

# West Port High School



Directors Packet 2024

# Ocala Marching Band Festival



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Dear Music Enthusiasts,

Welcome to the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Ocala Marching Band Festival at West Port High School. [We have a new policy due to increased security measures that prohibits bags larger than 12" X 12" in size. Also, all bags may be searched at the gate. No food or drinks will be allowed to be brought in.](#) Now, I would like to take a moment to thank my band students and their parents for all of the help that they have given to the West Port Band Program. I would also like to thank our Administration and the Marion County Public Schools for all of their continued support.

Today you will experience the culmination of hundreds of hours of intensive physical and mental preparation from these hard-working students that are performing. Not only are these students working as a team to achieve their common goal, but they are instilling within themselves a sense of commitment, determination, dedication, self-discipline, decision making, and personal responsibility to do an outstanding job today.

Research is clear that when the arts are included in the curriculum, reading, writing, and math standardized test scores improve. Research has also proven that music students have higher grade point averages than non-music students in the same school. It is not so much that the smart students join band, research shows that students that join band get smarter.

In the same way that State Assessments evaluates the essential skills of reading and writing, today this music performance assessment evaluates one of the many essential cultural skills. Music! Exposure to culture and being a well-rounded individual by possessing skills in multiple endeavors is essential to being successful in life.

In a world surrounded by music, culture, and art, these students have chosen to explore an art with the never attainable goal of perfection. As great as they may become performing their show, there seems to be sense of getting close to exacting perfection, but it is always elusive. This is probably due to the fact that their expectation always rises with every performance. This in itself drives most of them to go out day after day and try to improve to the next level.

Today an experienced panel of adjudicators will evaluate all of the bands. These ratings will qualify them for FMBC State Semi Finals.

Thank you to all of our dedicated parents and communities for working to keep music programs in the state of Florida safe through continued support of the arts, especially in tough economic times. Financial support is getting harder for bands to achieve. Please keep up the effort to make sure that music programs remain strong through your continued activism. Your support of music in the schools is beneficial to your child's success in the arts and in academics.

Sincerely,

*Rodney Scott Vance*

Rodney Scott Vance  
Band Director  
West Port High School

Please note: You will see an abundance of outstanding awards that each band will walk away with at the end of the day. To pay for these many awards, [Please do not tailgate](#). Marion County School Board and Fire Marshall prohibit any use of grills outside of the stadium. We ask that you plan to fully support our concessions to feed your groups. We in turn will use this money to give back to your program through continuing with this high level of recognition. Thank you for your support, it is very much appreciated.



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Welcome to West Port High School!

On behalf of the West Port High School community, we welcome you to the 20th Annual Ocala Marching Band Festival. We appreciate all of the bands that have made this festival part of their Marching Band season.

Our Band Program, under the direction of Mr. Scotty Vance, is a great source of pride at West Port High School. The students and staff are committed to excellence on and off the field. West Port's Band Program is proud to be an integral part of the Marion County Center for the Arts Magnet.

Please accept our thanks to each band that accepted an invitation to perform today. We know the dedication and commitment you have to your Marching Band Program and we are looking forward to enjoying your performance.

An event like this would not be possible without the support and hard work of our Band Boosters. The parent volunteers for the West Port Wolf Pack Band have devoted thousands of hours to help our program be successful. This festival is a result of their desire to support and encourage all students who are involved in Marching Band.

We hope you enjoy your experience here at West Port High School. We appreciate you joining us as we celebrate High School Marching Bands.

Ginger Cruze,  
Principal  
West Port High School

## Hotels:

Best Western 3701 SW 38th Ave. 352-237-4848

Courtyard by Marriott 3712 SW 38th Ave. 352-237-8000 or 800-321-2211

Fairfield Inn 4101 SW 38th Ct. 352-861-8400 or 800-228-2800

Hilton Ocala 3600 SW 36th Ave. 352-854-1400 or 800-445-8667

## Directions to West Port High School: (Directional signs will also help guide you to the school)

### From the North and South

Come towards Ocala on I-75 and get off at the 2nd exit #352 (**Hwy-40**). Go West on Hwy-40 (4 miles) until you get to S.W. 80th Ave. Turn left (South) and travel (2.5 miles) until you see West Port High School on the left. Go past the school and turn at the first left (S.W. 38th Ave.) and go to the first entrance on the left. Buses should park in the bus circle (straight ahead). Cars may park anywhere in the parking lot (on the left).

### From the East

If you are traveling from the East on Hwy-40 continue West (4 miles) past I-75 until you get to S.W. 80th Ave. Turn Left (South) and travel (2.5 miles) until you see West Port High School on the left. Go past the school and turn at the first left (S.W. 38th Ave.) and go to the first entrance on the left. Buses should park in the bus circle (straight ahead). Cars may park anywhere in the parking lot (on the left).

### From the West

If you are traveling from the West on Hwy-40 continue until you get to S.W. 80th Ave. Turn right (South) on S.W. 80th Ave. and travel (2.5 miles) until you see West Port High School on the left. Go past the school and turn at the first left (S.W. 38th Ave.) and go to the first entrance on the left. Buses should park in the bus circle (straight ahead). Cars may park anywhere in the parking lot (on the left).

**\* \* \* If you are coming from the East or West and you are "NOT" on Hwy-40 then continue until you get on I-75 then follow the directions provided from the North and South \* \* \***

For more specific directions from your location try [www.google.com](http://www.google.com).

Our school address is: West Port High School

3733 S.W. 80th Ave.

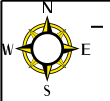
Ocala, FL 34481

(352) 291-4030 Band Director: Scotty Vance

This is a Google Maps link for directions:

(Use copy and paste or type the code below into your address)

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Warm-Up Area C

Warm-Up Area B

Warm-Up Area A

PIT Warm-Up

Equipment Trailer Parking

Auditorium

Please follow signs to changing room

Pictures



General Admission  
Band Equipment Entrance

Bus/Car Parking

Bus Parking Reserved First 4 Rows

Tennis Courts

Band Directors' Lounge

First Aid RV

Concessions

General Parking Area

West Port Stadium



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Band check in

SW 38th Street

Entrance



# Ocala Marching Band Festival



## Policies and Procedures

- 1) The contest field shall be the shape and size of a regulation football field with 5-yard lines and regulation hash marks clearly indicated.
- 2) No band may use the contest field for practice prior to its entry onto the field for competition.
- 3) All bands must warm-up in their designated area (sites A, B, C and Pit Warm-up). Any band or portion thereof causing a disturbance to bands on the competition field (playing horns, drums, loud yelling or pit practices, etc.) will be penalized points at the discretion of the Competition Director and Adjudicators. Please **DO NOT** approach the field of competition using any music or any drum cadence. You may approach the stadium using a very basic click on the side of the drum.
- 4) Rain delays will be at the discretion of the Competition Director and may include consultation with the directors involved. In the event that a band must be stopped during its show due to weather conditions, the judging will resume from the point that the show stopped. The show may also be restarted either from that point or from the beginning. In the event that we have poor weather conditions that cause a cancellation of this event, there will unfortunately be no refunds.
- 5) Copyright Law: The violating band – not the host of the festival, will pay any expenses incurred for violations of the copyright law.
- 6) The Ocala Marching Band Festival, Marion County School Board, West Port High School, WPHS Band Boosters and its staff will not be held responsible for any medical liabilities that may be incurred the day of the contest. Medical personnel will be on hand to assist anyone needing their services.
- 7) All bands (including staff and students) are expected to uphold the highest degree of musicianship both on the field and off while attending the Ocala Marching Band Festival. Bands whose staff or students show rude or offensive behavior will (At the discretion of the Competition Director) be penalized show points or be deemed disqualified. Please encourage your group to be courteous and to respect the rights of all involved in this festival.

## Registration Table

You are to receive your welcome packet as you enter the campus from 38<sup>th</sup> Street. There will be a registration table as you enter the campus and someone will be assigned to be your guide upon arrival. This guide will be with you as needed until after your performance. [\(Please email me your expected arrival time\)](#)

## Schedule

We will adhere to the printed schedule as much as possible, and we will attempt to advise you promptly of any changes. Please arrive at the stadium holding area ten (10) minutes prior to your performance time. You will find bathrooms and water fountains in each warm-up area and in the holding area.

## Pictures

Pictures will be taken immediately after your performance just north of the Stadium. Purchases are optional.

## Dressing Rooms

Dressing rooms will be provided in the West Port Auditorium lobby. Each band needs to provide two (2) chaperones (One in each dressing room) as we will not be responsible for lost or stolen items. You will find bathrooms and a water fountain in this area.

## Announcements

The field manager will tell you when to position your band for the start of your show. During that time, the announcer will introduce your band naming the director(s), drum major(s) and captain(s) and musical selections. The first directed announcements will be, [Are the judges Ready? \\_\\_\\_\\_\\_ High School... is your band ready?](#) After the salute it will be followed by, [“\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_ High School... you may now begin your Competition Performance.”](#) The show will begin with the first sound or movement in the marching unit after the announcement.

## Admission and Seating

Admission prices: Ages 13 and older is \$15, Veterans \$10, Ages 6 to 12 is \$5 and ages 5 and under is Free. Seating in the stadium is general seating. You are advised that if you use any canopies that you must sit at the top of the seating area and your canopy cannot interfere with the audience and the judge’s ability to observe the bands on the field. **Please plan for proper securing of any canopies as flying canopies can be extremely dangerous and are your liability.** Spectators will not be allowed to walk around in the audience area during a bands performance. Please wait patiently until the conclusion of the bands performance to walk around in the seating area. Seating will be available on the away side as the day progresses. **Please inform your parents: We will not allow radios, tape players, food, drinks, coolers, or other containers to be brought into the stadium and tailgating is prohibited by School Board Policy.**

## Awards Presentation

The Awards Presentation will be held after the host bands performance in exhibition. Please have your Drum Major(s), Band Captain(s) Guard Captain(s) Etc. dressed and ready to go on the field by 6:00 PM for the Awards Ceremony. [The awards ceremony is scheduled to start at TBA.](#)

We will have two full size concessions and covered dining area's so that people can sit under the shade to eat.

# Crescendo Café

Ocala Marching Band Festival



*Wolf Pack Band*

## Main Concessions (A & B)

Hamburger <i>100% All Beef</i>	<b>\$5.00</b>
Cheeseburger	<b>\$5.50</b>
"BIG DOG" Hot Dog - <i>100% All Beef</i>	<b>\$4.00</b>
Chicken Tenders	<b>\$5.00</b>
French Fries	<b>\$3.50</b>
W/ Chili or Cheese	<b>\$4.00</b>
W/ Chili & Cheese	<b>\$4.50</b>
Nachos w/ Cheese	<b>\$4.00</b>
Nachos w/ Chili & Cheese	<b>\$4.50</b>
Pickled Sausage	<b>\$1.00</b>
Dill Pickles	<b>\$1.00</b>
Pickle Juice Shooters	<b>\$0.25</b>
Candy-Assorted	<b>\$1.50</b>
Chips	<b>\$1.50</b>
Bottled Water	<b>\$1.50</b>
Soft Drinks-Assorted Varieties	<b>\$1.50</b>
Gatorade-Assorted Flavors	<b>\$2.00</b>
"Fresh Brewed" Large Iced Tea	<b>\$1.50</b>
<i>Tea - Keep your cup for a \$0.50 refill</i>	

## Snack Station

Popcorn	<b>\$1.50</b>
Bake Sale Goods	<b>\$1.50</b>
Assorted Candy	<b>\$1.50</b>
Assorted Sodas	<b>\$1.50</b>
Bottled Water	<b>\$1.50</b>
Funnel Cakes	<b>\$6.00</b>

## Specialty Drinks/Food Station

Iced Coffee (Mocha or Vanilla)	<b>\$3.00</b>
Slushies (Assorted Varieties)	<b>\$3.00</b>
Coffee	<b>\$1.00</b>
Hot Chocolate	<b>\$1.50</b>

## Walking Taco Station

Walking Tacos	<b>\$3.50</b>
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<b>Meal Deal #1</b> <b>Hamburger with Fries</b> <b>&amp; Soft Drink</b> <b>\$9.00</b>
<b>Meal Deal #2</b> <b>Cheeseburger with Fries</b> <b>&amp; Soft Drink</b> <b>\$9.50</b>
<b>Meal Deal #3</b> <b>"Big Dog" Hotdog with Fries</b> <b>&amp; Soft Drink</b> <b>\$8.00</b>
<b>Meal Deal #4</b> <b>Chicken Tenders with Fries</b> <b>&amp; Soft Drink</b> <b>\$9.00</b>
<b>Meal Deal #5</b> <b>Chicken Sandwich with Fries</b> <b>&amp; Soft Drink</b> <b>\$9.00</b>
<b>Fries add-ons in</b> <b>Meal Deals:</b> <b>Chili or Cheese \$0.50</b> <b>Chili &amp; Cheese \$1.00</b>



The newest adjudication forms can be found at this link (At the bottom of the page).

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# OCALA MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL STANDARDS OF ACHIEVEMENT

## ***DISTINGUISHED SUPERIOR***

**90 - 100**

THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT IN PERFORMANCE QUALITIES THROUGH ARTISTIC AND TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE WITH A HIGH LEVEL OF MUSICAL AND MOVEMENT REPERTOIRE AND COMPOSITION. MINIMAL MISTAKES OCCUR WITH CONFIDENT PROFESSIONAL RECOVERY. A VARIETY OF MUSICAL AND MOVEMENT SKILLS ARE PRESENTED AND THE PROGRAM CONCEPT HAS CLARITY AND IS DEFINED AND DETAILED WITH SEAMLESS TRANSITIONS AND FLOW.

## ***SUPERIOR***

**70-89.9**

A CONSISTENT LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT IN PERFORMANCE QUALITIES THROUGH ARTISTIC AND TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE, WITH A MODERATE LEVEL OF MUSICAL AND VISUAL REPERTOIRE AND COMPOSITION. SOME MISTAKES OCCUR BUT RECOVERY IS NOTED WITH ISOLATED CONFIDENCE. THERE IS A SENSE OF VARIETY AND THE PROGRAM CONCEPT IS READABLE AND FLOW AND TRANSITIONS ARE WELL THOUGHT OUT.

## ***EXCELLENT***

**50-69.9**

INCONSISTENT LEVELS OF ACHIEVEMENT IN PERFORMANCE QUALITIES THROUGH ARTISTIC AND TECHNICAL ATTEMPTS WITH SOME DEGREE OF MUSICAL AND VISUAL REPERTOIRE AND COMPOSITION. MISTAKES OCCUR FREQUENTLY WITH MODERATE RECOVERY AND SOME LACK OF CONFIDENCE. SOME VARIETY AND FLOW EXISTS, BUT THE PROGRAM IS UNCLEAR AT TIMES WITH OCCASIONAL TRANSITION FLAWS.

## ***GOOD***

**30 - 49.9**

NOVICE LEVELS OF PERFORMANCE THROUGH ARTISTIC AND TECHNICAL ATTEMPTS. MUSICAL AND VISUAL REPERTOIRE AND COMPOSITION ARE LIMITED AND THE VARIETY THEY PRESENT IS MINIMAL. PERFORMERS LACK CONFIDENCE AND MISTAKES ARE FREQUENT WITH UN-PROFESSIONAL RECOVERY PERIODS. THE PROGRAM IS UNCLEAR AND LACKS FLOW AND TRANSITION QUALITY IN THIS LEARNING STAGE.

**OCALA MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL**  
**2024 JUDGE PANEL**

<b>JUDGE</b>	<b>CAPTION</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Mike Mitchell	Ensemble Music	Press Box
OPEN	Ensemble Visual	Press Box
Richard Dasher	General Effect Music	Press Box
Allen Venezio	General Effect Visual	Press Box
Aperil Bradley	Color Guard / Auxiliary	Press Box
Bob Shayman	Music Performance Individual	Field
OPEN	Visual Performance Individual	Field
Craig Lilly	Percussion	Field
John Leschak	Drum Major / Field Commander	Field
Mark Heil	Timing and Penalties	Field