

Your financial support is crucial to continue the Chap Band legacy of EXCELLENCE

ABOUT the WHS Chap Band

The Westlake High School Chaparral Band is recognized as one of *THE* top high school band programs in the United States. Recognition & awards include:

- **Top Concert Band in the U.S.** 2021 & 2022 (elite Midwest Clinic – only 7 bands invited of hundreds of applicants!)
- **U.I.L. ratings “1” (highest) for over 30 years:** all 4 concert bands plus marching and jazz bands received highest ratings
- **#10 ranked 6A marching band State of Texas 2021** and top 15 in 2022 -- **cheering your Westlake Chap football team!**
- **#3 ranked Elite Visual Ensemble (color guard) program in the U.S.** in 2022, **#10 in higher division 2023, #1 in Texas!**
- **2022 Exemplary Band Program award** from Texas Bandmasters Association
- **Band director Kerry Taylor former president of prestigious American Bandmasters Association** (national leader)
- **Nationally recognized for its comprehensive programming,** student growth/leadership opportunities and overall music education excellence – goal is to develop well-rounded students *and* leaders that are *also* great musicians!

WHAT WE FUND: Westlake Band Parents (WBPs) funds *critical* band expenses not covered by the school district like:

- **Special Rose Parade expenses:** banners, trip t-shirts, parade flags, special uniform needs, **18-wheeler expenses**, etc.
- **Air-conditioned charter buses** for all long-haul trips (versus Eanes-provided school buses)
- **Travel and special education, competition, and other experiences** for band students, EVE members, and directors
- **Key marching season equipment** like props, special uniforms (ex. EVE), and transportation needs
- **Scholarships** for students in need
- **Substantial meal subsidies** (for students, drivers, CHAPERONES) to ensure our kids eat WELL!
- **Band banquet funding** (ex. seniors attend free)
- **Other mission-critical needs** to help Chap Band & EVE stay competitive and excellent!


WBPs Patron Program covers expenses *exceeding* district funds + money earned by March Mulch Sales. Because **64% of Eanes revenue is “recaptured”** to fund less affluent Texas schools, **district funding is limited** and puts our band at a disadvantage when compared to other same-class peer bands. **Patron gifts from band families are critical to “CLOSE THE GAP”.**

CAN YOU “ROSE” to the Challenge in 2023? Our Chap Band & EVE will perform for *70+ million* viewers during this year’s Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena – a “once-in-a-lifetime” experience! They require special parade equipment to participate plus we want them to look “snazzy”, representing our community *well*. 18-wheeler expenses alone will cost \$22,000 (equipment transport). We also want ALL of our students to be able to participate. Some cannot without scholarship/financial assistance. And finally, the price of *everything* has risen, so we’ve got a BIG GOAL this year!

2023 FUNDRAISING GOAL: \$160,000 / 206 students = \$777 per student

THE ASK: **100% family participation (goal \$777 per student)** to support Patron Program. Because WBPs is registered 501(c)(3), all gifts are tax deductible and eligible for employer matching. Questions? Email fundraising@westlakeband.org

✓ **RAISE + GIVE \$777 or more for each of your band students**

“RAISE” Options	“GIVE” Options
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ask your company/employer to SPONSOR or connect us to sponsors! ▪ Donate and/or solicit virtual AUCTION items/experiences ▪ Assist your student w/October “Call-A-Thon” brainstorming names of friends & family (+ share the fundraiser on social media!) ▪ Link your “Randall’s for U” account to Westlake Band (code 3566) ▪ Share our media stories + www.westlakeband.org/donate link on your social media! Also share <i>text</i> “westlakeband” to 566-51. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bid on and purchase virtual auction items when offered ▪ Purchase semi-truck Tribute Stickers <div data-bbox="1344 1795 1502 1953" style="text-align: right;">  </div> <p>▪ GIVE \$777+ TO PATRON PROGRAM!</p>