

**WE HOPE YOU WOULD
LIKE TO BECOME A
MEMBER OF OUR
OUTSTANDING PROGRAM!**



Our organizations perform four(4) concerts a year including a Preview Concert in October with the Vocal Music Department with the others in December, Feb/March and the end of May. Traditionally the final concert in May (Pops Concert) is primarily a combined concert with all the groups , including vocalists, performing popular music. This concert is basically about fun! The department also takes a trip each year to perform in a music festival. Previous trips were to Boston, Virginia Beach, Myrtle Beach, Toronto and Washington.

Mr. JIM MARK

Mr. Mark has 31 years of instrumental music instruction in NJ Public Schools. Prior to coming to West in 2000, he was the director of Instrumental Music in the Millville School District. He has been a guest conductor for the All-South Jersey Junior High Band(1997), the Region III Senior High Jazz Ensemble(1998,2003) the Junior High in 2012, the Olympic Conference Junior High Honors Band(1999), and the Cumberland County Honors Band(1997). He hosted the 2003 and 2004 Regional III Jazz Concerts here at West. He is a former Principal Cornetist of the Atlantic Brass Band and has performed locally in ensembles and in pit orchestras for other NJ high schools. Mr. Mark grew up in Lebanon, PA and is a 1986 graduate of West Chester University where he holds a BS in Music Ed with a concentration in instrumental music. His wife Sue is the instrumental teacher at Rosa International M.S.



CHERRY HILL HS WEST

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC



**WIND ENSEMBLE
SYMPHONIC BAND
STRING ORCHESTRA
JAZZ ENSEMBLE
MARCHING/PEP BAND
PIT ORCHESTRA
JAZZ COMBO
STRING ENSEMBLE
BRASS ENSEMBLE**

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YOUR OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR PROGRAM

CURRICULAR GROUPS

WIND ENSEMBLE

The West Wind Ensemble is an auditioned group that meets as a class one period a day and is a full five credit course. Auditions for the next school year take place in February usually and is open to grades 10-12. Incoming 9th graders that have made All-South Jersey Junior High Band or are recommended by their middle school director may also audition. In addition to the four school concerts each year the ensemble performs at other local festivals and competitions when available. This ensemble explores the very best of the concert band repertoire.

SYMPHONIC BAND

The Symphonic Band is a class open to any 9-12 grade student with previous instrumental music experience (excluding guitar). **NO AUDITION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS COURSE!** The group performs in the four school concerts each year and combines with the Wind Ensemble on some selections and for the Spring Trip. After a year or two students are able to audition for Wind Ensemble. Percussionists are placed in the bands based on ability and availability. **ALL INCOMING FRESHMEN SHOULD SIGN UP FOR THIS CLASS INITIALLY.**

STRING ORCHESTRA

Orchestra is open to any student in grades 9-12 that plays violin, viola, cello, or string bass. Previous experience is required, however there is no audition to be a member of this class. In addition to the school concerts the group performs in local festivals and other public performances as well as the Spring Trip. The group combines with the bands at concerts as well, many times to explore many of the great orchestral works as well as many popular tunes. The **STRING ENSEMBLE** is a select group of musicians chosen by the director that is a co-curricular group.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

The Jazz Ensemble (known as the "RESEARCH IN MUSIC CLASS") is a curricular group and membership is based on audition. Any sax (alto, tenor, bari), trombone, trumpet, bass and electric guitars, keyboard, and percussion are eligible. The ensemble plays at school concerts, festivals, the State Jazz Festival and community events. The **JAZZ COMBO** is a select group of players chosen by the director.

CO-CURRICULAR GROUPS

PIT ORCHESTRA

The Pit Orchestra performs with the cast of the Spring Musical and students are chosen for this group by the director.

MARCHING/PEP BAND

The West Marching/Pep Band is a group that performs at all home West Football games in the fall. The group is open to any instrumental student in grades 9-12 and starts the year off with a week-long rehearsal camp at the end of August and then rehearsals one night a week (traditionally Wednesday night) in September, October, and early November. The group plays in the stands for the football games and does a two to three tune performance at halftime, which also includes a small dance/color guard group that is open to any student that wishes to participate. Lots of rock, jazz and pop music make up the repertoire for this group and we also like to include guitars and basses as well.

SMALL ENSEMBLES

Students in the curricular groups may be asked to perform with these (Jazz Combo, String Ensemble, Brass Ensemble, etc.) for various events throughout the school year at school and community events as well as with the vocal department at their concerts. A Small Ensemble/Solo Concert is also in its beginning stage of development so that is a possibility as well.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT:

www.chwestinstrumentalmusic

Also accessible from the West Homepage! Contact Mr. Mark via phone or e-mail with ANY questions.