



# **WAKEFIELD MARCHING WARRIORS**

## **BAND CAMP SURVIVAL GUIDE**

Three Guiding Principles:

### **1. Be On Time**

- Arrive early (15 minutes will give you plenty of time) to setup and make sure you have all materials needed to be ready for rehearsal.

### **2. Be Prepared**

- Instrument (valve oil, reeds, sticks, mallets, etc.)
- Music and pencil
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen
- T-shirt, shorts, sneakers (no open toed footwear)

### **3. Be Positive**

- Learn Rehearsal Etiquette (when can I talk or ask questions?)
- Respect each other.
- Do your best – that is all we will ever ask of you.

**Schedule:**

- August 14-18, Monday through Friday, 1-9 p.m.
- August 21-25, Monday through Friday, 3-9 p.m.
- Parent Preview show- Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>- 7 p.m.
- August 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-9 p.m.
- August 31<sup>st</sup>- Away Football Game at Washington-Lee HS, 6 PM Report
- Rehearsals will start and end on time. Even in the instance of inclement weather, we will rehearse until the stated end time.

**General Tips:**

- Marching Band is a strenuous, physical activity. Rehearsal can be long and tiring, especially in the heat and humidity of a summer practice. You can prepare for band camp by exercising leading up to the camp, and by practicing your basic marching technique with your instrument in your back yard or closest park.
- Eat lunch before arriving. Dinner will be provided. Stay hydrated throughout the day. We will provide water for refills throughout the practice.
- After rehearsal, get a good night of sleep. Be ready and rested for the next day's practice.
- Everyone is at a different experience level when it comes to marching and playing. *Offer to help* when you see someone that may need tips on how to

perform a certain technique. Do not be afraid to *ask for help* if you are not sure how to do something. We are all in this together. Let's make it great!