



Summer Side-by-Side Program
Concert Band Experience for High School Students
June 1, 2026 – July 9, 2026

East Winds Symphonic Band, an award-winning community band based in the eastern suburbs of Pittsburgh, announces the Annual Summer Side-by-Side program for band students in grades 9-12. This is an opportunity for talented and successful band students to rehearse and perform “side by side” with the members of the East Winds Symphonic Band. The program begins with rehearsal on Monday, June 1st and concludes at a concert on Thursday, July 9th at Crafton Park in Crafton.

CONCERT DATES

Thursday, July 2 at Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival (11am– 12:30pm)

Meet the bus in Greensburg at 9:15am.

Friday, July 3 at Monroeville Tall Tree Amphitheater (6-8pm)

Thursday, July 9 at Crafton Park (7:30-9:00pm)

REHEARSAL DATES

Mondays: June 1, 8, 22 and 29. (No rehearsal June 15th)

The **completed application must be submitted by May 18, 2026** for consideration. Please include a recommendation from your private instructor or your current band director. Notification of acceptance to the program will be sent via email. Note that only a limited number of students will be admitted to the program each year.

Participation costs are covered by a grant from the PA Council on the Arts so there is no cost to students. For the concert, a band shirt will be provided that is worn along with khaki pants or khaki skirt.

If accepted to the program, the EXPECTATIONS include:

- To prepare the music.
- Attend rehearsals on Monday evenings (8-9:45pm) at
St. John’s Cathedral Center
210 Greentree Rd.
Munhall, PA 15120
- No more than two missed rehearsals.
- If there is a need to miss a rehearsal or concert, notification must be given in advance to Conductor, Susan Sands via email or telephone.
- Inappropriate behavior or inadequate music preparation will result in dismissal from the program.

To learn more about East Winds Symphonic Band please visit our website at: www.ewsb.org
For questions about the Side-by-Side program, contact: Susan Sands at: conductor@ewsb.org



**Application for Participation
2026 Summer Side-by-Side Program**

Name _____

Home Address _____

Telephone Number _____ Email Address _____

Instrument _____ Years of Study _____

School _____ Grade _____

Private Instructor _____ Band Director _____

List several band pieces you have recently performed.

Detail music experience, honors received and awards. (Such as District band, Honors band or select groups.)

Music teacher recommendation (Can be attached separately)

Please mail your completed application with the teacher recommendation to:

**East Winds Symphonic Band
P.O. Box 793
Monroeville, PA 15114**

Or email the application with teacher recommendation to Susan Sands at: conductor@ewsb.org