

The Waconia High School Marching Band

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WACONIA
MARCHING BAND

What is the WMB?

- 155 member marching band (8th-12th gr.), celebrating 54 years in 2027
 - Waconia remains the largest parade band in the state of MN
- Competitive street parade band that performs across the state in June with a domestic performance tour around the 4th of July (Denver, Seattle, Nashville, Washington, D.C.)
- The marching band is made up of the hornline, drumline, and colorguard
 - Under Sue Snorek's leadership—the WMB Colorguard is one of the largest units in the state with over 30 members.





The Student Perspective



Kiernan Steiner
WMB Drum Major



Ella Fasching
WMB Colorguard Member

The 2026 Waconia Marching Band proudly
present...

Boldly Go!



This past season...

Non-Comp.: Memorial Day Parade, Twins Game, exchange with Winona Cotter

Band Camp @ St. John's University (Collegeville, MN)

Competitive: 2 Grand Champions, 1 - 1st place, 1 - 2nd place, multiple caption awards (best winds, guard, drumline, drum majors)

Performance Tour in Nashville, TN







The Director's Perspective

- Instills confidence
- Connection (within program, community [LWBF], other building, between students, between staff)
- Continued tradition of excellence
- Part of the larger vision for our program ("soft skills" resilience, involved, passionate, engaged)
- Achieving a high level of refinement over a extended timeline
- An important part, but ONE part of our comprehensive instrumental music department.

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District Band Festival



Waconia Band Program by the numbers

- Roughly 850 students enrolled in band across the 5-12 band program
 - This is about 38% of 5th-12th graders playing in band.
- Recently graduated 30 seniors
 - Many of whom are continuing to participate in music at their colleges, universities, and communities!
- Numerous honor band participants throughout the year & 4 All State musician.
- Maintain 4 concert bands, 2 jazz bands, 2 show choir bands, a pep band, a musical pit, and various chamber ensembles



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THANK YOU for
having us!!

Any questions?