



Board Members 2025-2026

President	Jenni Beer and Kelly Cornett
Presidents Elect	Susanne Cook
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Treasurer	Debbie Goebel
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Band Directors

Director of Bands	Keith Schoening
Assistant Director of Bands	Lindsey Bogatz

Chair Positions 2025-2026

Uniforms	Kelly Cornett
Pool Party	Susanne Cook
Pancake Man	Stephanie Jacobson
Bus Chaperones	Jenni Beer
Competition Snacks / Water	Michaela Grube / Howard Lyle
Competition Meals	Jennifer and Keith Allen
Yard Signs	Ashley Wegner
Spirit Wear	Ashey Wegner
Notable Friends	Allison Topp and Amy Vacek
Big Band Banquet/ Raffle	Jenni Beer Kelly Cornett
Senior Night	Stephanie Jacobson
Band Banquet/ Ice Cream Social	Deanna
Senior Albums	Gail Carpenter-Johnson

Agenda for September 9th 2025

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes
3. Treasurer's Update
4. Director's Update
5. President's Update

New Business

1. Halftime help/Uniform check in for FB game 9/13
2. Breakfast for Wildcat Classic Competition - 9/20
3. Senior Night 10/17 - Stephanie, Chair

Upcoming Events

Sept.10- Homecoming Parade/ Pep Rally
 Sept.12-Home Football vs. Millard West
 Sept. 17-26- All State Recordings
 Sept. 20- Marching Band Competition Millard South
 Sept.26- 8th Grade/ Home Football vs. Central
 Oct. 4- Marching Band Competition Lincoln
 Oct. 7- WBPA Meeting
 Oct.9-13 No School
 Oct. 13- Marching Band Rehearsal
 Oct. 14- NO School PreACT.ACT
 Oct. 17-Home Football vs. Creighton Prep SENIOR NIGHT
 Oct. 18- Saturday Rehearsal w/ Clinician
 Oct. 25-State Marching Band Competition
 Oct. 28-Marching Band Concert
 Oct. 29-30- Concert Band Placement Auditions
 Nov. 11- WBPA Meeting
 Nov. 20-22 NMEA All State Convention

Westside Band Parents Association Meeting Minutes September 9th, 2025

Treasurer's Report: Debbie Goebel

The Foundation Balance has increased by \$1,550 in donations to \$17,383. A reminder again: If you wish to give to the WBPA/BAND as a tax-deductible donation, there is a link on the Westside Foundation website, or you may mail a check to the Foundation (or send it to school with your musician, and i will deliver it there!) Contributing by Venmo will NOT yield a tax deduction. A formal giving campaign will take place later this Fall via "Notable Friends" headed up by Allison Topp and Amy Vacek!

Pancake Man night donations were very generous: \$642! (this is almost \$250 more than last year?!) Thank you Band Parents!

The Budget does support a proposed "Band Breakfast" for the Millard South competition next Saturday, a proposal made due to the early call time.

Financial activity has been otherwise fairly quiet.

Thank you,
Debbie Goebel, WBPA Treasurer

Director's Report: Mr. Schoening

- **Welcome! Thank you for supporting the program!**

It's Homecoming week! Tomorrow is the Parade and the pep rally, the game is on Friday. We will be wearing the traditional uniforms for the game this week. We are good on the candy donations for the parade! Next weekend we are headed out for our first contest at Millard South! The itinerary has been sent out for that event and then later this week I will be sending out the itinerary for the Papio South contest. We are still in need of 4 more chaperones for the Wildcat Classic.

Next year we will be separating the marching band into 2 ensembles. This was not an easy decision to make but we felt the need to take this leap with the growing number of students at the middle school and elementary level. Not all details are finalized with what sort of format we will be going to. But when those decisions are made we will communicate those to you.

ALL STATE:

All state auditions will start next week on Wednesday. Students will be signing up for recording time slots during their open mods. Mrs. Bogatz, Mr. Krueger and myself will be recording the auditions and we will provide additional time for students if needed.

JAZZ BANDS

Jazz Bands were approved to take a short trip and participate at the 2026 Greeley Jazz Festival hosted by the University of Northern Colorado. CJB and Stage Band will be heading out to Greeley, Colorado April 24th-26th. This jazz festival is one of the largest in the country with over 150 ensembles performing over the 3 day event. The highlight is the amazing concerts and clinics that take place throughout the days as well. Examples of some of the artists and groups that have performed before at the The Gordon Goodwin Big Band and the Count Basie Orchestra. **On Wednesday, September 17th at 7:00pm** we will be hosting

a brief informational meeting for CJB and Stage Band families and explain more of the details of the trip.

Upcoming Events:

Sept.10- Homecoming Parade/ Pep Rally, Student Call Time 5:45pm Polo and Black short/ pants
Pep Rally will end around 8:30pm (maybe)

Sept. 11- NO 7:00am early Morning Rehearsal Thursday

Sept.12-Home Football vs. Millard West Student Call Time 5:30pm Full Uniforms. Veteran performers please come early.

Sept. 17-26- All State Recordings

Sept. 19th- Load Truck Friday Night (If possible) More info to come

Sept. 20- Marching Band Competition Millard South

Sept.26- 8th Grade/ Home Football vs.Central- Band Dismissed after Halftime

Sept. 27-Titan Marching Invitational @ Papio South HS

Oct. 4- Marching Band Competition Lincoln (Lincoln East HS)

Check out the band calendar via Website:

<https://sites.google.com/a/westside66.net/westsidewarriorband>

President's Report:

Pancake Man - It was a very successful night and the pancakes were delicious. The Marching Exhibition was fun and we got to see the start of an amazing show.

- We made \$\$\$ in donations

Homecoming Parade - we have enough parents to walk and pass out candy. A few of us parents are going to sit at the end of the parade route (along 87th street) to cheer on our kids if you would like to sit with us.

Wildcat Classic Competition - 9/20/25

- Itinerary was sent out. Yes the call time is 6:30 AM, Colorguard is to report by 6:00.
- Help load trailer Friday, 9/19 TBD. If you are able to help please come.
- Parents please report by 6:15 so we can help students grab uniforms, load snacks and water/ice onto the trailers
- Don't forget to wear comfortable clothes/tennis shoes. You can bring a chair for downtime. The weather can be hot or chilly, so dress accordingly.
- We currently have 7 volunteers (8 with myself) signed up. We still need 5 parents. We will send out the Sign up genius again this week
- Snack sign up looks good. Please bring them to the band room beginning Monday, 9/15. You may have your student bring them to school in the mornings if needed.

- **With the call time so early, and we won't be serving lunch until 11:30 what are your thoughts on providing breakfast? Mini muffins and fruit?? Could we get this from school or request for donations**
- Lunch will be boxed lunches - one request to not have potato salad. The kids do not eat this and it just goes to waste.
- Any Dietary restrictions need to be sent to Schoening/Bogatz

Football Game - 8th Grade Night 9/26/25

- 8th Grade will come up to the school in the morning during Mods 1&2 to practice. Call time for the game will be 5:30 to warm up for Pre-Game
- 8th grade will perform Pre-Game and 1 song during Halftime. 8th graders will be dismissed to their parents after halftime. Band will perform their show and then check in uniforms during 3rd Quarter

Titan Invitational Competition - 9/27/25

- We have 10 of 12 chaperones so far. We do not have the itinerary for this comp yet, so be on the look out for this
- Snacks look good. Whatever is leftover from Wildcat Classic, we will add to what will be donated for Titan. Please bring snacks to school beginning 9/22/25. You may have your student bring them to school in the mornings if needed.
- Watch your emails for more communication on this closer to this day
- Lunch will be Pizza Hut - Pepperoni, Beef or Sausage, Cheese
- Any Dietary restrictions need to be sent to Schoening/Bogatz

Capital City Competition - 10/4/25

- Currently we only have 5 (6 including myself) chaperones for this competition. We will send out Sign Up genius again over the next couple of weeks for additional help
- We do not have an itinerary for this yet. Watch your emails for more communication on this
- Lunch will be boxed lunches - one request to not have potato salad. The kids do not eat this and it just goes to waste.
- Any Dietary restrictions need to be sent to Schoening/Bogatz
- Snacks - Please bring snacks to the band room beginning 9/29/25. You may have your student bring them to school in the mornings if needed.

Yard Signs/Spirit Wear

- Orders have been placed. Please get your money to Kelly so she can put in the final order for Yard Signs. We will let you know when they are ready to be delivered.
- Spirit wear will be delivered to the school, or you may pick them up from Lawlor's (whichever option you chose when ordering)

Senior Night - Stephanie, Chair

- Students call time 5:30, Seniors report for Corsage Pinning, Parents please report 5:15.
- Seniors will get individual photos taken, Group photo behind "Congrats Seniors" Banner

- Sign Gypsies, they will set up and take down banner - Did we pay for this as WBPA or was this privately funded??
- Sign Up Genius - sent out for Photographers and Pinners

ADDITIONAL NOTES- (from THIS MONTH)

- Mr. Schoening opened up the discussion to the group about possibilities of how to separate the marching band. Mr. Schoening said he welcomes emails and input. The paperwork needs to be handed in on October 1st.
- The whole music team is working on a solution. Thinking about the possibility of a Freshman Band that performs at one competition as an exhibition performance and an upper class band that performs similar to what we are doing now. The other options are an audition based Varsity and JV band- based on interest. They are looking into what other schools are also doing.
- Speaking about supporting the Music Department (especially Middle School) to increase staff. We will hear if we need to advocate at a school board meeting.
- Updates on the Uniforms, we have hat boxes and feathers. Hoping we get the new uniforms for the STATE competition.
- If you have any questions about volunteering you can contact the presidents with questions. If you don't have experience with a sign up volunteer responsibility don't worry about it, we will help and teach. We were all new to it at some point, thank you for considering donating your time.
- Caregivers will be sitting at the bottom of the hill together at the end of the parade.
- Does anyone have ideas about what to bring for caregivers to cheer on the group at the band competitions.

ATTENDEES FROM THIS MEETING 9/9/25

Marcy Thiessen, Garret Higginbotham, Heather Vanderney, Jennifer Laur-Sourys, Nick Soukup, James and Ember Krumwied, Joanna Halbur, Sara Larsen, Ashley Wegner, Lisa Christensen, Jennifer & Frank Allen, Kayla Kimminau, Alison Topp, Amy & Berni Vacek, Debbie Goebel, Jenni Beer, Kelly Cornett, Michaela Grube, Maria Walker, Time Karnish, Dawn Karnish, Crystal McAhren, Alisa Seidler, Dana Mattiasen, Erin Busch, Jenna Gabriel Gallagher, Denise and Mason Kyle, Stephanie Jacobson.

WBPA Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October 7th 7-8pm

[RESERVED FOR BUDGET]

