands