

# III. THE BAND PROGRAM AT WARNER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## Instrumental Music Class (6<sup>th</sup> grade)

You will enjoy this class! You will have this year to focus on the instrument of your choice. This will be a great experience to learn more about instrumental music! You will also have the opportunity to play in concerts at Christmas and in May. This class will meet during school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## Elementary Honors Band

You will be in one of the best bands at WCA. This band plays concerts, performs in Chapel, and has many other opportunities to perform. This serves as the next step toward more advanced bands.

## Concert Band (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

This band plays at Festivals, gives concerts, and many other enjoyable experiences including marching with the Warner Velvet Blues Marching Band. In addition to developing your skill, you will be grounded in basic music theory and perform many great and challenging musical scores. Meets 6<sup>th</sup> period.

## Symphonic Band (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

**AUDITION ONLY.** This is the premier wind ensemble, which takes the best and makes it better. Performances include concerts, festivals, and special invitations. Begins in November during 7<sup>th</sup> period.

Praise Band

Offered to the more serious music students, who are already involved in every band possible but still want more. The goal is a better understanding of how music can be used in ministry. Meets during Bible class.  
**AUDITION ONLY.**

**NON-SCHOOL HOURS OFFERINGS:**Warner Velvet Blues Marching Band

This is one of the finest opportunities afforded to students here. Performances including half-time shows for the Varsity Football Games, Marching Festivals and Parades.

Basketball Pep Band

Performs at home basketball games and is selected by invitation. Jolts the crowd with rousing, spirited music as well as psyching up the team for a win.

Tour Band

A special opportunity to minister and travel. **By invitation only.** Based on seniority, participation, attitude, and musical ability. The goal of the tour is spiritual renewal.

## **PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES**

### *1.) Festivals and Contests*

- A. Concert Festivals in March/April, ACSI, and FBA sponsored.
- B. Marching Festivals and Contests.
- C. Praise Band Festivals in spring.
- D. Spring tour to perform as a witness and testimony for the Lord and to edify Christians through our music, to perform and to reward students for working hard all year.
- E. School and Community concerts.
- F. Parades (local)
- G. Praise and worship participation in Chapel.

### *2.) Criteria for choosing festivals*

- A. Top quality judges to give input for our progress.
- B. Top competitive bands with which to compare our performance level.
- C. To utilize concert, marching and praise bands and our gifts to God's glory.
- D. To reward students for hard work during the year.

### *3.) Rationale for attending a contest or festival*

- A. Using the competition as motivation.
- B. To compare our level of performance with other bands for a practical evaluation of our progress.
- C. To be evaluated by experts in the area of music to improve techniques and thereby progress and make improvements in our program.
- D. To be Salt and Light to the world as commanded by our Lord.