



JV: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1) What is the Walled Lake Performance Ensemble?

- WLPE is a competitive marching ensemble. It is very similar to a marching band that performs indoors. WLPE learns and perfects the same show throughout the season.
- There are three sections involved: the front ensemble (mallet percussion, timpani, synthesizers, and other concert percussion instruments) the battery (marching drums and cymbals) and the color guard (dancing, flag, rifle, and other equipment)
- In Walled Lake, we currently have 2 ensembles: a Varsity and JV team.
- WLPE is a shared district activity that is open to students in the district from grades 5-12. It is run under the umbrella of the Walled Lake Central Music Boosters.

2) Are there auditions for WLPE JV?

- There are no auditions for the WLPE JV. Join and you are in! The staff will decide what you play and/or what you spin to help ensure your success and enjoyment!

3) What musical instruments are available to play?

- marching snare, marching tenors, marching bass, cymbals, mallets, timpani, drumset, synthesizer

4) What are the costs involved? What do I get for the money?

- \$300-\$400. The final cost will be figured out closer to the season starting.
- Costs include basically everything (instruction from professional teachers, show design costs, contest fees, practice space, equipment, sticks, mallets, a WLPE t-shirt, etc..)
- Besides the obvious things that money covers, you also get a great education by professionals in this activity. You will get better and have a lot of fun doing it!

5) What is the schedule?

- There is a tentative schedule on the WLPE webpage. The full schedule won't be released until November.
- Generally speaking, WLPE JV rehearses on Monday's and Wednesday's from 6-8pm starting in December. We will occasionally have rehearsals on other days of the week.

6) Where does the group rehearse?

- Most rehearsals are at Walled Lake Central HS, which is the sponsoring school for the group. Occasionally we will rehearse at a different local school.

7) Can I be in WLPE JV if I play a winter or spring sport?

- Yes! If there are some conflicts, we will work it out! We are more flexible with the JV schedule commitment.

8) What do I get out of it by joining?

- There is a lot you get out of it. You will be taught by professional educators that do this for a living. You will become a much better musician and performer because of WLPE JV. You will meet new people and form new friendships. You'll learn new strategies on how to practice and be more efficient with your practicing. You'll learn how to rehearse at a higher level. And it'll help get you ready to join WLPE Varsity in the future.

9) What are some facts about WLPE?

- WLPE competes in 2 circuits – MAPA (Michigan Alliance for Performing Arts) and WGI (Winter Guard International).
- Percussion and Color Guard has competed for 21 years. This will be the 3rd year combining.
- The Percussion and Color Guard have won a combined 25 State Championships and been a WGI finalist 16 times.
- WLP has performed for many charity events (Jammin' for Joseph, Passion for Like, etc..) and has put on clinics.
- WLP is endorsed by multiple companies: Yamaha, Innovative Percussion, Zildjian, and Remo. Basically, every instrument we play on and every stick/mallet we use is endorsed.
- WLPE has had many students go on to perform and now teach in many of the top ensembles in WGI and DCI.
- WLPE is insanely fun and one of the most rewarding things you will do in high school! This is a fact based on the many years of students that have gone through the program.

10) How do I get more info on WLPE?

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