



Roosevelt High School

MARCHING BAND • CONCERT BAND • SYMPHONIC BAND • WIND ENSEMBLE

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Welcome to Roosevelt Rough Rider Bands! You will find a very special sense of family in the Roosevelt Band program.

The music program at Roosevelt High School is one of the most diverse and challenging in Washington State. It is designed to meet the varied musical and social needs of our student musicians. Ninth-graders participate in Concert Band or Percussion Ensemble. Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble are middle and advanced level classes emphasizing more demanding band literature in a variety of styles. Ensembles meet daily and perform at school concerts and outside venues. Percussion Ensemble students perform with Symphonic Band, and /or Wind Ensemble. Students enrolled in band class are encouraged to be part of Marching/Pep Band, a popular extracurricular activity.

The Roosevelt Rough Rider Marching Band, where “Music, Marching and Madness!” is our motto, is the spirit of Roosevelt High School. Marching Band is open to band musicians of all grade and skill levels and is a great way to be part of the world-class music community at Roosevelt High School. The Band performs field shows at selected football games and supports the team by playing in the stands at Memorial Stadium. This group also performs at school assemblies and select basketball games and marches in parades. Students may earn community service hours by participating. Typically, Marching Band practice occurs twice a week, after school, in the fall and spring. Fall practice begins at the start of the school year and ends in October, after the final football game. Spring practice begins in May and ends with the annual Roosevelt neighborhood parade. Regular attendance at marching practice is essential. Students involved in other after school activities should talk to Mr. Brown about scheduling conflicts.

The Roosevelt Band Boosters is a non-profit organization that provides financial and organizational assistance to Roosevelt's Band programs. The Booster's mission is to provide every band student the opportunity to fully participate in the program, regardless of financial need. Parents and guardians of students enrolled in Scott Brown's band class are automatically members of the Band Boosters. Parents are encouraged to attend monthly meetings and help with bake sales and fundraising events. The Band's biggest fundraisers, requiring parent and student help, are the cleanup of the University of Washington's Montlake parking lot and surrounding areas after each home football game and selling wreaths and garlands from Hunter Farms. We welcome your help in support of the Roosevelt Band program.

Band communications are done through class, an email list, and the website, riderband.org. Student Drum Majors and Section Leaders communicate with fellow musicians through social media, the whiteboard in the band room, and word of mouth. Please subscribe to the email list through www.riderband.org and like our Facebook page www.facebook.com/RoughriderMarching/. If you have questions, email us at rhs@riderband.org.

There is an annual lab fee of \$100 for all band students. The fee may be paid through School Pay or by check (written to RHS with “Band Lab Fee and your student’s name” in the memo line) Additional cost estimates are detailed below. Financial aid is available upon request through the “Boosters” tab at riderband.org. Additional fees include:

- Central Washington University Wind Festival (early March 2021): \$50 includes dinner and travel costs for all bands. Students bring their lunch or purchase lunch at CWU.
- Hyack Parade and Spring Band Camp (May 29-30, 2021): \$175 includes travel to British Columbia and an overnight at Camp Casey for Marching Band. Students bring spending money for two meals in Vancouver.

Please contact us with any questions, comments, concerns, and most of all, to lend a hand!

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