West Shore Wind Symphony and Percussion Ensemble

Conductor: Ted Malt

Fall Semester, 2017

The West Shore Community College Wind Symphony is a 100-member ensemble that is made up of talented college, community, and high school musicians from all over West Michigan.  The band performs primarily diverse grade 4+ wind band literature.

Rehearsals for this ensemble are held at West Shore Community College Arts and Sciences Center, Room 331 on Wednesdays at 6:45pm-8:30pm followed by the WSCC Percussion Ensemble. This is a change from previous semesters! Students are expected to arrive around 6:15 - 6:40pm to allow for proper warm-up and preparation.  *Orientation* is **Wednesday, August 30th 2017 at 6PM**. Our *first rehearsal* will be the following **Wednesday, September 6th**, beginning at 6:45pm. We will NOT be rehearsing on August 31st. However, attendance at Orientation is required for all new and returning members as we will be going over expectations for the year, rehearsals, emailing and text message systems, the 2017-2018 Performing Arts Series, our website, and more. Attendance is also mandatory for ALL rehearsals.  We will record and monitor attendance for each rehearsal. Actions will be taken as needed in regards to excess absences.  A maximum of two (2) pre arranged excused absences will be permitted based on the student’s conflict.

**Conductor’s Information:** Ted Malt, 231-499-7693 (cell) /231-845-5776 (office)

**Administrative Assistant: Evette Priemer** epriemer@sbcglobal.net

**WEBSITE: www.wsccmusic.weebly.com**

**Rehearsals**: Chamber Winds: Wednesday Nights: 5:10pm-6:30pm

 Wind Symphony: Wednesday Nights: 6:40-8:10pm

**Concert**: Wednesday, December 13th, 7:30pm Shelby HS Auditorium

**Attendance Policy**: Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each rehearsal. As one rehearsal at this point per week is not ideal, we will be checking with members that have over two absences per semester. If you cannot commit to the rehearsal schedule provided and the concert, please contact Ted Malt immediately, to discuss the situation. We are counting on every member to put fourth effort and dedication by arriving for rehearsal on time, warmed up and ready to play. Scholarship students and students taking this class for credit will be asked to usher for at least FOUR events for the Performing Arts Series per semester.

**Materials:** Please bring the following items to all rehearsals and performances: Extra working reeds, valve oil, mutes, mutes and most importantly, A PENCIL☺

**Practice and Preparation:** As we have limited rehearsals, it is expected of ALL members to have music learned and practiced after the first rehearsal. Rehearsals are for bettering musicianship and nuances within the piece, not NOTES AND RHYTHMS. It will be a goal of the group to perform quality literature with challenging parts for all. If notes and rhythms are not tackled before members get to the rehearsal, it will be VERY difficult to achieve our high standards of which we are truly capable.

**Music Distribution:** All members will check in with Evette following Orientation. Present your completed registration form and you will be assigned a folder. To acquire music, you must complete the aforementioned steps. You will then find your section leader who will issue music. Please see to it that you do not lose your folder and bring it with you to rehearsal. Please feel free to share stands but DO NOT SHARE PARTS. We will be making many notes in our music and you will benefit in your practice by having your music with your notes from rehearsal. PERCUSSION, please see to it that there are extra copies of all parts in another folder in case of an absence so another can cover the part. After the concert, please hand in your folders to your section leader. If you don’t, you will be contacted ☺

**REMIND: This application will allow members to receive TEXT message updates from Professor Malt. We are asking ALL members who receive text messages to enroll in the FREE service.**

**PHONE NUMBER: 231-769- 0975**

**TEXT: @wsccb**

**You will then be prompted to join.**

**From the Director:**

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you or welcome you back to the WSCC Wind Symphony. I am truly elated that I have the chance to work with you fine individuals, both new and returning. As I want this ensemble to continue to grow musically and in numbers, in my mind there is one main priority for this ensemble. I want this experience to be one you look forward to every week. I have an open door policy and will be ready to listen to any questions, comments, suggestions or concerns you have to better the ensemble in any way. Understanding that the success of a group comes from not only playing the right notes on the page, but being able to work efficiently with others, I will do my best to put many of your ideas to work if they are truly in the best interest of the group’s success. As a director of any organization, not all decisions are popular. I will do my best to make decisions with as much input from the group as a whole. We are on the same team and I know I cannot do my job to the best of my ability without you and I hope you share the same sentiment. Again, I hope you have a fun, memorable time this semester and look forward to an enjoyable concert!

Bravo to all of you!

Ted Malt

**Rehearsal Dates for West Shore Wind Symphony Fall 2017**

Wednesday September 6th 6:45-8:30pm

Wednesday September 13th 6:45-8:30pm

Wednesday September 20th 6:45-8:30pm

Wednesday September 27th 6:45-8:30pm

Wednesday October 4th 6:45-8:30pm

Wednesday October 11th 6:45-8:30pm

Wednesday October 18th 6:45-8:30pm

Wednesday October 25th 6:45-8:30pm

Wednesday November 1st 6:45-8:30pm

Wednesday November 8th 6:45-8:30pm

Wednesday November 15th 6:45-8:30pm

Wednesday November 29th 6:45-8:30pm

Wednesday December 6th 6:45-8:30pm

**WED December 13TH CONCERT 5:00pm ALL Call 7:30pm Curtain**

\*\*\*\*\*There will not be rehearsal the Wednesday before Thanksgiving to allow for family travel and holiday plans

\*\*\*\*\*\*6:45pm and 8:30pm rehearsals will start on time! Please plan accordingly☺\*\*\*\*\*\*\*