

West Suburban Home School Band

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Spring Concert at Edman Memorial Chapel, Wheaton, IL (not a function of Wheaton College)
Photo of combined Concert Bands – Concert Junior, Concert Senior, and Symphonic

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## ***ATTENTION HOME SCHOOLERS***

Does your child already play a wind or percussion instrument? Have you had good intentions to add music to your curriculum? Perhaps you cannot afford private music lessons. A very inexpensive way to help your child learn, grow, and experience the rush after a well-performed concert, is to make the West Suburban Home School Band a part of their school week. Students make new friends, are accountable to someone other than mom or dad, and strive for their personal best as part of a wholesome, Christian group working towards a common goal.

Membership has grown from 46 students/26 families in 2001, to nearly 200 students/90 families in 2018-2019. There are four band levels to accommodate those with no musical training whatsoever to those with advanced experience and abilities, students and parents alike. Membership includes students, age 7 to 18, as well as some college students, alumnae, parents and other adults.

Auditions are required for all levels but Cadets. Those who wish to audition for Concert Junior, Senior or Symphonic band levels, as part of the WSHSB Annual Summer Chair Competition, must prepare and submit an audition video by the stated deadline. **AUDITIONING FOR A PARTICULAR BAND DOES NOT GUARANTEE ACCEPTANCE IN THAT BAND.** The Concert Season roster is set in August. **JOIN ANYTIME** - Once the audition video deadline has passed you are still able to join by submitting an audition video. While you can join anytime and be placed at the end of your instrument section, summer is the only time to audition for a chair position.

The director holds instrument fittings/tryouts for beginners and their parents by appointment, generally during the summer. There is no obligation to join. The director will guide each student and parent (if they desire) on the instrument(s) they would like to try.

For complete information, call the director, Karen Borow, 630-231-6155, and visit our website

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