



JV Drumline: **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

1) What is Walled Lake Percussion?

- WLP is a competitive marching percussion ensemble. It is very similar to marching band performed indoors and generally without wind instruments or color guard. WLP learns and perfects the same show throughout the season.
- There are two sections involved: the front ensemble (mallet percussion, timpani, synthesizers, and other concert percussion instruments) and the battery (marching drums and cymbals).
- In Walled Lake, we currently have 2 ensembles that you can think of as Varsity and JV teams. The Varsity team is primarily made up of 9th-12th graders and competes in a Michigan Circuit (MAPA) and in a national circuit (WGI). The JV team is primarily made up of 7th and 8th graders (sometimes 9th graders) and does a couple of exhibition competitions each season.
- WLP is a shared district activity that is open to students in the district from grades 7-12. It is run under the umbrella of the Walled Lake Central Music Boosters.

2) Are there auditions for the JV Drumline?

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

3) What 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, equipment, sticks, mallets, a WLP t-shirt, etc..)
- Besides the obviously things that money covers, you also get a great education by professionals in this activity. You will get better on your instrument and have a lot of fun doing it!

5) What is the schedule?

- The tentative schedule is located on the JV Drumline webpage. The full schedule won't be released until November.
- Generally speaking, the JV Drumline 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 WLP if I play a winter or spring sport?

- Yes! We want you to be able to do many things while in middle school. If there are some conflicts, we will work it out!

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 music educators that do this for a living. You will become a much better musician and performer because of WLP. 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 the Varsity Drumline in the future.

9) What are some facts about WLP?

- WLP competes in 2 circuits – MAPA (Michigan Alliance for Performing Arts) and WGI (Winter Guard International).
- WLP has competed for 19 years.
- WLP has won a total of 23 medals (top 3 finishes) in Michigan between the 2 ensembles. 13 of which are State Championships. WLP has also won 2 medals in the national circuit. 1 of which is a National Championship. The varsity team has qualified for World Class finals 10 times and has been ranked in the top 20 in the world 13 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.
- WLP has had many students go on to perform and now teach in many of the top ensembles in WGI and DCI.
- WLP 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 WLP?

- Visit our webpage: www.wlcbands.com/jv-drumline
- We also recommend that you check out our YouTube channel and watch videos from past WLP performances. Link is on the webpage!