

# WEST JOHNSTON HIGH SCHOOL

## BANDS & ENSEMBLES

M. LANCE BRITT, DIRECTOR OF BANDS

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Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Parents,

I have great news ***it is not too late for your child to join the West Johnston Band.*** I would love for you child to join us next fall and be a part of the Tradition of Excellence that is the West Johnston High School Band.

To begin if you are reading this letter and you have registered your child for band, please e-mail me immediately at [lancebritt@johnston.k12.nc.us](mailto:lancebritt@johnston.k12.nc.us). We are in the process of setting our marching numbers for next fall and need to make sure that everyone is present and accounted for before we start writing our 2009 show.

I am excited to let you know that after marching in the 2008 Macy's Parade, the WJHS Marching Band will be returning to the Bands of America National Marching Band Championships at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana this November! Your child will have the opportunity to represent our school and community as they perform at the national marching band championships. Two years ago our band placed 15<sup>th</sup> out of the 90 bands at nationals.

In addition to our many performance opportunities, should your child decide to join our band, they will have a second home here a school, a safe-haven where they can always find a friend, get help with their homework or simply have someone to talk to. In a school as large as West our parents/kids find that being in band helps ease the transition from middle to high school. Your children will have nearly 200 friends each day when they walk through the doors.

Simply put, I do not want your child to miss out on the opportunity to be a member of our band. Our philosophy is that with hard work and dedication, anything in life is possible. We strive everyday to teach that lesson to our students so they will be successful not just in band, but in life!

I truly hope your son/daughter will join our band. I can assure you it will be one of the best decisions they ever make. Please know that if they are still "on the fence" they should come to our July rehearsals, July 2 – 3, from 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm in the West Johnston Bandroom and see what we're all about. These rehearsals will give them a feel for what it is like to be in high school band and will help them make an informed decision about joining our band. ***It's not to late to join our band!***

I have included all the pertinent information about our band. Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions you may have about becoming a member of our band here at West at [lancebritt@johnston.k12.nc.us](mailto:lancebritt@johnston.k12.nc.us). I look forward to seeing your son/daughter at our upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade rehearsals.

Sincerely,

M. Lance Britt  
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West Johnston High School  
"A New Era in Excellence"